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## St. Joseph Junior High to move

◆ **Parents stunned:** Bishop made decision after city required costly improvements, including sprinkler system.

By MARK HAYWARD  
New Hampshire Union Leader

MANCHESTER — St. Joseph Regional Junior High School will move from its downtown location and open next September

two miles away in a portion of St. Anthony School, diocesan school officials told school parents yesterday.

Officials said they were forced into the move because the city had demanded a sprinkler system

be installed in the 86-year-old building. Along with a few other code requirements, the work would cost \$180,000.

Mary Moran, superintendent of diocesan schools, said pouring money into a building with a questionable lifespan would not be proper stewardship. She said 130 students have registered for St. Joseph next year, compared to the current enrollment of 167.

Moran addressed parents, faculty and St. Joseph alumni last night in the school auditorium.

Many expressed anger at the decision, which Moran said was made by Bishop John B. McCormack upon the recommendations of an advisory board and the diocesan School Board. Some said they first heard about it from their

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Many St. Joseph Regional Junior High School parents said they first learned the school was moving from their children yesterday afternoon.

Dean Kamen's transporter forms the basis for a new international partnership with General Motors

## SEGWAY for two

◆ **It starts in Shanghai:** Vehicle will make its debut at global expo.

By DENIS PAISTE  
New Hampshire Union Leader

BEDFORD — Segway joined General Motors on the stage in Shanghai today to unveil a two-passenger, Segway-powered vehicle that can drive itself, turn on a dime and communicate with others like it to avoid collisions.

Bedford-based Segway, along with partners GM and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. (SAIC), made the announcement this morning in preparation for the six-month-long Shanghai Expo, where the partners will be demonstrating the Segway-based EN-V electric vehicles 30 times a day.

The expo in the teeming Chinese metropolis of 14 million is expected to draw 70 million visitors. GM will have its own pavilion at the global exhibition. The pavilion opens May 1.

Segway's self-balancing, battery-powered drive train was invented by

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There's more online at **UNIONLEADER.COM**

► **Segway's two-seater:** Look for video links and more at **UnionLeader.com**.



Miao (Magic)

Xiao (Laugh)

Jiao (Pride)

GENERAL MOTORS PHOTOS

Three models of EN-V vehicles will be produced for the Chinese introduction..

### The partners and the product



There's a clear dividing line between the partners in the new EN-V vehicles.

**The body systems** were developed by General Motors. The two-seat, carbon-fiber passenger cabin opens from the front.

**The mobility platform** is developed by Segway. Because of the electric, self-balancing platform, all the power and drive mechanisms reside under a sliding base. That eliminates any need for a dashboard, steering wheel, gas pedal or other traditional automobile components.

General Motors will jointly manufacture vehicles with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp.

## Gregg heads GOP 'fix' for health care

◆ **Point man:** New Hampshire senator says Republican goal is to improve a "terrible" initiative.

By JOHN DISTASO  
Senior Political Reporter

Sen. Judd Gregg returned to his accustomed position in the Capitol Hill spotlight yesterday as the point man in a Republican effort to "fix" the \$938 billion health care reform program signed into law by President Barack Obama.

Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and Rep. Carol Shea-Porter attended the signing ceremony at the White House before the Senate began debating the reconciliation bill yesterday afternoon. Both lauded passage of the bill as a victory for tens of millions of uninsured Americans.

Rep. Paul Hodes, D-N.H., a candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by Gregg at the end of the year, stressed that health care reform will help small businesses because they will be eligible for a tax credit when

### More on health care

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## NH courts to take a 3-day furlough

◆ **Judges included:** Closing the 78 courts will mean rescheduling hearings, trials.

By DAN TUOHY  
New Hampshire Union Leader

CONCORD — It's now official: 841 employees of the state court system will lose three days of pay as the judiciary uses furloughs to cover a \$3.1 million budget cut.

The furlough, which the New Hampshire Supreme Court announced yesterday, includes nearly all of the 101 judges and marital masters. The 78 courts will close April 2, April 30 and May 28.

All hearings and trials on those days will be resched-

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### A Small Prayer

May we not chase the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, Lord, but chase You and Your heavenly blessings for our life. Amen

### Today's Chuckle

Previous generations referred to existence as a world of woes. Now it's moving so fast, people are referring to it as a world of "whoa!"

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### Ravens rev up

Standout Johannah Leedham and her Franklin Pierce teammates defeated Arkansas Tech in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight yesterday. ► Page D1

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### Teacher, teen: Same gym, same time

Londonderry High teacher Melinda Dennehy and the teen boy she is accused of sending nude pictures of herself to were at the same Hampstead gym last weekend. ► Page B2

### NH gun linked to Ala. shooting

A Troy gun shop owner believes his shop sold a gun in 1989 used in the fatal shooting of three people at an Alabama college. ► Page A3

### EDITORIAL

### Why wasn't contract bid out?

Kathy Sullivan writes on today's opinion page that Manchester could have received a better management

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### BUSINESS

### Northeast home sales up

Home sales in the Northeast rose in February as the economy showed signs of recovery, inspiring buyers. ► Page B4

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### Sun Belt migration cooling

Battered by recession, more older Americans are staying put in traditional big cities to hold onto jobs, slowing population growth at retirement destinations in the South and West. ► Page A5