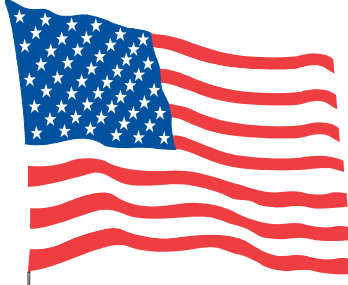




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P-3B Sabbatical Training

CSEA P-3B Council President Jeri Keltonic, second from left, conducts a sabbatical workshop held in conjunction with the Jan. 18 Council meeting.

Pictured from left: Dave Vitale and Keltonic (Dept. of Correction), Mary Rose McCarthy (Mental Retardation), Jo Kennard (Children & Families), and John Rispoli (Mental Retardation).

The deadline for submitting an application for a P-3B sabbatical is March 17 (please see box on page 5).

'Discovery' To Commence In Layoff Lawsuit

U.S. District Court Judge Alfred V. Covello has ordered discovery (fact-finding) to commence immediately in a lawsuit against the former Rowland administration over the layoffs of 3,000 state employees in 2002-2003.

The case, brought by SEBAC (State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition) and individual state employees, charges that the workers were laid off because they were union members.

As reported last month in *CSEA News* ["Federal Judge Rules Against Rowland Motion To Dismiss"], on Jan. 18 Judge Covello denied efforts by the Rowland administration to dismiss the unions' lawsuit on the grounds of sovereign immunity.

As expected, the defendants, on Jan. 27, indicated their "...intention to appeal the court's immunity determination and seek a stay of discovery pending appeal."

However, in a Jan. 31 ruling, Judge Covello said that, "In the court's view, any further stay of discovery would be inappropriate." ...

"Discovery will therefore commence immediately."

Following the initial

court ruling, SEBAC requested that Gov. Rell and her administration take this opportunity to distance itself from the unlawful acts of her predecessor by returning all the laid-off workers to their jobs. At press time, there had been no comment from the governor.

Statements released by Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls John DeStefano and Dan Malloy weighed in on the issue.

New Haven Mayor DeStefano said, "This decision supports the position that the actions of the former Governor were illegal. Their [employees] basic Constitutional rights have been grossly violated." He asked the governor to act immediately to correct this by reinstating the laid-off workers.

Stamford Mayor Malloy also called on Rell to "take the side of state workers" and settle the wrongful termination lawsuit brought against the State.

His statement included a quote from a 2003 *NY Times* interview in which former budget director Marc Ryan said, "We did target union workers, because we got no concessions." "This was a clear violation of the

(See "Layoff Lawsuit," Page 5)

CSEA McCusker Scholarships 2006 Applications Now Available

Applications for 2006 CSEA McCusker Scholarships are now available (please see box).

"In addition to applications going out, donations are beginning to come in," said Edward J. Daly, chairperson of the fund's board of trustees. "Since the majority of the contributions come from our councils, chapters, and the parent union, we are hoping they will be as generous as possible."

In each of the last two years, 42 scholarships of \$750 were awarded. "Nothing would make us happier than to be able to break the record of 45 scholarships which was set in 2002 and 2003," said Daly.

The program is open to the children and grandchildren of members of the Connecticut State Employees Association (CSEA), SEIU Local 2001.

The McCusker Fund was established in 1961, and the total monetary amount of scholarships provided has now surpassed \$600,000.

In addition to the those mentioned above, the fund also receives contributions from other sources.

For many years, Council 400 has made a donation in memory of each deceased retiree member.

In addition, families of former scholarship winners have become regular donors in order that others may realize the same opportunity afforded to their children. Members have even included money in their estates earmarked for the fund.

CSEA's scholarship program was originally established to honor our founder, Bernie McCusker, but donations are made by individuals and others each year in memory of

CSEA members who have passed on.

The feeling of *family* is never more apparent than at the annual Awards Night ceremony in June. That evening truly reflects the special bond and union solidarity between CSEA and its members.

"As the McCusker Scholarship Fund begins its 45th year, we are counting on you to help us maintain this worthwhile tradition of providing college aid to the children and grandchildren of CSEA members," added Daly.

Background

The scholarship fund was established as a tribute, obligation and memorial to CSEA's founder and first President, Bernard H. McCusker, who died in 1958.

Its purpose was twofold:

- to provide for the formal education of "Mac's" daughter, Anne (When she graduated in 1965 from Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, the first purpose was completed.); and

- to provide scholarships to the children of CSEA
- (See "McCusker," Page 5)



Last Call for SEIU Scholarships

Applications must be postmarked by March 1!

SEIU members of three or more years and their children are eligible to apply. (See February *CSEA News* for complete information.)

Download an application and quiz or apply online at SEIU's web site:

<http://www.seiu.org/mbe/scholarships/>

Postmaster: Please forward address changes to:

CSEA, 760 CAPITOL AVE., HARTFORD, CT 06106

JOBS

The state of Connecticut has announced application closing dates for the positions listed below.

For information contact the offices of the Connecticut State Job Centers (see blue pages of your telephone directory), or call the state Dept. of Administrative Services at Hartford (860) 713-5205, toll-free 1-800-528-7442, TDD (860) 713-7463, for applications and announcements.

Applicants may also obtain copies of job announcements/descriptions, salary information, examination dates, and application forms on the Internet by accessing the DAS World Wide Web address:

<http://www.das.state.ct.us/exam>

EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING DATE MARCH 1

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Correctional Identification and Records Specialist 1	CL 18
Drafter 2 (Architectural)	ET 20
Human Rights and Opportunities Representative	SH 23
Library Technical Assistant	AR 16
Library Technician	AR 20
Public Assistance Consultant	SH 26
Social Work Supervisor	SH 26

OPEN TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES

Payroll Officer 2	SH 24
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CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Behavioral Health Community Monitor	HC 24
Community Clinician	HC 22
Criminalist (Laboratory Physical Evidence)	FP 22
Data Processing Technical Analyst 1	EU 25
Data Processing Technical Analyst 2	EU 27
Data Processing Technical Analyst 3	EU 29
Data Processing Technical Analyst 4	EU 31
Data Processing Technical Specialist 1	EU 20
Data Processing Technical Specialist 2	EU 23
Environmental Analyst 1	ES 19
Environmental Analyst 2	ES 22
Epidemiologist 1 (Toxic Hazards) (Infectious/Chronic Diseases)	HC 20
Epidemiologist 2 (Toxic Hazards) (Infectious/Chronic Diseases)	HC 23
Epidemiologist 3 (Toxic Hazards) (Infectious/Chronic Diseases)	HC 28
Health Program Assistant 1	HC 19
Health Program Assistant 2	HC 21
Health Program Associate	HC 24
Mental Retardation Case Manager	HC 24
Nutrition Consultant 2	HC 24
Payroll Clerk	CL 15
Primary Prevention Services Coordinator	AR 26
Program Supervisor-Social Work (Adm. Support/Program Services)	MP 62
Rehabilitation Therapist 1 (Therapeutic Recreation)	HC 19
Rehabilitation Therapist 2 (Therapeutic Recreation)	HC 23
Safety Education Instructor	HC 19
Sanitary Engineer 1 (Environmental Protection)	ES 19
Sanitary Engineer 2 (Environmental Protection)	ES 22
Sanitary Engineer 3 (Environmental Protection)	ES 26
Secretary 1	CL 14
Social Work Supervisor	SH 26
Social Worker	SH 23
Systems Developer 1	EU 23
Systems Developer 2	EU 25
Systems Developer 3	EU 27
Systems Developer 4	EU 29
User Support Specialist	EU 17

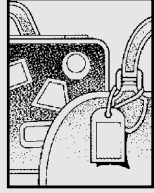
OPEN TO AGENCY EMPLOYEES

Children & Families Program Dir. (Administrative Support/Program Services)	MP 66
(Children's Protective Services)	SH 25
Children Services Consultant	SH 25
Labor Dept. Associate Community Services Representative	SH 21
Labor Dept. Comm. Services Rep.	SH 19
Labor Dept. Resource Associate	SH 20
Labor Dept. Programs & Services Coordinator	SH 23
Mental Health Assistant 2	HN 18
Mental Health Associate	HN 20
Program Supervisor - Social Work (Children's Protective Services)	MP 62

OPEN TO STATE EMPLOYEES

Administrative Assistant	CL 19
Eligibility Services Supervisor	SH 23
Lead Children Services Worker	HN 20
Office Assistant	CL 13
Processing Technician	CL 16
Secretary 2	CL 16

CSEA Social Activities



On the Connecticut River *From East Hartford* River Cruise & Fine Dining at 'The Gris'

Tuesday, July 11, 2006 • \$59 per person (full payment by 6-10)
Includes: Round-trip motorcoach, Luncheon at the Griswold Inn, Essex (choice: pan-seared breast of chicken or slow roast and carved top sirloin of beef), 1 1/2 hour *RiverQuest* cruise along Essex Harbor and the Connecticut River, driver gratuity.

10 a.m.—Depart East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.; (estimated return time: 5 p.m.)

Boston Pops Old Cape Cod

August 6-7, 2006 (Sun.-Mon.)

Bus Pick-up: East Hartford

**2 Days, 1 Night
3 Meals
2 Great Shows**



\$264 per person Twin/Triple; \$324 Single
\$100 p.p. deposit by 5-15 final payment due 6-19-06

Trip Insurance available @ \$49 p.p. Payment due with initial deposit (see flyer).

Includes: Deluxe motorcoach, 1 night hotel, 3 meals (1 breakfast, 1 dinner), 1 lunch & show, reserved seats for the Boston Pops, driver gratuity.

DEPART: East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr. – Time to be announced.

