Layoffs and drastic cuts follow McKernan's $150 million shortfall

Enduring Maine's budget crisis

By Andy Newman

When Democratic challenger Joe Brennan claimed on the gubernatorial campaign trail this fall that Maine's state budget was facing a $100 million shortfall, Governor John McKernan denied it. "I do not accept Joe Brennan's claims that our budget is going to have problems," McKernan told Casco Bay Weekly in October.

But three weeks after Mainers elected him, McKernan admitted the budget was worse than even Brennan had prophesied. Today, McKernan estimates that the cost of running the state of Maine this year will exceed the revenue the state generates by $150 million. And McKernan and state legislators are scrambling to make cuts in state services to close that gap.

Bitter lawmakers and voters have suggested that McKernan knew the budget was in trouble this fall but didn't want to lose votes. House Majority Whip Joe Mayo reportedly quipped he was going to put a bumper sticker on his car that read, "Don't blame me. I voted for Joe Brennan." Former Portland City Manager Tim Honey even called for Maine to adopt a law empowering citizens to recall governors, so Mainers could give McKernan the boot.

But beyond the predictable partisan brouhaha in Augusta, there are real human costs being exacted by the budget crisis. While punch clocks ticked away the last hours of 1990, the state was sending pink slips to 488 state employees. Hardest hit by the cuts were the Department of Human Services, which lost 178 positions, and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, which lost 88 positions.

The state does not lay off people by name but instead eliminates certain positions. And people who have been given pink slips but have seniority may move into positions held by newer workers, who then lose their jobs. The musical chairs scenario is known as "bumping."

"It's definitely a situation where we're made to be victims," said a Portland-based Department of Human Services worker who received a pink slip on Jan. 31. With 10 years' experience in his department, he expects to use his seniority to bump someone else out of a job. "It's an incredibly nasty process," he said, but added that he will do it nonetheless. State employees who do not exercise their right to bump other workers are not only out of a job, they also become ineligible to collect unemployment insurance.

News of the layoffs sent trepidation throughout the state's workforce since cuts affect not only the workers who get pink slips but a large segment of Maine's 14,000 workers who could potentially be bumped.

Weber who spoke to Casco Bay Weekly did not on the condition of anonymity. "I don't want my name in the newspaper," he said. "I want to stay out of the line of fire because the basics are being thrown in a terrific mental fashion," he said.

The human services worker's livelihood is helping people who are thrown curve balls by the system, but now he said he is being thrown a curve himself: "It is a very draining thing to be a party to."
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**Developer abandons swanky dinner theater plans for State Theater**

A developer who planned to turn the dilapidated State Theater into a swanky dinner theater has abandoned his plans after failing to line up investors.

Developer Richard Gaines of Casco said in a letter that he won’t be able to fulfill the obligations of his 20-year lease and is abandoning plans to renovate the dilapidated theater in downtown Portland.

Gaines said in his letter that out-of-state investors had withdrawn their financing for the project, and founder Kamp, who manages the building on Congress Street for his wife’s parents, Joseph and Tania Foulcart, announced last week that he would be selling the property.

Last April, Gaines announced his plans, including a restaurant, to refurbish the theater that opened in 1929. Kamp said the property was worth $1.5 million.

Kampf said the owners of the building still want to see the theater refurbished. He said he will pursue other options once the legalities of Gaines’ lease are settled.

**Gannett announces layoffs**

The Portland Press Herald, publisher of the Press Herald, Evening Express and Sunday Telegraph, announced Friday the elimination of 118 positions and the layoff of 117 full-time workers in a non-staffing move.

The cuts represent a workforce reduction of about 14 percent for the news organization, which has 800 full-time employees in the state. About half of the cuts are salaried and the remaining are hourly workers.

Local newspapers, in the Portland Press Herald, are being laid off, but the company said it will continue to publish the Press Herald.

Gannett will also reduce its staff and will no longer feature regular reports from Keos, Oxford or southern York counties.

General Manager Steven Brewer declined to say whether the newspapers are expected to make money in 1991 even with the cuts, but he said the company is working to increase ad sales.

