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Washington reacts to Grasso

By LISA SHEPARD
Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — From both sides of the political fence came an outpouring of high praise and prayers Thursday from friends and Washington colleagues over the news of Gov. Ella Grasso's resignation at the end of the year.
Grasso, who has liver cancer, announced yesterday that for health reasons she would step down from the post she has held for six years and turn the reigns over to Lt. Gov. William O'Neill.
"Connecticut politics will never be the same again without my dear friend Ella's active participation,"

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said Rep. Robert Giomo, a North Haven Democrat and senior member of the Connecticut delegation in the House.
"I know how difficult it must have been for Ella to make the decision to give up the rigors and responsibilities of public life, particularly when she knows that she still can and would accomplish much. It is time she looks out for herself, however,"

said Giomo.
President Carter, who depended heavily on Grasso's early support for him in 1976 and on her loyalty and hard work in the recent campaign said of the governor, "In her quarter-century of public service to the people of Connecticut and the nation, Ella Grasso has demonstrated and fulfilled the great potential of Democratic government — integrity,

compassion and responsibility.
"As state legislator, Connecticut secretary of state, member of Congress and for six years as governor, Ella Grasso has fought to improve the lives of those most vulnerable in our society," said Carter.

From the other party and a man who might well run for governor in 1982, Connecticut Republican Sen. Lowell Weicker said, "I have always been proud of Ella Grasso as governor of Connecticut. Dropping that title makes me nonetheless proud of her as a person. She'll win any race she's in."

Weicker's counterpart, Democratic Sen. Abraham Ribicoff,

who is traveling in Germany said this of Grasso when his aides contacted him about her resignation, "She is a great governor and an outstanding human being. The people of Connecticut will miss her leadership. Our hopes and prayers are with Ella Grasso today."

Rep. William Cotter, (D-Hartford), a longtime friend of Grasso's said she would be sorely missed but that he had confidence in O'Neill, who Cotter says is "eminently qualified" for the job.

Rep. Stewart McKinney, a Fairfield Republican, expressed his grief over the circumstances surrounding Grasso's resignation yesterday. "She has been an extraordinarily good

governor and to me an especially good friend. Connecticut and its people have always been first in her heart but today more than ever before, she is first in ours."

A spokesman for the National Governors Association, in which Grasso has been an active member, when asked if Grasso had an enemies in the organization, he said, "Enemies? I don't know of any. She was a very popular governor."

Grasso, the first woman to be elected governor in her own right, worked long and hard to win the respect and affection of almost all of Connecticut's politicians.



Officials inspect room in conference center adjacent to the Stouffer's Inn of Westchester in Harrison, N.Y., Thursday, after a fire ripped through the room, killing 26 persons. (UPI photo)

29 die in hotel fire

HARRISON, N.Y. (UPI) — A flash fire so intense it melted walls and incinerated ceilings in a hotel conference center killed 26 people, most of them corporate executives whose bodies were found piled up near doors of the charred meeting rooms.
The blaze, which broke out Thursday morning at Stouffer's Inn in Harrison, exploded through the conference rooms while businessmen ripped down draperies to cover their faces, smashed plate glass windows and jumped to the ground 35 feet below.
At least 24 people were injured, nine seriously.

Gov. Hugh Carey will ask state fire authorities to review the adequacy of fire codes covering conference centers, beginning with conditions at Stouffer's Inn, a spokesman said today.
Officials said they still had not determined the cause of the blaze, although they believe it was touched off by an electrical malfunction during a demonstration of electronic equipment by Arrow Electronics Inc. of Greenwich, Conn.

Purchase Fire Chief Robert Makowski said chemicals and plastics inside the equipment contributed to the spread of the fire.
The company, which had begun what was to have been a red-letter day for the firm by announcing a 2-for-1 stock split, denied their equipment either caused or contributed to the fire.