Pinegrove Dude Ranch In the Catskill Mountains

Sept. 25-29, 2006 (5 Days, 4 Nights, 12 Meals)

\$442 per person Twin/Triple; \$562 Single
\$200 p.p. deposit by 5-22 final payment due 8-7-06

Bus Pick-up: East Hartford



Trip Insurance available @ \$49-78 p.p. Payment due with initial deposit (see flyer).

Includes: Deluxe motorcoach; 4 nights at ranch; 12 meals; daily cocktail party; entertainment nightly; full range of activities, including horseback riding, boating, bocci, mini-golf, nature walks, exercises, dance classes, bingo, arts & crafts, pool, shopping trip – lots to do; driver gratuity.

DEPART: East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr. – Time to be announced.

2 TRAINS & 4 CORNERS

New Mexico • Utah • Colorado • Arizona
featuring Arches, Canyonlands and Mesa Verde National Parks



July 13-20, 2006 (8 Days, 7 Nights, 12 Meals)

\$1,799 per person Twin, \$525 Single Supplement
\$300 p.p. due with reservation, final payment due 75 days prior to departure
Cancellation Waiver \$99 p.p. Payment due with initial deposit (see flyer).

Includes: Round-trip airfare from Bradley, 7 nights accommodations, 12 meals (7 Breakfasts, 1Lunch, 4 Dinners), motorcoach transportation, admissions and sightseeing per itinerary, hotel transfers, baggage handling.

MORE UPCOMING TRIPS and ACTIVITIES for 2006:

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME (Cooperstown, NY): Aug. 12

SUFFOLK DOWNS RACETRACK: Sept. 6

PENN-DUTCH/GETTYSBURG: Sept. 14-17

IRELAND: Nov. 10-15

INDIAN HEAD CHRISTMAS: Dec. 4-6

AND MORE! Watch "CSEA News" for announcements.

Please note that Passports may be required for all travel outside the U.S., including Canada and cruises.

Call phone number below for a flyer with full details on any trip.

Trips sponsored by CSEA Social Activities Committee. For information/flyers call CSEA, Hartford (860) 951-6614, toll-free 1-800-894-9479, or Chair Richard Pakenham, Willimantic (860) 456-2939.

Make checks payable to CSEA Social Activities Committee and mail with reservation form below to the committee at 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.

Please call for availability after deadline date. No refunds on cancellations on and after deadline. Travel insurance (cancellation waivers) available on some trips (see flyer) due with initial reservation.

Reservations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

DISCLAIMER: CSEA is not responsible in whole or in part for any loss, damage, injury, financial loss, or whatever to persons or property, however caused, during or in connection with any tour, trip or activity.

CSEA SOCIAL ACTIVITIES RESERVATION FORM			
Name of Trip		Date of Trip	
Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Number of Tickets	Amount Enclosed	Cancellation Insurance Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Pick-up Place		Traveling with	
Meal Selection(s) (if applicable)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking	CSEA Chapter # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member <input type="checkbox"/>	

Retiree Council and Chapters Set March Meeting Dates

COUNCIL 400 meets Thursday, March 16, 10 a.m., at CSEA Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford.

CHAPTER 401, Hartford area, Thursday, March 2, 1 p.m., CSEA Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. (Light lunch available at 12:15 p.m.) Speaker: Joel Johnson, CFP, Financial Retirement Solutions, "Financial Planning."

CHAPTER 402, Danbury area, Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m., at United Methodist Church, Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury. Speaker: Alex DeLucia, financial advisor. Refreshments. *(If Danbury schools are closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be canceled.)*

CHAPTER 403, Norwich area, Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. (meeting room not available until 1 p.m.), Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Dr., Norwich. Speaker: Diane Taylor, director, Norwich Arts Council, "Programs and Coming Events." Information presented on June Installation Luncheon. Refreshments. *(Meeting cancellations due to weather will be broadcast over WICH 1310 AM and WNLC 98.7 FM.)*

CHAPTER 404, Waterbury area, Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m., Harold Leever Cancer Center (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR THIS MONTH ONLY**), 1075 Chase Parkway, Waterbury. Meeting at 10:30 followed by tour of hospital. Door prizes, refreshments. *(If Waterbury schools are closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be canceled.)*

CHAPTER 405, New Haven area, Wednesday, March 8, 1 p.m., Southern Conn. State University, Adanti Student Center (Building 14), 3rd Floor, Room 337, 501 Crescent St., New Haven. (**PLEASE NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION TO NEW ADANTI STUDENT CENTER.**) *(Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on radio station WELI-A.M.)*

CHAPTER 406, Middletown area, Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post #75, 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr., Middletown. Speaker: Charles Renna, financial planner from MetLife, "Financial Tips for Seniors." Refreshments, door prizes, raffle. *(Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on radio station WTIC-A.M. and Channel 3.)*

CHAPTER 407, Bridgeport area, Wednesday, March 15, 12:15 p.m. social, 1 p.m. meeting, St. Joseph's of Stratford National Catholic Church, 1300 Stratford Rd., Stratford (on Rt. 113 toward Sikorsky Airport). Speakers: Anthony donofrio and Erik Feldman, Mutual of Omaha, "Long Term Care." Refreshments, door prizes. *(Weather cancellations will be announced on the radio.)*

CHAPTER 408, Willimantic area, Wednesday, March 8, McSweeney Sr. Center, 47 Crescent St., Willimantic. Social 1-1:30 p.m., followed by meeting. Speaker: Ursula Pussinen of the Cancer Society. Refreshments. *(If the McSweeney Center is closed due to inclement weather, the meeting will be canceled.)*

CHAPTER 410, Windsor Locks area, Monday, March 13, 1 p.m., VFW, Fairview St., Windsor Locks. Speaker: State Treasurer Denise Nappier. (Sign up for corned beef and cabbage dinner at April 10 meeting.) Refreshments.

CHAPTER 411, Rocky Hill area, Thursday, March 9, 1 p.m., William J. Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield. Dr. George Kuchel, UConn Health Center, will speak on "Healthy Aging." Refreshments.

CHAPTER 412, Putnam area, Tuesday, March 21, 1:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus, Providence St., Putnam. Speaker: Lt. Cathy Osten, president, CSEA Correction Supervisors Council. Refreshments, door prizes. *(Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on Putnam radio station WINY-A.M.)*

CHAPTER 414, Torrington area, Monday, March 20, refreshments at 9:30 a.m., meeting 10 a.m., UConn, Torrington Branch.

CHAPTER 415, Manchester area, Monday, March 27, 1:15 p.m., Eighth District Office, 18 Main St., Manchester.

CHAPTER 416, Southeastern Conn., Tuesday, March 14, Social: 12 noon, Meeting: 12:30 p.m. *(please note permanent change: social now precedes meeting)*, Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford. Refreshments.

CHAPTER 417, Plainville area, Wednesday, March 8, 1 p.m., Church of our Savior Episcopal Church, 115 West Main St., Plainville. Speaker from Conn. Center for Healthy Aging, "Living Wills." Refreshments. *(If Plainville schools are closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be canceled.)*

Attention Chapter Secretaries and Program Coordinators
 March 1 is the deadline for April meeting information.

Jobs @ UConn

Recorded message updated
 Fridays may be accessed 24/7
 from a touch-tone phone at:
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Online @ UConn Health Center

www.uhc.edu/
 (click on Education)

Ed Mis Named November Retiree of the Month



Ed Mis, left, was presented with his "Retiree of the Month" award at Chapter 404's January meeting. With him are cardiology specialist Dr. Henry Berkowski (center), who was the Chapter's guest speaker, and Council 400 President Ed Daly. (Please see story below.)

Edmund A. Mis of Waterbury Retiree Chapter 404 was honored by Council 400 as its "Retiree of the Month" for November.

Because Ed was unable to attend 400's November meeting, Council President Edward J. Daly presented him with his award at the Jan. 10 Chapter 404 meeting. (Mis and Daly are old friends, who first met when they worked together at DEP.)

Ed is a WW II veteran (Army Infantry), and the recipient of two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Following his war service, he earned a BS and MBA from the University of Bridgeport.

Ed began state service as a management analyst for the Dept. of Environmental Protection, then became business officer at New Britain's E.C. Goodwin Technical School.

As an active employee Ed was a delegate to CSEA's A&R Council and participated in the reevaluation of the administrative services officers classification. His career was cut short by a driver who ran a stoplight, forcing him into disability retirement in 1979.

Since joining Retiree Chapter 404, Ed served as its treasurer for several terms then president for 12 years. He also has been a Council 400 and CSEA Convention delegate.

Besides his service to CSEA, Ed is past chairperson of the Beacon Falls board of finance and active in St. Michael's Parish. He and his wife still volunteer at Waterbury Hospital.

"In spite of his physical setbacks, Ed comes to every chapter meeting and we are extremely

grateful to him for his long service to our Waterbury retirees," said 404 President Armand Rosanelli. "He is most deserving of this award."

Members chosen for this monthly honor receive a plaque and \$25 gift.

Serving on the Council 400 selection sub-committee are: Katherine Goulet (Chapter 401), Mike Lucas (402), Nancy Driscoll, (416) and Donna Linkkila (408).

President's Desk

Left and Right or Right and Wrong

Have you ever heard the expression: "The left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing."? It is not a complimentary thing to say about a group or organization, or government agency for that matter. It basically means that there is a serious breakdown in communication somewhere.

That was certainly the case with the government response in New Orleans during and after Hurricane Katrina hit.

At first President Bush lauded praise on then-FEMA Director Michael Brown, something like, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job here!"

Then, when the inadequacy of the response became evident and the tragic loss of life (much of it avoidable) hit the news, Brown became the scapegoat.