The Portland Press Herald, a division of Gannett Publishing Co. of Portland, has experienced declining advertising revenue since 1989. Advertising income through October was down 16 percent, the company said.

**Maine grows 9.7 percent**

New census figures reveal the population of Maine increased 9.7 percent since 1980, to 1.2 million. The increase was behind the national increase of 13.2 percent which brought the nation’s population to 249.6 million people.

More specific information, including breakdowns of the population by race and age, will be released in March.

**Long Island’s first fatal fire kills two**

The first fatal fire in the history of Casco Bay’s Long Island occurred on Dec. 15, when two sisters were killed in a house fire.

According to Columbia, chief of the island’s volunteer fire department, Margaret T. Barnes, 9, and Mary C. Barnes, 6, "were probably dead even before we got the Department to the scene of the fire."

In the period of starting the fire, which was being investigated by the Portland Fire Department and the Maine State Fire Marshall, Clarke said the sisters were natives of Portland who had served longer than 10 years ago.

**Nuke protestors march at Maine Yankee**

On Dec. 20, more than 60 protestors held a march and rally at the Maine Yankee reactor plant in Wiscasset. The protestors reproached Maine Yankee for releasing unusually high amounts of radioactive gas. They blamed the highest release on July 12, when the plant was shut down for replacement of fuel rods.

But officials at the plant defended the amounts of radioactive gas released as the plant was within regulatory limits. They also said the fuel rods will not be replaced until December, when demand for electricity falls off and the plant can run on new production.

**One Bancorp to make late interest payment**

The One Bancorp, parent of Maine Commerce Bank, said Friday it will make a $1,000,000 interest payment in lieu of 6.89 million of its 7.12 percent convertible debentures.

Payment of the interest was suspended on Dec. 3, even though the financially troubled bank had enough cash to make the payment. At the time, President Vincent E. Fury said that the company had a 10-day grace period for making the payment and would be requesting its financial position and options in the Legislature.

**Gay rights bill back in Legislature**

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BUDGET CRISIS

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On Nov. 30, about three weeks after Maitres re-elected McKernan governor, he announced that there was a projected shortfall of $150 million in state revenues to cover state spending, and that employee layoffs were inevitable. Moreover, McKernan announced that the state needed $40 million to meet emergency needs including overtime pay to mental health institutions and prisons, as well as more funds for increased requests for assistance from low-income people.

McKernan said there was no way of predicting the shortfall before his Nov. 6 election, and named it an "unrecoverable burden.

He then asked department heads to submit plans to cut their budgets by 15 percent, in an effort to reduce state spending by $110 million a month during the seven months of the fiscal year. McKernan also proposed a 40 percent reduction in non-union employee retirement funds to avoid immediate cuts to the human services and mental health department. The proposed budget is comprised of the retirement money the state contributes to state employees and to teachers who are eligible for those benefits but who receive retirement money from the state. McKernan billed the loan as a way to minimize the impact of what otherwise would be 15 percent cuts throughout the state work force and programs.

But McKernan's proposal to lay off three funds was killed Dec. 21, in spite of public opposition. Majority Demo­crats, in a motion, argued that the retirement fund borrowing scheme was illegal and Republican spokespeople publicly opposed it. But rather than be recorded in favor of a plan facing certain downfalls following heated partisan debate, House and Senate Democrats pushed through a special order authorizing the Appropriations Committee to convene on Dec. 30 to review state finances, and empowering the committee to subpoena and swear in witnesses as it gathered information.

House Speaker John L. Martel, introducing the order and complimenting administration intriguers to get budget information, said Democrats wanted to know "the lies, smoke and mirrors, thieves, excusions."

The Department of Human Resources would cut 1,500 employees and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation proposed to lay off 84 people through fiscal year 1991. The Department of Social Security, Robert C. Ocampo, the commissioner of the department, warned that the cuts may prevent the department from making court-ordered improvements in service at Franklin Center in Portland and Augusta Mental Health Institute (AMHI), the state's largest mental health facility. The Department of Human Services would cut 1,200 families currently receiving AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), and reduce General Assistance grants to towns by $500,000. Human services would also eliminate services for up to 1,200 participants in ASPIR, McKernan's program that helps welfare recipients get education and training to find employment. The Medicaid program proposes to eliminate 1,360 recipients by increasing minimum income level requirements. Advocates for low-income Maineans fear the cuts will lead to more Maineans being homeless.