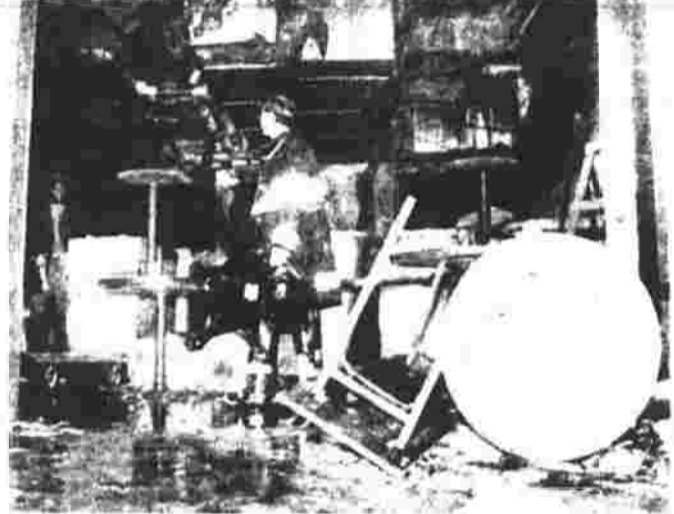
Arrow officials said 13 of its executives, including its chairman, B. Duke Glenn Jr., 44, and executive vice president Roger Green, 42, were unaccounted for Thursday night.
Nestle Co. reported 11 of its executives had not been seen since they went to a meeting at the hotel center.

Executives of several other firms, including International Business Machine Corp., PepsiCo and General Foods Corp. also were meeting at the hotel when the fire broke out.

The bodies of the victims, some found huddled against doors that failed to open, were so badly burned authorities said they would not be able to identify them until today.

The blaze at Stouffer's Inn, which was erected three years ago in an area of Westchester County dotted with corporate headquarters that have relocated from New York City during the past 20 years, was the worst in the county's history.

Nothing that would burn escaped incineration. Only concrete and



Firefighters inspect fire-charred interior of hotel conference room — packed with business executives — where an explosion and a flash fire erupted Thursday. Officials said more than two dozen persons died in the incident at the 365-room Stouffer's Inn of Westchester, 20 miles northeast of New York City. (UPI photo)

State firm involved

GREENWICH (UPI) — Arrow Electronics Inc., some of whose directors were victims of Thursday's flash fire at the Stouffer's Inn in Harrison, N.Y., is a distributor of electronic and electrical components.
The company and its subsidiaries mainly distribute parts such as semi-conductors — including integrated circuits — wire and cable, regulators and transformers, resistors, capacitors, motor controls, connectors and fuses sold to industrial and other customers.

Schuykill Metals Corp., wholly owned by Arrow, smelts and refines lead and lead alloys for use by chemical and battery manufacturers.
The company's net sales in calendar 1979 totaled \$263.7 million.

steel could be seen in the rooms as detectives drew circles around the location of the 26 corpses firefighters had discovered as they broke through walls to get to the inferno.

"This was a room full of bodies," a county fire investigator said as he toured a windowless room where 12 of the victims were discovered.

Five bodies were found next to an exit that had been bolted to protect an artificial Christmas tree that stood on the other side.

Five other bodies were found in a closet the victims had apparently mistaken for an exit route.

The possibility of escape — between the second the fire ignited and the time the building was engulfed in flame, was a matter of "moments," the fire chief said.

Many of those who did manage to escape credited 25-year-old Ann Vogt of New Rochelle with helping them find their way through the smoke and flames. They said Miss

Vogt shouted "get out of here" as soon as the fire began, then led the way to an exit about 50 yards away and down a flight of stairs.

"It was terrible," said Miss Vogt, who is a research chemist for Schwartz Services in Mount Vernon. "It was like a stampede."

County Police Commissioner Thomas Delaney said there was no evidence of arson, or that hotel employees had failed to follow proper evacuation procedures.

Thomas Goodrum, 35, of Danbury, assistant accounting manager for General Foods and a father of two, said he and 10 colleagues escaped the choking smoke by smashing a window with a conference table and leaping to the ground.

Goodrum caught some of his co-workers after he jumped and was hailed as a hero.

"It wasn't ... time to die," he said later from his hospital bed. "God was watching over us."

The economy Wholesale prices climb...

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Prices at the wholesale level continued to climb last month, but the unemployment rate remained about the same, the government reported today.

The Producer Price Index posted a 0.6 percent gain, slightly below its October increase. At the same time, the unemployment rate dropped a marginal 0.1 percent to 7.5 percent of the national work force.

But private and government economists warned that the moderate changes recorded in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index and unemployment statistics for November probably will not be repeated soon. They predicted inflation will surge in coming months as food and energy prices accelerate.

And, they warned, unemployment is expected to reach 8 percent early next year as the work age population

expands and the jobless who have stopped looking for work — known as discouraged workers — resume their job hunting in the new year.

The Labor Department said today the Producer Price Index for finished goods — products on the wholesale level — rose 0.6 percent in November on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a 0.8 percent increase in October. Prices were 11.9 percent higher than a year ago.