Apparently Brown is tired of that role and is speaking out against his superiors in front of House and Senate committees. According to Brown, the left hand was told what the right hand was doing but the response was bungled.

The House committee is made up entirely of Republicans because the Democratic leadership boycotted it fearing a "whitewash." Surprisingly, their report is none too flattering to the administration from Bush on down. (At least the Senate committee has Joe Lieberman on it.)

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has also issued a report that is critical of government preparedness.



Michael J. O'Brien

This White House does not take well to criticism (It's unpatriotic, apparently). In typical fashion, they want to move on and issued this statement, "The president is less interested in yesterday, and more interested with today and tomorrow, so that we can be better prepared for next time." I can only say that on August 29, 2005, when Katrina hit, that yesterday was today then.

As far as learning from our mistakes, one of the critical elements that we should have learned and fixed since 9-11 was the inability of first responders to communicate with each other effectively. This apparently was still a problem in New Orleans. Maybe we should stop building multi-million dollar bridges to nowhere in districts of influential elected officials and use that money for better disaster preparedness and response!

Developing a national or regional emergency communication system for police, fire, medical and military, etc. should not be rocket science. A hurricane is forecast well in advance. How will we respond to something that provides less warning like a catastrophic earthquake on the west coast or a tsunami hitting the east coast?

One of the great things about our country is that we have freedom of speech and can voice our opinion without fear. I sometimes get letters from people who disagree with my opinion expressed here. I respect that and thank them for reading the column and if they sign their name I respect them even more. How else can two sides of an issue open a dialogue? At the very least we can agree to disagree.

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UNION WAGES WORK
for CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY

Coretta Scott King

(The following is a statement by SEIU President Andy Stern on the passing of Coretta Scott King.)



Today America has lost a civil rights pioneer with the passing of Coretta Scott King, but her legacy will live on.

The widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. turned grief into action by continuing to help ensure that her husband's dream of peace and quality would one day be realized.

The Kings had a strong commitment to improving the lives of working people through their civil rights activism. Days after her husband's death, Coretta Scott King filled in for him at a march in support of sanitation workers in Memphis, and prior to her own passing she stood up for hotel workers in San Francisco by honoring a picket line and canceling an awards ceremony in her name.

Coretta Scott King worked tirelessly to make racial and economic justice a reality for all Americans and made sure the movement her husband gave his life for was never forgotten. The 1.8 million members of SEIU proudly carry on that legacy as they work daily to create a fair society for all working families.

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NEWS FROM THE Alliance for Retired Americans

Again... Bush Budget Privatizes Social Security

Most of us have seen the movie "Groundhog Day" (over and over), in which the day keeps repeating itself.

Shortly after Feb. 2 this year, Social Security privatization has once again shown its ugly head in the Bush budget.

Last year the president's drive for privatization barely made it past his staged, campaign-style, invitation-only events. Americans overwhelmingly rejected his proposals and legislation never made it to Congress.

But President Bush, who vowed he would push for private accounts until his last day in office, brazenly

inserted privatization into his 2007 budget proposal.

The Bush budget makes absolutely no mention of the bi-partisan study on entitlements he proposed in his "State of the Union" address. Instead, the budget outlines a big, expensive privatization plan that would divert \$712 billion from Social Security's Trust Fund into private accounts.

"Talk is cheap; privatization is not," said ARA President George J. Kourpias. "The president has made it clear he has no intention of compromising on Social Security. Privatization is a roadblock to addressing Social Security's long-term challenges. We defeated the president's 2005 plans to privatize, and we'll beat

Program Cuts in the Bush Budget

We referenced the groundhog earlier in this article, but perhaps a gopher, gnawing away at our benefits, would be a better analogy.

Take a look at some of the programs that would receive major cutbacks or total elimination in the president's budget:

Medicare & Medicaid

■ Cut Medicare by \$105 billion over 10 years.

While health care continues to be a top concern for most Americans, the Bush budget imposes significant cuts in payments to hospitals and other health care providers while raising premiums for higher income beneficiaries.

■ Cut Medicaid by \$12.2 billion over the same period.

Social Security

■ Cut \$6.3 billion from Social Security.

In addition to draining \$712 billion from the Trust Fund for private accounts, the Bush budget includes additional cuts in benefits for children of deceased, disabled or retired workers; public-sector workers; and disabled persons as well as the death benefit.

Older Americans Act (OAA)

■ Cuts \$76 million.

Eliminates preventive health services and Alzheimer's disease demonstration grants, and reduces funding for most of the other major programs in the Act.

(NOTE: OAA funds critical programs and services to keep older adults independent, including Meals on Wheels and congregate meals, senior centers, home and community-based care, family caregiver support, prevention of elder abuse, long-term care ombudsman program, and more.)

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

■ Cut by more than \$3 billion.

With energy costs estimated to be 30 to 50% higher than last year, the Bush budget proposes a funding level of \$2.032 billion, much less than the \$5.1 billion Congress authorized for the program in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

■ Cut by \$500 million.

Program most frequently supported by SSBG for older adults include home care, protective services to prevent neglect and abuse, congregate and home-delivered meals, adult day care, and transportation.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

■ ELIMINATED in the Bush budget.

CSBG provides important senior center and nutrition services to older Americans.

State Retirees and/or their spouses who are enrolled in the state Retirement Health Insurance Plan and eligible for Medicare:

Your drug coverage offered through the state is more comprehensive than the standard Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. **There is no need for you to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.**

(NOTE: "Notice of Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage" has been mailed to all retirees by State Comptroller Nancy Wyman.)



back this year's plans as well."

Seniors Pay a Heavy Price in Bush Budget

The president continues to shred the social safety net millions of vulnerable and needy citizens count on in order to line the pockets of special interests and finance tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

Under his 2007 budget proposal, domestic programs, except homeland security, will face cuts of \$182 billion over five years, including cuts to health care, education, nutrition, and social services.

Now, more than ever, America needs a plan to prepare for an aging nation as the first of 78 million "baby boomers" hit 60 this year. Yet the Bush budget proposes cuts to vital programs that serve our nation's seniors (please see box).

"These budget proposals are nothing but President Bush's continued assault on this country's elderly, children, and disabled," said ARA Executive Director Edward Coyle. "To woefully ignore the needs of seniors and children while continually rewarding the wealthy and special interests is once again a display of this administration's true colors."

The federal deficit hit an all-time high of \$423 billion this year, yet the Bush budget proposes to make the president's unaffordable tax cuts permanent for a revenue loss of \$1.8 trillion. Millionaires would reap \$600 billion from Bush tax cuts.

The CSEA Good Works Committee CAN OF THE MONTH IS **Green Beans**

Please drop off items with Chapter Presidents, Stewards or Committee members at your workplace, union meetings, or CSEA headquarters.



400 LAG ACTION

Council 400 Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

UNIONS BEAT WAL-MART

By: Irving Schwartz, Alfred Tee and Stuart Fishbone

In Maryland, labor unions, along with help from consumer advocates and liberal groups, after years of fighting to get retail giant Wal-Mart to pay for employee health care, can finally declare victory.

As you know, Wal-Mart refuses to pay for health insurance or any other benefits for their employees, thereby forcing them to turn to state Medicaid. Usually, most of Wal-Mart's employees are only part-timers, and therefore the employer usually does not pay benefits.

Even after Wal-Mart unleashed four different lobbying firms and contributed to Governor Ehrlich's campaign, the Maryland legislature was able to override a veto, and passed a far-reaching law that said employers with 10,000 or more workers must spend 8 percent of their payroll on health insurance, or pay into a state Medicaid fund.

During the battle, Wal-Mart made it seem as though Maryland would hurt small business, but the lawmakers realized that it was only a matter of simple fairness to all.

In the aftermath, the chief lobbyist for Wal-Mart, Frank D. Boston, III, said, "they...[the unions]...have a power we can't match, and we worked this bill extremely hard." ("Maryland Sets A Health Cost," Michael Barbaro, *New York Times*, Jan. 13, 2006)

In other news about Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, it seems that in Pennsylvania, Wal-Mart has been pressing its employees to work through breaks and after hours. A judge has granted class-action status to that lawsuit.

In a similar case in California, a jury awarded workers \$172.3 million for off-the-clock work.

Also, in Colorado, a case was settled for \$50 million. ("Maryland Sets a Health Cost," Michael Barbaro and Claudia Deutsch, *New York Times* and *Bloomberg News*, Jan. 13, 2006)

Time magazine had an interesting view of the Medicare mess.

Seniors realize that the new Part D program is just another abject failure by the present administration. We can thank Republican Congresswoman Nancy Johnson of Connecticut for this nightmare, as she was the author of the bill.

The "dual eligibles," people who qualify for both Medicaid and Medicare, and who usually are the poorest and frailest, were summarily taken off Medicaid and placed arbitrarily, willy-nilly, into plans that did not even cover the medicines they were taking. Untold havoc befell these people, especially if they were patients in nursing homes where the administrators could not tell who was in what plan, and which insurance company would cover the drugs.

This is the horror story of Tracy Patterson of California, who had multiple birth defects, chronic pain, asthma, and bipolar disorder. She received \$832 monthly disability checks, and her drugs were covered by Medicaid.

The abrupt switch gave her a shock when she discovered she would now have to pay \$306.68 a month just for her morphine alone. She now has to borrow money or exist without medication.

"Whoever voted this into policy was a bunch of jerks, and they never knew what it was like to live on a fixed income and have to have medication," said Patterson.

Republicans realize that after Katrina, they cannot risk another crisis in which the government appears to be abandoning its most vulnerable citizens. The difficult transition, though, is more than just a product of bureaucratic fumbling. It is a significant step in the march of U.S. health care toward a free-market system governed by choice and risk.