The Department of Corrections proposed to lay off 128 employees, including 19 in probation and parole. To meet the 15 percent cut, the department also would eliminate seven parole and probation officers and staff, and close three offices at the Maine Youth Center. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection would eliminate 25 positions, including the director of the department and two division heads in the Bureau of Solid Waste Management, which would be merged with the Bureau of Oil and Hazardous Materials.

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Cuts that bleed

University of Maine leaders told McKernan that a 15 percent cutback -- which translates to $11 million cut from the eight University of Maine campuses -- would be impossible to meet.

"Our situation is so desperate that even if we shut down every campus of the university, canceled every class, and laid off every employee, we could still not save the $11 million that would be required in the next six months," said David T. Marsano of Belfast, unsuccessfully challenged the timing of the order's introduction and likened it to a "natural disaster.

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"I have no respect for McKernan because he's shown us no respect... he hid our financial problems for his own personal gain in his re-election campaign."

USM student Andrew LeVaque

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Andrew Newcomb worked as a facade state employee in the State House for over seven months before his dismissal. Research for this story was contributed by Randy Wilson and the Portland Press.
NEW IDEAS FOR A NEW YEAR

Ideas are the seeds of tomorrow. But new ideas are hard to find. New Year’s is a good time for new notions, for new ideas. And so, for the third year in a row, canoe Bay Weekly’s newsroom staff has compiled a list of ideas that you and the area are worth considering. Please write and tell us what you think—and perhaps even share your new ideas.

I think a recreational program will bring people from all over the city to Deering Oaks.

David Turner

New Idea: A summer recreation program for Deering Oaks

As a member of both the Parkside Neighborhood Association and the Friends of the Parks Commission, David Turner is one of Portland’s most vocal advocates for Deering Oaks Park. Turner wants the City of Portland to implement a summer recreation program at Deering Oaks. He thinks that more people would use the park if sports equipment like tennis racks, baseball gloves and bats, horsetoys and fitness were available at the park to rent or borrow. The program would be run by volunteers, and a list of people who care about the park enough to speak up for maintenance and services there. Turner says, and with a recreational supervisor heading out equipment and supervising activities, working parents would have a place to send the kids when school’s out for the summer.

Are fewer people using Deering Oaks now than in the past?

Yes, and one employment people don’t use the park may be they just don’t have access to sports equipment.

How simple it would be if you could go down to the park and find basketball, baseball, soccer balls, ping pong tables, rowboat, skateboard, frisbee and other equipment. A recreational supervisor can be a way to set up recreation programs and to keep the park used for its proper purpose.

Deering Oaks has earned a reputation as a place where gay men cruise for quick sex. Do you think that is one of the parks that is not proper?

People using sex for recreation is not an appropriate use for the park. There are not a lot of people involved in any particular time, but the use of sex would make the activity become the majority of the park. If you had a lot of people playing games and going to concerts and people walking through the park, people who are looking for a sexual activity will be discouraged. Other users and visitors would wonder about the park that isn’t parkwalk.

Have you pitched this idea to city officials?

Yes. It failed last year and it was rejected by Larry Mount, who is the city’s superintendent of parks. It was a way to bring more people into the park, that kind of a mixing of people. City officials were afraid of the facts and had to send it back to the park to park. The program wasn’t all that successful because it was a success to accomplish those goals.

Penny Carson

New Idea: Elect a strong mayor for Portland

Penny Carson is a downtown housewife. In addition to her official role as manager of the numerous buildings her family owns in Portland, she is a former Cape Elizabeth town councilor, a former president of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce. Carson is a former president of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce. She said during the panel discussion that concluded Portland Landmarks’ most recent lecture series, she suggested that perhaps it was time for Portland to consider electing a mayor. (Presently, the Portland City Council appoints a councilor to serve as mayor for a one-year term.)