Higher wholesale prices generally mean higher retail prices later.
The department attributed the slowed increase in the CPI to smaller rises in the prices of cars and a broad range of business equipment. Consumer food prices rose 0.5 percent over the month, the same as in October.

Energy prices rose 1.3 percent last month after declining in most

months since last spring.

The Producer Price Index now stands at 253.2 which means goods that cost \$100 to produce in 1967 now cost \$53.20.

The index for intermediate and crude products, which indicate future price trends at the retail level, also rose in November.

The index for intermediate goods rose 1.1 percent in November, following a 0.9 percent increase the previous month, and the index for crude goods rose 1.1 percent in November, less than the 1.9 percent increase posted in October.

In a separate report, the Labor Department said unemployment declined lightly to 7.5 percent in November, with only teen-agers reflecting a higher rate than the previous month.

...Employment stabilizing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The unemployment rate declined slightly to 7.5 percent in November, with only teen-agers reflecting a higher rate than the previous month, the Labor Department reported today.

The latest survey by the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics was 0.1 percentage points below October's 7.6 percent rate, reverting back to the same level as in September.

The index has shown little movement since August, when it dropped from July's high of 7.8 percent.

It showed a total of 7.9 million individuals out of work during November. Despite the levelling off,

the number of jobless was 1.7 million higher than a year ago.

Total employment was up 220,000 — due mostly to gains by adult women — to 97.4 million.

Among major groups, only teen-agers increased in the jobless rate, climbing 0.3 percentage points to 18.7 percent.

The jump in teen-age unemployment came on the heels of nearly a full percentage point increase last month.

However, the rate for blacks and other minorities, aged 16-19, continued to decline, decreasing 1.5 percentage points to 36.3 percent.

There was slight improvement in

manufacturing, with the unemployment rate declining half a percentage point to 8.8 percent, but construction rose slightly to 14.7 percent, ending a two-month decline.

The largest gain was made by Hispanic workers, whose rate dropped 0.8 percentage points to 10.1 percent. Blacks and other minorities also showed improvement, dropping 0.3 percentage points to 14 percent.

Three categories reflected the same 0.1 percentage point drop as the overall rate, adult men, to 6.3 percent; adult women, to 6.7 percent; and white workers, to 6.6 percent.

Lannan blames union

By MARTIN KEARNS
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — Police Chief Robert Lannan today said he hopes to hire additional patrol officers by mid-January but said a union grievance has stalled staff promotions.

Lannan's remarks came in the wake of union charges that the police force is understaffed and that morale has sunk. In a letter sent Wednesday to town directors, Edward J. Tighe, police union president, said the chief has ignored the department's needs.

"There are situations of staffing that concern me but given the realities of budget, what can you do?" Lannan said.

In a new development, Lannan said a union grievance challenging the department's merit system has frozen promotions. Lannan declined to be specific but said the entire process would be stopped until the grievance is resolved.

Lannan also questioned reports of low morale, saying that aside from normal disappointments, he has not perceived any problems.

Given the department's investigation of the October firebombing of a black family's home, Lannan speculated morale is at a high. "These men stay until they are made to go home, to the point of fatigue," Lannan said.

By year's end, Lannan said he expects to have a list of candidates for entry-level positions. He said he

would review the list with town officials and then begin exams for the new officers. Although he expects to hire new staff, Lannan said the exact number would be determined after a budget review.

"Managing a budget is a tightrope walk. Some nights I don't sleep well but that's my job," Lannan said. In addition to inflation, he said initial budget cuts limited expenditures.

Tighe has said the police department is short 12 officers, and that Lannan and Robert Weiss, town general manager, have not filled the vacancies to save money. Instead Tighe said, the administration has authorized about \$10,000 in overtime.

Weiss met this morning with Lannan and Detective Cap. Joseph Brooks before the meeting. Weiss would not comment on the talks, saying only that he has routine meetings with the chief.

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Words of praise

Residents in the "Little Italy" section of Hartford use one of Gov. Ella Grasso's favorite words, "coraggio," in expressing their feelings about the ailing state leader. Politicians throughout New England and in the halls of Congress express sorrow for Grasso's illness. Page 2.

In sports

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Reading program

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Union challenge

HARTFORD (UPI) — An employee of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has refused to testify at a hearing on the union's bid to overturn results of a representation election for state employees.

Elizabeth Kuehnell, an AFSCME field representative, took the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination under questioning Thursday before the state Board of Labor Relations.