Part D is actually private insurance, similar in design to high-deductible health policies that shift more of the costs to members in an effort to make them more conscious of what they are spending.

Americans could decide that the health of the old, the sick and the needy deserve a system separate from one that rules whether Internet companies and T shirt makers live or die. ("Take Two Aspirin," Jyoti Thottam, *Time* magazine, Jan. 30, 2006)

(Irving Schwartz of New Haven-area Chapter 405 is co-chair of the Retiree Council 400 Legislative Action Committee. He, Alfred Tee of Rocky Hill-area Chapter 411, and Stuart Fishbone of Groton-Waterford Chapter 416 are members of the Council 400 Political Action

CSEA P-3B Council UPDATES

By Jeralyn Keltonic, P-3B Council President

New Stewards at CCP

As reported in the January CSEA News, DCF (Dept. of Children & Families) has two new stewards serving P-3B members at Connecticut Children's Place (CCP) in East Windsor. (Please see photos, this page.)

Jo Kennard has been employed as a State School Teacher for seven years. Jo has a BA in Education from the University of Massachusetts and a M.Ed. Special Education from the University of Hartford.

Jo teaches math and family and consumer science at CCP. Before working for the state she taught kindergarten through eighth grade in a parochial school system. She also taught gifted students at Talcott Mountain Academy.

Jo really enjoys working with students of all development levels and always finds it surprising that so many students who claim to be "math phobic" are actually great math students when given positive reinforcement and structure. (Being math phobic myself, I'm hoping she can teach me how to balance my checking account, which hasn't been done in years!!)

Justin LaRocque has been a State School Teacher at CCP for a little over two years, and previously was a substitute teacher at Middletown's Riverview Hospital.

Justin has his BS in Education and is certified in Art pre-K through grade 12. He teaches Visual Arts and Multimedia classes.

Justin implemented an after-school program called "The Hearts of Arts." This therapeutic program works with youths who are taught different applications and methods of working with clay, either through the artist's wheel or hand building.

Justin feels that as an art teacher at CCP, he uses his personal skills as an artist to encourage students to express themselves through various mediums and to use the arts as not only a creative outlet, but as a learning tool in various aspects of their lives.

Once again, on behalf of the P-3B Council and our members, we want to thank Jo and Justin for stepping forward and taking on their new leadership roles.



New Stewards also Are Innovative Teachers

P-3B Steward Jo Kennard holds a news clipping (enlarged at right) which lists her students as #1 during week 6 of a Stock Market Simulation program. Kennard is a math teacher at DCF's Connecticut Children's Place school. More than 1,000 Connecticut students took part in the program in which teams use an imaginary \$100,000 to buy and sell stocks.

Justin LaRocque works with one of his art students at the Connecticut Children's Place. Like his colleague, Jo Kennard, LaRocque also is a new union steward at the school.

An after-school program he created provides an opportunity for students to learn various methods as well as benefit from the therapeutic aspects of working with clay.

STOCK MARKET SIMULATION STANDINGS WEEK 6	
Grades 9-12	
Team Number	School
1. 505160	CT. Children's Place School
2. 505047	Xavier H.S.
3. 505007	East Catholic H.S.
4. 505024	Parish Hill Mid/H.S.
5. 505011	East Catholic H.S.
6. 505043	Xavier H.S.
7. 505126	RHAM H.S.
8. 505013	East Catholic H.S.
9. 505105	Wethersfield H.S.
10. 505137	RHAM H.S.

P-3B Sabbatical Deadline

March 17, 2006

All applications must be submitted by that date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact P-3B Sabbatical Committee Chair Jeri Keltonic at work: (860) 739-5413, Ext. 3315.

Layoff Lawsuit...

(Continued from Page One) workers' First Amendment rights," said Malloy.

Noting that the discovery process will impose additional costs on taxpayers and "increase the harm done to those who were wrongfully terminated," Malloy called on Rell to "stop spending taxpayer dollars to defend Rowland's wrongful treatment of State workers."

The state filed a notice to appeal Judge Covello's decision to the 2nd Circuit Court. It is expected that they will also file a motion to stay discovery order by Judge Covello.

"With the release of former Gov. Rowland from federal prison, it is time for Gov. Rell to recall the remaining laid-off employees back to work, stop wasting taxpayers's dollars on this litigation, and put this sordid history behind us," said CSEA Executive Director Robert D. Rinker.

Next meeting:

P-3B (Education Professions) Council/Chapter

Wednesday, March 22

**CSEA Headquarters
760 Capitol Ave., Hartford**

6:00 P.M.

All Members Welcome!



OBITUARIES

Daniel M. Ruffo, former President Of Norwich Retiree Chapter 403

Daniel M. Ruffo of Norwich, longtime member of Retiree Chapter 403, died Jan. 18. He was 72.

Mr. Ruffo had worked in the maintenance department of Norwich Hospital prior to his retirement.

He served as President of Norwich Retiree Chapter 403 from 1996 to 2000 and had previously been Vice President. He also was a delegate to Council 400 for many years.

We regret to learn of the death of the following retired CSEA members, as reported by the State Retirement Division.

- Alice Angelico of Chapter 404 died Dec. 24.
- Everett Baker, 420, Dec. 8
- Richard Baranoski, 410, Dec. 20
- Paul Bimler, 420, Dec. 13
- Joseph Cash, 414, Dec. 18
- Marvin Chase, 416, Dec. 12
- Virginia Cone, 405, Dec. 15
- Salvatore Damico, 406, Dec. 16
- Pauline Dugal, 405, Dec. 29
- Shirley Fay, 415, Dec. 15
- Janice Higgins, 408, Jan. 8
- Curley Hough, 408, Oct. 3
- Beverly Huckins, 403, Dec. 18
- Joan Jensen, 420, Oct. 12
- Marvin Joseph, 401, Dec. 8
- Margaret Joy, 427, Nov. 4
- John Kenney, 408, Jan. 9
- Lena Londergan, 403, Dec. 21
- Charlotte Madison, 408, Dec. 23
- Marion Morrell, 401, Dec. 15

- William Mulligan, 411, Dec. 1
- Leo Nadeau, 414, Dec. 15
- Mary Palmieri, 417, Dec. 25
- Arlene Petrella, 412, Dec. 25
- John Raineault, 407, Jan. 2
- Katherine Roberts, 405, Dec. 17
- Leland Robinson, 405, Nov. 20
- Joseph Romanski, 403, Dec. 24
- Della Samuels, 420, Dec. 21
- Frank Scarpini, 406, Jan. 4
- Mary Shea, 420, Dec. 26
- Maria Sklar, 420, Nov. 17
- Margaret Spencer, 401, Dec. 11
- John Sydorik, 405, Nov. 19
- Florence Tapley, 406, Nov. 12
- Elizabeth Tretiak, 405, Dec. 26
- Violet Turgeon, 403, Dec. 5
- Robert Woodsworth, 404, Dec. 16
- Sarah Yagoobian, 411, Dec. 25
- Jennie Zdunczyk, 420, Dec. 31
- Ann Zebrowski, 417, Dec. 25

McCusker Scholarships...

(Continued from Page One) members (grandchildren were later added).

Serving on the scholarship fund board of trustees, in addition to Daly, are: Natalie Rapoport, Mary Ida Olson, Thomas Lowell, Ann Francisco, and Mark Lucey.

(Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the fund may send a check, payable to the CSEA McCusker Scholarship Fund, to CSEA, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.)

Requirements

The competition is open to students who pursue or continue post-secondary education during the 2006-2007 school year and meet one of the following requirements:

- They must be children or grandchildren of current CSEA members who have been members for not less than the immediate five consecutive years; or
- They must be children or grandchildren of current CSEA employees who have been employed by the union for not less than the five immediate consecutive years.

Selection of recipients is based on the following criteria, with equal consideration: scholastic ability (as determined by scholastic record and/or competitive examination), financial need, and social adaptation.

All applications must be



Bernard H. McCusker

CSEA founder and first President and Executive Director

received at union headquarters in written form by **June 1**. The student's high school and/or college transcripts, two letters of recommendation and college acceptance letter, if applicable, must be received at the union office by **June 9**.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all required materials are received by the stated deadlines. Failure to fulfill all stated submittal and eligibility requirements will result in automatic rejection of the application.

Has your Chapter Donated to the McCusker Scholarship Fund?



Applications Are Available On-line

Download an application from CSEA's web site:



www.csea-ct.com

Click on "Applications for the McCusker Scholarships..."

You may complete the application on-line, download and mail it. (It cannot be transmitted electronically.)

Questions: please contact Julie Dumond at the CSEA office (Hartford: 951-6614, CT toll-free: 1-800-894-9479, FL toll-free: 1-800-437-5630).