The idea has some much discussion — even though it already has no shortage of candidates. Carson said that as soon as the panel discussion was over, several people pushed forward to volunteer to be Portland’s first elected mayor.

Why elect a mayor?

Do you think the position is strong enough to fill the role? The mayors are going to be in charge, in a certain sense, of the city’s finances. A mayor with a strong term would have the opportunity to take on some goals and to spend three years or more thinking about the city’s future. The mayor would have to be a combination of the mayor on the council.

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Speaking of other councils, do you think a strong mayor could improve governance?

That's a good question. I'm not sure. I generally feel a strong mayor is too much control. But it depends on how much control the mayor has, how much the mayor has the ability to take a regional approach to issues.

When you were on the Cape Elizabeth Town Council, did you consider yourself competing with Portland?

No. The needs of the suburban communities are different from the needs of the core city. But not everyone understands that. Portland was always very supportive of the suburbs, but not to the extent that it should be. South Portland has been to get out of town of all of their projects. They have, I believe, not to see their projects as part of the whole. But Portland can't survive alone.:

Dave Davis is Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern Maine (USM). He has been part of the commission on Graduate Education at the University of Southern Maine (USM). Established in 1990 by state law, the commission's mandate is "to consider the future of graduate education in Maine and establish guidelines for its development." The commission's work was completed in 1994, and its final report, "The Future of Graduate Education in Maine: A Vision for the 21st Century," was released in 1995.

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How far will development be set back by the current fiscal crisis in higher education?

That's a tough one to call. It doesn't help that we have a lot of people in the arts who have been laid off. It's been a difficult time in the arts world.

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A coward or a fool?

The time to slash our state budget is here. Let’s begin by no longer paying our Governor more than $100,000 a year. Last October, Candidate McKernan looked us straight in the eye and said he did “not accept Joe Brennan’s claim that our budget is going to have a problem.” Only a month later, Governor McKernan admitted that a lot of money was missing. By New Year’s he was tossing around pink slips like so much confetti. How could a sitting governor not have known? He was not a marginal error—Jock’s budget is shot by an immediate $150 million and another $750 million over the next two years. Nearly every tax and revenue projection has fallen short. And even if the numbers alone did not suggest trouble in budget city, there was Joe Brennan, who spent his summer telling us the state would wind up more than $100 million in the red. Are we to believe that not once during the entire campaign did McKernan pull one of his financial advisors aside and ask, “How does Joe figure we’re going to be $100 million in the hole?”

If Governor McKernan knew his budget was doomed, then he is a coward who lied so that he could keep his job — even as he had to fire hundreds of state workers. And if he had no idea of the trouble ahead, as he insists, then he is a fool. Either way, he’s not worth the money we’re paying him. Since this is the time to trim expenses, let’s start with Jock. We’re already picking up his room and board in the Blaine House, and his wife Olympia earns a healthy six-figure paycheck. We could cut Governor McKernan’s salary to a $1 a year and he’d still live better than the 48 state workers he fired this week.

The road to victory is Route 302

By Dinkin Maurice Kroll

Route 302 may be the most important political map in Maine this year. The 15-mile stretch from Fryeburg to Kennebunkport is the line that separates the two parties in the race for the U.S. Senate. And it is one that Democrats are hoping to extend all the way to the statehouse in Augusta.

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**Clubs**

**Thursday, 3**

*The Movies* at Exchange St., Portland

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**Dancing**

*The Tonight Show* at New York, New York

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**Concerts**

*The Tonight Show* at New York, New York

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**Future Events**

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- **Tuesday, 6**
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- **Wednesday, 7**
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- **Thursday, 8**
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- **Saturday, 10**
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**Active Culture**

**Civil War Museum**

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**Dining**

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**Future Events**

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Island Collaboration is a collaborative project between New York-based artists and Portland-based artists. The project is being held at the Maine College of Art from January 12 to February 16. The exhibition features works by New York-based artists such as David Brecker and Portland-based artists such as Cheryl Raymond. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the Maine College of Art website.
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