2006 General Assembly

SENATE

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Name (Party)</u>
1	John W. Fonfara (D)
2	Eric D. Coleman (D)
3	Gary D. LeBeau (D)
4	Mary Ann Handley (D)
5	Jonathan Harris (D)
6	Donald J. DeFronzo (D)
7	John A. Kissel (R)
8	Thomas J. Herlihy (R)
9	Biagio "Billy" Ciotto (D)
10	Toni Nathaniel Harp (D)
11	Martin M. Looney (D)
12	Edward Meyer (D)
13	Thomas P. Gaffey (D)
14	Gayle Slossberg (D)
15	Joan V. Hartley (D)
16	Christopher S. Murphy (D)
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18	Catherine W. Cook (R)
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20	Andrea Stillman (D)
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25	Bob Duff (D)
26	Judith G. Freedman (R)
27	Andrew J. McDonald (D)
28	John McKinney (R)
29	Donald E. Williams (D)
30	Andrew W. Roraback (R)
31	Thomas A. Colapietro (D)
32	Louis C. DeLuca (R)
33	Eileen M. Daily (D)
34	Leonard Fasano (R)
35	Anthony Guglielmo (R)
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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8	Joan A. Lewis (D)
9	Christopher R. Stone (D)
10	Henry Genga (D)
11	Michael A. Christ (D)
12	Ryan P. Barry (D)
13	John W. Thompson (D)
14	William Aman (R)
15	Faith McMahan (D)
16	Robert W. Heagney (R)
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19	Robert Farr (R)
20	David McCluskey (D)
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23	Marilyn Giuliano (R)
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31	Sonya Googins (R)
32	Jim O'Rourke (D)
33	Joseph C. Serra (D)
34	Gail K. Hamm (D)
35	Brian O'Connor (D)
36	James Field Spallone (D)
37	Ed Jutila (D)
38	Elizabeth Ritter (D)
39	Ernest Hewett (D)
40	Edward E. Moukawsher (D)
41	Lenny T. Winkler (R)
42	Tom Reynolds (D)
43	Diana S. Urban (R)
44	Michael A. Caron (R)
45	Steven Mikutel (D)
46	Melissa Olson (D)
47	Jack Malone (D)
48	Linda A. Orange (D)
49	Walter M. Pawelkiewicz (D)
50	Mike Alberts (R)
51	Shawn T. Johnston (D)
52	Penny Bacchiochi (R)
53	Michael J. Cardin (D)
54	Denise W. Merrill (D)
55	Pamela Z. Sawyer (R)
56	Claire L. Janowski (D)
57	Ted Graziani (D)
58	Kathleen M. Tallarita (D)
59	Steve Jarmoc (D)
60	Peggy Sayers (D)
61	Ruth C. Fahrback (R)
62	Richard F. Ferrari (R)
63	George M. Wilber (D)
64	Roberta B. Willis (D)
65	Anne L. Ruwet (R)
66	Craig A. Miner (R)
67	Clark J. Chapin (R)
68	Sean J. Williams (R)
69	Arthur J. O'Neill (R)
70	Kevin M. DelGobbo (R)
71	Anthony J. D'Amelio (R)
72	Reginald G. Beamon (D)
73	Jeffrey J. Berger (D)
74	Selim Noujaim (R)
75	David Aldarondo (D)
76	John E. Piscopo (R)
77	Roger Brian Michele (D)
78	William A. Hamzy (R)
79	Kosta Diamantis (D)
80	John "Corky" Mazurek (D)
81	Bruce "Zeke" Zalaski (D)
82	Emil "Buddy" Altobello (D)
83	Catherine F. Abercrombie (D)
84	Christopher G. Donovan (D)
85	Mary M. Mushinsky (D)
86	Robert M. Ward (R)
87	Steve Fontana (D)
88	J. Brendan Sharkey (D)

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94	William R. Dyson (D)
95	Juan Candelaria (D)
96	Cameron C. Staples (D)
97	Robert W. Megna (D)
98	Patricia M. Widlitz (D)
99	Michael P. Lawlor (D)
100	Raymond C. Kalinowski (R)
101	Deborah Heinrich (D)
102	Peter J. Panaroni (D)
103	Alfred Adinolfi (R)
104	Linda Gentile (D)
105	Leonard C. Greene (R)
106	Julia B. Wasserman (R)
107	David A. Scribner (R)
108	Mary Ann Carson (R)
109	Lewis J. Wallace (D)
110	Bob Godfrey (D)
111	John H. Frey (R)
112	DebraLee Hovey (R)
113	Richard O. Belden (R)
114	Themis Klarides (R)
115	Stephen D. Dargan (D)
116	Louis P. Esposito (D)
117	Paul Davis (D)
118	James A. Amann (D)
119	Richard Roy (D)
120	John A. Harkins (R)
121	Terry Backer (D)
122	Lawrence G. Miller (R)
123	T.R. Rowe (R)
124	Charles "Don" Clemons (D)
125	John W. Hetherington (R)
126	Christopher L. Caruso (D)
127	John Hennessy (D)
128	Lydia N. Martinez (D)
129	Robert T. Keeley (D)
130	Felipe Reinoso (D)
131	David K. Labriola (R)
132	Thomas Drew (D)
133	Cathy C. Tymniak (R)
134	John Stone (R)
135	John E. Stripp (R)
136	Joe Mioli (D)
137	Chris Perone (D)
138	Janice R. Giegler (R)
139	Kevin Ryan (D)
140	Joseph Mann (D)
141	John J. Ryan (R)
142	Lawrence F. Cafero (R)
143	Antonietta Boucher (R)
144	Jim Shapiro (D)
145	Christel H. Truglia (D)
146	Gerald Fox (D)
147	Donald B. Sherer (R)
148	Carlo Leone (D)
149	Livvy R. Floren (R)
150	Lile R. Gibbons (R)
151	Claudia Powers (R)

Important Legislative Committees

Appropriations

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Rep. Denise W. Merrill, Co-chair (D)	54
Senators:	
Joan V. Hartley (D)	15
David J. Cappiello (R)	24
Catherine W. Cook (R)	18
Bob Duff (D)	25
Leonard Fasano (R)	34
Judith G. Freedman (R)	26
Mary Ann Handley (D)	4
Jonathan Harris (D)	5
Christopher S. Murphy (D)	16
Edith G. Prague (D)	19
Gayle Slossberg (D)	14
Representatives:	
Michael J. Cardin (D)	53
Art Feltman (D)	6
Jack Malone (D)	47
Peter A. Tercyak (D)	26
Arthur J. O'Neill (R)	69
Alfred Adinolfi (R)	103
William Aman (R)	14
Terrance E. Backer (D)	121
Antonietta Boucher (R)	143
Lawrence F. Cafero	142
Juan R. Candeleria (D)	95
Clark J. Chapin (R)	67
Anthony J. D'Amelio (R)	71
Ruth C. Fahrback (R)	61
Andrew M. Fleischmann (D)	18
Livvy R. Floren (R)	149
John C. Geragosian (D)	25
Minnie Gonzalez (D)	3
Sonya Googins (R)	31
Gail K. Hamm (D)	34
Deborah Heinrich (D)	101
Ernest Hewett (D)	39
Ed Jutila (D)	37
Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey (D)	5
Joan A. Lewis (D)	8
Lydia N. Martinez (D)	128
Douglas McCrory (D)	7
Roger B. Michele (D)	77
Brian O'Connor (D)	35
Linda A. Orange (D)	48
Tom Reynolds (D)	42
Elizabeth Ritter (D)	38
Richard Roy (D)	119
Kevin Ryan (D)	139
John E. Stone, Jr. (R)	134
John E. Stripp (R)	135
Christel H. Truglia (D)	145
Catherine Tymniak (R)	133
Toni E. Walker (D)	93
Lewis J. Wallace (D)	109
Julia B. Wasserman (R)	106
Roberta B. Willis (D)	64

Government Administration and Elections

<u>Name (Party)</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
Sen. Donald J. DeFronzo, Co-chair (D)	6
Rep. Christopher L. Caruso, Co-chair (D)	126
Senators:	
Edward Meyer (D)	12
Judith G. Freedman (R)	26
Representatives:	
Tim O'Brien (D)	24
Livvy R. Floren (R)	149
Mike Alberts (R)	50
Michael Caron (R)	44
Thomas Drew (D)	132
Robert Farr (R)	19
Richard F. Ferrari (R)	62
Andrew Fleischmann (D)	18
Demetrius S. Giannaros (D)	21
Michael P. Lawlor (D)	99
Evelyn Mantilla (D)	4
David McCluskey (D)	20
Sandy Nafis (D)	27
Jim O'Rourke (D)	32
James Field Spallone (D)	36
Cathy C. Tymniak (R)	133

Education

A committee on EDUCATION which shall have cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Education; local and regional boards of education and the substantive law of collective bargaining covering teachers and professional employees of such boards; vocational rehabilitation; the Board of Governors of Higher Education; the Commission on the Arts; and libraries, museums and historical and cultural associations.

<u>Name (Party)</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
Sen. Thomas P. Gaffey, Co-chair (D)	13
Rep. Andrew Fleischmann, Co-chair (D)	18
Senators:	
John W. Fonfara (D)	1
Thomas J. Herlihy (R)	8
Bill Finch (D)	22
Andrew J. McDonald (D)	27
Andrew W. Roraback (R)	30
Representatives:	
Felipe Reinoso (D)	130
David K. Labriola (R)	131
Catherine F. Abercrombie (D)	83
Antonietta Boucher (R)	143
Michael J. Cardin (D)	53
Charles D. Clemons (D)	124
Paul Davis (D)	117
Mary G. Fritz (D)	90
Henry Genga (D)	10
Linda Gentile (D)	104
Marilyn Giuliano (R)	23
Gail K. Hamm (D)	34
Robert Heagney (R)	16
Deborah Heinrich (D)	101
DebraLee Hovey (R)	112
Themis Klarides (R)	114
Steven Mikutel (D)	45
Tim O'Brien (D)	24
Tom Reynolds (D)	42
Pamela Z. Sawyer (R)	55
Jim Shapiro (D)	144
Lewis J. Wallace (D)	109
Kevin Witkos (R)	17

Higher Education And Employment Advancement

A committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT which shall have cognizance of all matters relating to public and independent colleges and universities, the Department of Higher Education including private occupational schools, the Board of Governors of Higher Education, post-secondary education and job training institutions and programs, apprenticeship training programs, adult job training programs offered to the public by any state agency or funded in whole or in part by the state, and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

<u>Name (Party)</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
Sen. Joan V. Hartley, Co-chair (D)	15
Rep. Roberta B. Willis, Co-chair (D)	64
Senators:	
Thomas P. Gaffey (D)	13
Judith G. Freedman (R)	26
Representatives:	
Joan A. Lewis (D)	8
Donald B. Sherer (R)	147
Patricia A. Dillon (D)	92
Robert Farr (R)	19
Demetrius S. Giannaros (D)	21
Sonya Googins (R)	31
Robert W. Heagney (R)	16
Joseph Mann (D)	140
Denise W. Merrill (D)	54
Sandy Nafis (D)	27
Selim G. Noujaim (R)	74
Jim O'Rourke (D)	32
Walter M. Pawelkiewicz (D)	49
Chris Perone (D)	137
Richard Roy (D)	119
Anne L. Ruwet (R)	65
Pamela Z. Sawyer (R)	55

Labor and Public Employees

<u>Name (Party)</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
Sen. Edith Prague, Co-chair (D)	19
Rep. Kevin Ryan, Co-chair (D)	139
Senators:	
Edwin A. Gomes (D)	23
Tony Guglielmo (R)	35
Representatives:	
Bruce Zalaski (D)	81
John W. Hetherington (R)	125
Richard O. Belden (R)	113
Lawrence F. Cafero (R)	142
Louis P. Esposito (D)	116
Henry Genga (D)	10
Ernest Hewett (D)	39
Evelyn C. Mantilla (D)	4
Melissa Olson (D)	46
Felipe Reinoso (D)	130

Transportation

<u>Name (Party)</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
Sen. Biagio (Bill) Ciotto, Co-chair (D)	9
Rep. Antonio Guerrero, Co-chair (D)	29
Senators:	
Bill Finch (D)	22
John McKinney (R)	28
Thomas Colapietro (D)	31
Donald J. DeFronzo (D)	6
Andrew J. McDonald (D)	27
William H. Nickerson (R)	36
Representatives:	
Steven Mikutel (D)	45
David A. Scribner (R)	107
Hank Bielawa (R)	2
Antonietta Boucher (R)	143
Michael A. Caron (R)	44
Paul Davis (D)	117
Thomas Drew (D)	132
Steve Fontana (D)	87
Gerald Fox (D)	146
Lile R. Gibbons (R)	150
John Harkins (R)	120
John W. Hetherington (R)	125
Claire L. Janowski (D)	56
Ed Jutila (D)	37
Carlo Leone (D)	148
David McCluskey (D)	20
Joe Mioli (D)	136
Brian O'Connor (D)	35
Peter J. Panaroni (D)	102
Chris Perone (D)	137
Pamela Z. Sawyer (R)	55
Joseph C. Serra (D)	33

Environment

<u>Name (Party)</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
Sen. Bill Finch, Co-chair (D)	22
Rep. Richard Roy, Co-chair (D)	119
Senators:	
Donald J. DeFronzo (D)	6
Edward Meyer (D)	12
John McKinney (R)	28
Catherine W. Cook (R)	18
Jonathan Harris (D)	5
Christopher S. Murphy (D)	16
Representatives:	
Edward E. Moukawsher (D)	40
Clark J. Chapin (R)	67
Mike Alberts (R)	50
Terry Backer (D)	121
Paul Davis (D)	117
Marilyn Giuliano (R)	23
Leonard C. Greene (R)	105
John Hennessy (D)	127
Stephen Jarmoc (D)	59
Ed Jutila (D)	37
Raymond C. Kalinowski (R)	100
Robert W. Megna (D)	97
Joe Mioli (D)	136
Mary M. Mushinsky (D)	85
Jim O'Rourke (D)	32
Chris Perone (D)	137
John E. Piscopo (R)	76
James Field Spallone (D)	36
Diana S. Urban (R)	43
George M. Wilber (D)	63
Roberta B. Willis (D)	64

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Important Legislative Committees

Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Eileen Daily, Co-chair (D)	33
Rep. Cameron C. Staples, Co-chair (D)	96
Senators:	
John W. Fonfara (D)	1
William Nickerson (R)	36
Donald J. DeFronzo (D)	6
Bill Finch (D)	22
Thomas Gaffey (D)	13
Anthony Guglielmo (R)	35
Thomas J. Herlihy (R)	8
Gary D. LeBeau (D)	3
Andrew J. McDonald (D)	27
Andrew W. Roraback (R)	30
Andrew Stillman (D)	20
Representatives:	
Carlo Leone (D)	148
Richard Belden (R)	113
Emil Altobello (D)	82
Joe Aresimowicz (D)	30
Ryan P. Barry (D)	12
Reginald G. Beamon (D)	72
Jeffrey J. Berger (D)	73
Michael Caron (R)	44
Mary Ann Carson (R)	108
Michael A. Christ (D)	11
Charles D. Clemons (D)	124
Kevin DelGobbo (R)	70
Patricia A. Dillon (D)	92
Art Feltman (D)	6
Richard F. Ferrari (R)	62
John H. Frey (R)	111
Demetrios Giannaros (D)	21
Lile R. Gibbons (R)	150
John Hennessy (D)	127
Robert T. Keeley (D)	129
David McCluskey (D)	20
Craig A. Miner (R)	66
Edward E. Moukawsher (D)	40
Mary M. Mushinsky (D)	85
Tim O'Brien (D)	24
Walter M. Pawelkiewicz (D)	49
John Piscopo (R)	76
Felipe Reinoso (D)	130
Anne L. Ruwet (F)	65
David Scribner (R)	107
Jim Shapiro (D)	144
J. Brendan Sharkey (D)	88
Kathleen M. Tallarita (D)	58
Peter F. Villano (D)	91
Patricia M. Widlitz (D)	98
Lenny Winkler (R)	41
Bruce Zalaski (D)	81

Public Health

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Christopher S. Murphy, Co-chair (D)	16
Rep. Peggy Sayers, Co-chair (D)	60
Senators:	
Gayle Slossberg (D)	14
George Gunther (R)	21
Eric D. Coleman (D)	2
Catherine W. Cook (R)	18
Andrea Stillman (D)	20
Representatives:	
Melissa Olson (D)	46
Julia B. Wasserman (R)	106
David Aldarondo (D)	75
Mary Ann Carson (R)	108
Michael A. Christ (D)	11
Ruth C. Fahrback (R)	61
Janice R. Giegler (R)	138
Deborah Heinrich (D)	101
Robert T. Keeley (D)	129
Themis Klarides (R)	114
Jack Malone (D)	47
Vicky Orsini Nardello (D)	89
Linda A. Orange (D)	48
Elizabeth Ritter (D)	38
Kevin Ryan (D)	139
John E. Stone, Jr. (R)	134
Peter A. Tercyak (D)	26
Patricia M. Widlitz (D)	98
Lenny Winkler (R)	41

Judiciary

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Andrew J. McDonald, Co-chair (D)	27
Rep. Michael P. Lawlor, Co-chair (D)	99
Senators:	
Mary Ann Handley (D)	4
John A. Kissell (R)	7
David Cappiello (R)	24
Eric D. Coleman (D)	2
Edwin A. Gomes (D)	23
Edward Meyer (D)	12
Andrew W. Roraback (R)	30
Representatives:	
James Field Spallone (D)	36
Robert Farr (R)	19
Ryan P. Barry (D)	12
Jeffrey J. Berger (D)	73
Lawrence Cafero, Jr. (R)	142
Juan R. Candelaria (D)	95
Patricia A. Dillon (D)	92
Paul Doyle (D)	28
William R. Dyson (D)	94
John Wayne Fox (D)	144
Mary G. Fritz (D)	90
John C. Geragosian (D)	25
Janice R. Giegler (R)	138
Robert D. Godfrey (D)	110
Minnie Gonzalez (D)	3
Kenneth P. Green (D)	1
Gail K. Hamm (D)	34
William A. Hamzy (R)	78
DebraLee Hovey (R)	112
Themis Klarides (R)	114
David K. Labriola (D)	131
Faith McMahan (D)	15
Roger B. Michele (D)	77
Melissa Olson (D)	46
Arthur O'Neill (R)	69
Claudia M. Powers (R)	151
T.R. Rowe (R)	123
Joseph C. Serra (D)	33
Cameron C. Staples (D)	96
Christopher R. Stone (D)	9
Toni E. Walker (D)	93
Lenny Winkler (R)	41

Executive and Legislative Nominations

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Martin M. Looney, Co-chair (D)	11
Rep. Claire L. Janowski, Co-chair (D)	56
Senators:	
Donald E. Williams (D)	29
Andrew Roraback (R)	30
Louis C. DeLuca (R)	32
Toni Harp (D)	10
Edith G. Prague (D)	19
Representatives:	
Ted Graziani (D)	57
DebraLee Hovey (R)	112
Stephen Dargan (D)	115
Konstantinos Diamantis (D)	79
Jim O'Rourke (D)	32
Peter J. Panaroni (D)	102
John Piscopo (R)	76
Claudia Powers (R)	151
Robert M. Ward (R)	86

Select Committee on Aging

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Jonathan Harris, Co-chair (D)	5
Rep. Art Feltman, Co-chair (D)	6
Senators:	
Edith G. Prague (D)	19
John A. Kissell (R)	7
Representatives:	
George M. Wilber (D)	63
Alfred Adinolfi (R)	103
David Aldarondo (D)	75
Livvy R. Floren (R)	149
William A. Hamzy (R)	78
Selim G. Noujaim (R)	74
Kathleen M. Tallarita (D)	58
Peter F. Villano (D)	91
Bruce Zalaski (D)	81

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Energy and Technology

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. John W. Fonfara, Co-chair (D)	1
Rep. Steve Fontana, Co-chair (D)	87
Senators:	
Bob Duff (D)	25
Thomas J. Herlihy (R)	8
Representatives:	
Robert W. Megna (D)	97
Kevin DelGobbo (R)	70
Emil Altobello (R)	82
Terry Backer (D)	121
Hank Bielawa (R)	2
Richard F. Ferrari (R)	62
Henry Genga	10
John Mazurek (D)	80
Lawrence G. Miller (R)	122
Vickie Orsini Nardello (D)	89
Elizabeth Ritter (D)	38
Peggy Sayers (D)	60
Peter A. Tercyak (D)	26
Sean Williams (R)	68

Public Safety & Security

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, Co-chair (D)	20
Rep. Stephen D. Dargan, Co-chair (D)	115
Senators:	
Eileen Daily (D)	33
Anthony Guglielmo (R)	35
Representatives:	
Elizabeth A. Boukus (D)	22
John Stone (R)	134
Alfred Adinolfi (R)	103
Joe Aresimowicz (D)	30
Penny Bacchioni (R)	52
Kevin M. DelGobbo (R)	70
Louis P. Esposito (D)	116
Minnie Gonzalez (D)	3
Leonard C. Greene (R)	105
Ernest Hewett (D)	39
Raymond C. Kalinowski (R)	100
Lydia N. Martinez (D)	128
Steven Mikutel (D)	45
Linda A. Orange (D)	48
Peter J. Panaroni (D)	102
Tom Reynolds (D)	42
John J. Ryan (D)	141
Jim Shapiro (D)	144
Kevin Witkos (F)	17

Program Review and Investigations

Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Catherine W. Cook, Co-chair (R)	18
Rep. J. Brendan Sharkey, Co-chair (D)	88
Senators:	
John W. Fonfara (D)	1
Joseph J. Crisco (D)	17
Leonard Fasano (R)	34
Anthony Guglielmo (R)	35
Gary D. LeBeau (D)	3
Representatives:	
Kevin Witkos (R)	17
John W. Hetherington (R)	125
Michael P. Lawlor (D)	99
Mary Ann Carson (R)	108
Vickie Orsini Nardello (D)	89

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STATE OF THE UNION:

What the President Didn't Say about Medicare

The State of the Union address provided a prime opportunity for President Bush to offer his plans on how to remedy the shortcomings of Medicare Part D. Problems have plagued implementation and forced states to step in and spend millions to cover poor seniors who are going without their medications, according to the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA). But instead of making reform for the flawed Part D program a top priority, the president chose to ignore the issue completely,

ly, suggesting that even he concedes the rollout of Part D has been a disaster. Low-income seniors have been slow to sign up for Part D, an indication that the program is not reaching the neediest seniors.

(Note: As indicated on Page 4 of this issue, Medicare-eligible state retirees and/or their spouses enrolled in the state health plan should not sign up for the Medicare Drug Plan.)

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Important Legislative Committees (Continued from Page 8)

Human Services		Insurance and Real Estate		Planning and Development	
Name (Party)	Dist.	Name (Party)	Dist.	Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Mary Ann Handley, Co-chair (D)	4	Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Co-chair (D)	17	Sen. Eric D. Coleman, Co-chair (D)	2
Rep. Peter F. Villano, Co-chair (D)	91	Rep. Brian O'Connor, Co-chair (D)	35	Rep. Lewis J. Wallace, Co-chair (D)	109
Senators:		Senators:		Senators:	
Eric D. Coleman (D)	2	Joan V. Hartley (D)	15	Jonathan Harris (D)	5
John A. Kissel (R)	7	Louis C. DeLuca (R)	32	Leonard Fasano (R)	34
Representatives:		Representatives:		Representatives:	
Lydia N. Martinez (D)	128	Charles D. Clemons (D)	124	Steve Jarmoc (D)	59
Lile R. Gibbons (R)	150	Anthony J. D'Amelio (R)	71	Craig A. Miner (R)	66
Catherine F. Abercrombie (D)	83	Emil Altobello (D)	82	Bill Aman (R)	14
Bill Aman (R)	14	Stephen Dargan (D)	115	Michael A. Christ (D)	11
Michael A. Caron (R)	44	Art Feltman (D)	6	William R. Dyson (D)	94
Clark J. Chapin (R)	67	Steve Fontana, Jr. (D)	87	Thomas Drew (D)	132
Kenneth P. Green (D)	1	John H. Frey (R)	111	Gerald Fox (D)	146
Robert T. Keeley (D)	125	John C. Geragosian (D)	25	Linda Gentile (D)	104
Joseph Mann (D)	140	William A. Hamzy (R)	78	John Hennessy (D)	127
Faith McMahon (D)	15	John Harkins (R)	120	Joan A. Lewis (D)	8
John W. Thompson (D)	13	Shawn T. Johnston (D)	51	Lawrence G. Miller (R)	122
Cristel H. Truglia (D)	145	Robert W. Megna (D)	97	John J. Ryan (R)	141
Toni E. Walker (D)	93	Craig A. Miner (R)	66	Diana S. Urban (R)	43
		Christopher R. Stone (D)	9	George M. Wilber (D)	63
		Sean Williams (R)	68		
Regulations Review		Veterans Affairs		Select Committee on Children	
Name (Party)	Dist.	Name (Party)	Dist.	Name (Party)	Dist.
Sen. Jonathan Harris, Co-chair (D)	5	Sen. Gayle Slossberg, Co-chair (D)	14	Sen. Edward Meyer, Co-chair (D)	12
Rep. T.R. Rowe, Co-chair (D)	123	Rep. Roger Brian Michele, Co-chair (D)	77	Rep. Michael J. Cardin, Co-chair (D)	53
Senators:		Senators:		Senators:	
George L. Gunther (R)	21	Eileen M. Daily (D)	33	Toni Nathaniel Harp (D)	10
Biagio Ciotto (D)	9	Leonard Fasano (R)	34	Thomas J. Herlihy (R)	8
John A. Kissel (R)	7	Representatives:		Representatives:	
Andrew W. Roraback (R)	30	George M. Wilber (D)	63	Faith McMahon (D)	15
Andrea Stillman (D)	20	Raymond C. Kalinowski (R)	100	Anne L. Ruwet (R)	65
Representatives:		Alfred Adinolfi (R)	103	Mary Ann Carson (R)	108
Terry Backer (D)	121	Hank Bielawa (R)	2	Robert Farr (R)	19
Paul Davis (D)	117	Elizabeth A. Boukus (D)	22	Douglas McCrory (D)	7
Kevin M. DelGobbo (R)	70	Ted Graziani (D)	57	Mary M. Mushinsky (D)	85
David K. Labriola (R)	131	Antonio Guerrero (D)	29	Donald B. Sherer (R)	147
Carlo Leone (D)	148	Pamela Z. Sawyer (R)	55	John W. Thompson (D)	13
Claudia M. Powers (R)	151	Peggy Sayers (D)	60	Christel H. Truglia (D)	145

SEIU Local 760 Annual Audit Report

Civil Service Employees Affiliates, SEIU Local 760, CLC

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,123	\$ 79,589
Dues receivable	52,090	19,875
Other receivable	100,000	-
Total assets	\$ 236,213	\$ 99,464
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable	\$ 216,729	\$ 119,335
Accrued expenses	95,808	103,673
Total liabilities	312,537	223,008
Unrestricted net assets	(76,324)	(123,544)
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 236,213	\$ 99,464

Statements of Activities - Actual and Budget

	2005		2004	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Revenues (Exhibit A)	\$ 1,720,760	\$ 1,658,630	\$ 1,342,028	\$ 1,365,100
Expenses				
Administration (Exhibit B)	1,660,563	1,635,930	1,554,276	1,547,410
Housing/executive/legal (Exhibit C)	8,728	15,700	17,004	(194,810)
Organizing	4,249	7,000	11,325	12,500
	1,673,540	1,658,630	1,582,605	1,365,100
Change in net assets	47,220	-	(240,577)	-
Net assets, beginning of year	(123,544)	-	117,033	-
Net assets, end of year	\$ (76,324)	\$ -	\$ (123,544)	\$ -

Statements of Cash Flows

	2005	2004
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 47,220	\$ (240,577)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net change in cash from operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Dues receivable	(32,215)	43,744
Other receivable	(100,000)	-
Accounts payable	97,394	29,427
Accrued expenses	(7,865)	6,256
Net change in cash from operating activities	4,534	(161,150)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	79,589	240,739
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 84,123	\$ 79,589

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2005

Note 1 - Significant Accounting Policies:

Nature and Organization - Civil Service Employees Affiliates/SEIU-AFL-CIO, CLC Local 760 (Local) provides technical and bargaining services to member bargaining units which consist of participating towns and private employers contracted by participating towns in the State of Connecticut. The Local is affiliated with the Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC (SEIU), and known as Local Union 760. The Local's revenue consists primarily of membership dues. The financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

Accounting Standards - The Local has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. According to this standard, the Local reports all assets as being unrestricted.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Statement of Activities - The Local has established an operating measure in its statement of activities - actual and budgeted. The Local considers all revenues and expenses to be operating except for depreciation expense which is considered to be a non-operating item.

Budget - The Budget Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for preparing the Local's annual budget, which is then approved by the Board of Directors. Budget amendments, as necessary, are also required to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Revenue Recognition - Revenue from dues is recognized on a monthly basis.

Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Local defines cash equivalents as short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Income Taxes - The Local is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 2 - Financial Instruments:

Concentrations of Credit Risk - The Local's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents and dues receivable.

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Cash and cash equivalents - The Local has its cash in bank deposit accounts that, at times may exceed federally insured limits. As of June 30, 2005 and 2004, uninsured balances were approximately \$74,300 and \$54,300, respectively. The Local believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash balances.

Dues receivable - All of the Local's members are current employees of Connecticut towns and municipalities or employers under contract with Connecticut town and municipalities which collect dues via payroll withholding and remit them directly to the Local. Management believes the credit risk relative to dues receivable is negligible and the Local has experienced no credit losses and, therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Note 3 - Functional Expenses:

Functional expenses are as follows:

	2005	2004
Program Expenses:		
Member services	\$ 1,379,193	\$ 1,304,252
Membership organizing	152,551	144,262
Total	1,531,744	1,448,514
Management and general	141,796	134,091
	\$ 1,673,540	\$ 1,582,605

Note 4 - Pension Plan:

As a result of the Local's affiliation with SEIU, all employees of the Local became participants in SEIU's defined benefit pension plan. The plan covers all SEIU affiliate officers and employees who have earned \$4,000 in any twelve month period.

Under the SEIU plan, the Local's liability to the plan is limited to monthly contributions equal to 14% of monthly qualified compensation. Pension expense totaled \$52,732 and \$51,653 for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Note 5 - Leased Vehicle:

The Local leases a vehicle. Lease expense for the vehicle for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$5,028 and \$5,083, respectively. Remaining lease payments under the lease are as follows:

	2006	\$ 3,771
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Note 6 - Net Asset Deficit:

For the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 the Local experienced deficit in unrestricted net assets of (\$76,324) and (\$123,655), respectively. To address the net asset deficit for the current year, management increased members' dues. Management continues to address the alleviation of future deficits by approving the merger and resource agreement with another SEIU local. This contract, once approved by SEIU, will provide subsidy to the merged local from SEIU in three payments of \$410,000 each over a period of a year. Also, the International per capita tax will not increase over the next four years as a result of approval at the June 2004 SEIU convention.

Revenues - Actual and Budget For the year ended June 30, 2005

	Actual	Budget
Revenues		
Membership dues	\$ 1,604,257	\$ 1,623,430
SEIU Unity fund relief	100,000	-
Interest income	180	200
Miscellaneous income	16,323	35,000
	\$ 1,720,760	\$ 1,658,630

Exhibit A

Administration Expenses - Actual and Budget For the year ended June 30, 2005

	Actual	Budget
Wages	\$ 458,757	\$ 446,200
Payroll taxes	34,945	31,700
Vacation and sick pay	3,984	5,000
Retirement contribution	60,255	57,300
Employee Insurance	71,968	72,700
Training	1,288	1,000
Per capita	946,259	932,280
Travel	36,183	41,000
Telephone	13,648	12,800
Office supplies	240	1,000
Accounting fees	7,000	6,700
Postage	5,112	1,800
Office equipment, use, and maintenance	8,682	8,700
Dues and subscriptions	987	1,000
Insurance	9,469	13,750
Miscellaneous	1,786	3,000
	\$ 1,660,563	\$ 1,635,930

Exhibit B

Housing, Executive, and Legal Expenses - Actual and Budget For the year ended June 30, 2005

	Actual	Budget
Arbitration	\$ 7,084	\$ 14,000
Good and welfare	-	750
Legal	1,644	500
Contingency	-	450
	\$ 8,728	\$ 15,700

Exhibit C

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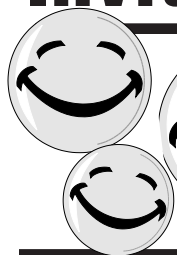
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Dividend Rates – 4th Quarter 2005

	Dividend Rate	Annual Percentage Yield
REGULAR SAVINGS	3.00%	3.05%
SHARE DRAFTS (Checking)	1.25%	1.26%
CLUB ACCOUNTS	2.25%	2.28%

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FLORIDA RESORT TIMESHARE, Kissimmee, FL, Westgate Vacation Villas, wk. 6. 2 BR, 2 BA, complete renovation last yr. Deeded. \$6,000 Bristol (860)584-5344.

TIMESHARE, Water's Edge Resort, Westbrook, CT. 1 wk., sleeps 4, beach-front, 2 pools, modern gym, discounts on fine dining, souvenir shop, bonus time, beautiful grounds, very welcome to families. Exchanges avail. nationally/internationally. Value: \$4,000; sacrifice: \$2,800. Westport (203)227-9439.

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President's Desk...

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This country is pretty evenly split on a lot of issues. Neither side of the aisle has the monopoly on the right answers and I know the common person—John or Jane Q. Public—is probably tired of all the partisan bickering that seems to accompany almost every issue.

I had a conversation about this with a former elected official whom I had gotten to know fairly well when he was in office. He's a Republican and I'm a union officer, but we were always able to talk respectfully to each other and we managed to work effectively together on legislation that affected working people.

Not everything has to be political. The sooner elected officials get away from their positions as right or left and concentrate on what is right or wrong for the American people and begin to work together to achieve those things, the better off our country will be. Common sense and working for the common good can solve a lot of problems.

I think this may be what is behind the phenomenon of Republican governors being elected in solidly blue states otherwise. The electorate wants a balance and the parties to work together.

Look at not only Connecticut, but New York, Massachusetts, and California as examples. Lest you think that this is only a blue state phenomenon, think again. There are a number of states in the south and southwest that are solid red that now have Democratic governors, including New Mexico and Arizona.

I didn't listen to the president's "state of the union" speech last week but I read most of it in the paper. He touched on some issues that are clearly non-partisan that affect us all. Most notably is our dependence on foreign oil for our energy needs.

I like the part about alternative energy sources. We should concentrate on renewable energy sources like solar, wind, hydro and wood. Nuclear is clean and safe but it generates a nasty by-product that creates serious disposal problems for centuries to come which is its downfall.

We supposedly have more coal in America than the Middle East has oil, but we must develop cleaner ways to utilize it and safer ways to mine it

(more about that next month), but that isn't rocket science, either.

What was missing from the speech, and what most Americans see as common sense, is conservation. We can get a faster reduction in our addiction to oil by conservation than any other way. Why not give the average American a tax credit to trade in his old inefficient appliances for new Energy Star rated models instead of giving gas hogs a tax break for buying a Hummer?

The president also made the following statement: "In a system of two par-

ties, two chambers, and two elected branches, there will always be differences and debate. But even tough debates can be conducted in a civil tone, and our differences cannot be allowed to harden into anger."

Boy, I wish I could believe that he truly meant that. After all, we still have him as president for three more years. But I remember the 2000 campaign rhetoric about W restoring civility to government and being a "uniter not a divider." Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

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The unprecedented contest engaged tens of thousands of Americans who submitted bold new ideas to strengthen the economy and improve life for working men and women and their families.

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Hester, a graduate student, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Menczer of Bloomington, Indiana is an associate professor of informatics and computer science.

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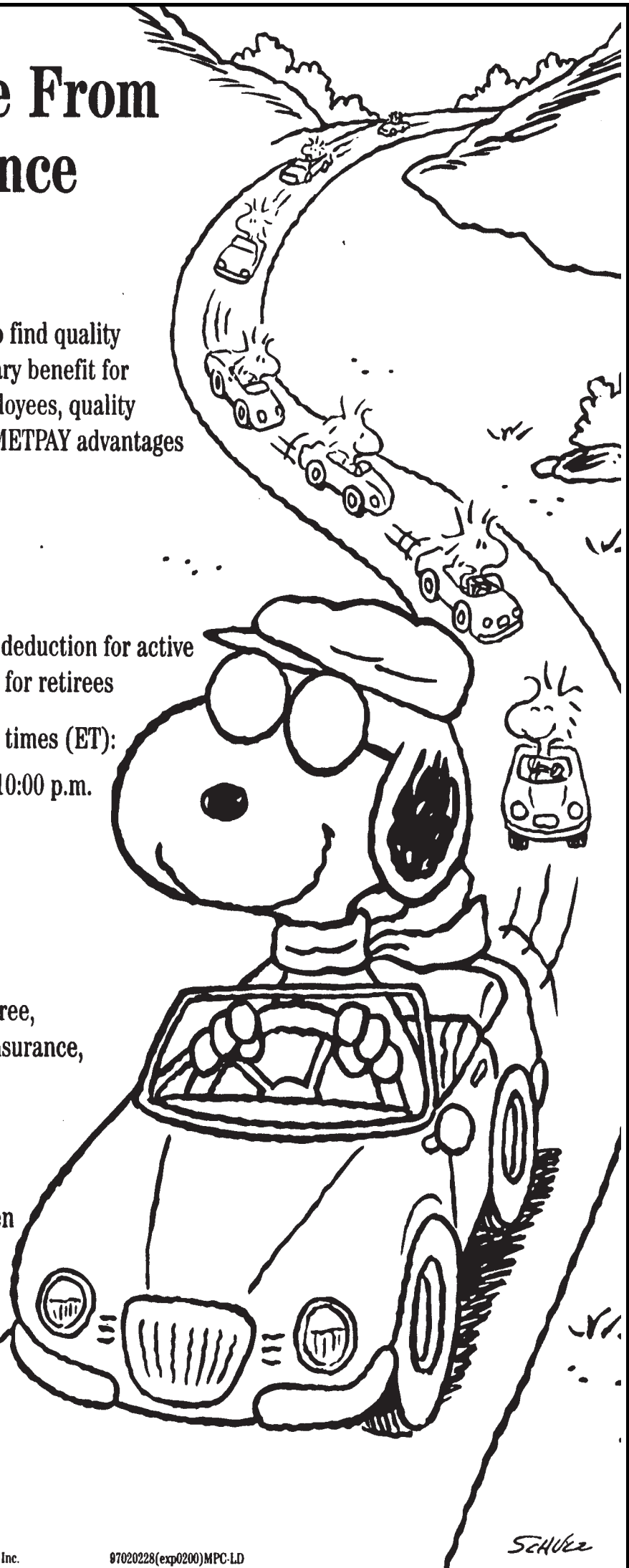


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