Ms. Kuehnell was asked what her role has been in union campaigns.

AFSCME, claiming election campaign misconduct, has challenged the results of a Nov. 26 election in which it was defeated by the American Federation of Teachers in a bid to represent 2,500 administrative state employees.

However, Robert Jensen, AFT's campaign coordinator, said AFSCME's challenge was "only serving to delay bargaining for a new contract and to further out-rage state employees who are already disturbed at the length of this extended election process."

The result of the election will not be overturned by AFSCME nor will they stop the benefits of AFT representation, said Jensen.

The hearing was to continue today.

Deans vote

HARTFORD (UPI) — The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has won the right to represent administrators at five Connecticut technical colleges.

The election marked the first time that deans at state colleges have unionized, Harry Fishman, a representative of AFSCME Council 4, said Thursday.

The union also will represent assistant deans and registrars at the Greater New Haven, Norwalk, Waterbury, Hartford and Thames Valley state technical colleges.

Professors at the schools are represented by the American Federation of Teachers.

Bank holdup

NEW BRITAIN (UPI) — Police today investigated a holdup at a branch of the New Britain National Bank in which two men wearing ski masks and carrying handguns escaped with two money bags.

One bandit pointed a gun at 17 customers and ordered

Pepoetalk

Matter of taste

What could be more erotic than a nude dentist in his natural habitat. That's what you may find in Playgirl magazine. Last year Playgirl did a spread on nude Texas cads. Now Playgirl plans a spread on nude Texas dentists. Preliminary auditions will be Saturday in Dallas. Photographer Allison Morley, who says "men are really a lot shyer about this kind of thing than women," wants to make the men as comfortable as possible. In order to put the men in photographs in their natural habitats, she added, "We know we'll get actors and models. But we want all other occupations, too — lawyers, construction workers, accountants, insurance salesmen, teachers dentists." All, apparently, in their natural habitats.

Young JFK

John F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late president, is showing signs of political interest. His new frontier, however, is South Africa. Kennedy, a sophomore at Brown University in Providence, R.I., spent time in South Africa last summer working for a mining company. "South Africa appears on the surface to be a very placid country," Kennedy said. "In the cities you wouldn't know there was any problem, and while you're there, you're amazed at how convincing their arguments for apartheid are. He added that a trip into the hinterlands presents a different picture. He and classmate Randall Poster have formed SAGE, the South African Group of Education, and lined up a lecture series on South Africa that will bring former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young among others, to the campus.

Big Mac Commemorative?

Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr., R-Calif., has a way to cancel the U.S. Postal Service debt. He wants to sell advertising space on postage stamps. Goldwater, son of the Arizona senator, told the Sacramento Bee under his proposal companies such as Coca-Cola, Ford or McDonald's could get their corporate name or symbol on a stamp at 20 cents per stamp. He estimates resulting revenue for the Postal Service could run up to \$1.2 billion a year. "The idea just came out of my head," he said. "It came to me while I was taking a shower. That's when I do my best thinking."

Quote of the day

Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman who jumped from a Soviet fishing trawler to a U.S. Coast Guard boat in a leap to freedom a decade ago, now is an American citizen. He was acquitted this week of charges stemming from a protest in front of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, and he compared the Russian and U.S. justice systems. "It is so unbelievably different, it is different like day and night. The Soviet Union may be a union for some, but for us it is chains."

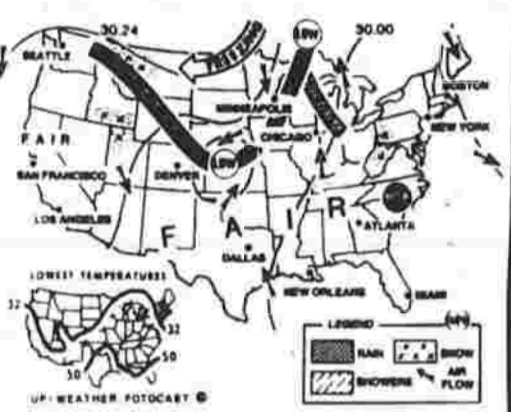
Glimpses

George C. Scott will host three new Hallmark Hall of Fame productions on PBS in 1981 — one on Abraham Lincoln, one based on the correspondence between George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, and the third a menagerie study of baseball's Casey Stengel. Goldie Hawn will make a sequel to "Goldie and the Boxer" — "Goldie and the Boxer Go To Hollywood," again with O.J. Simpson and Melina Mercouri. Pat Boone and Don Kirshner will co-host the 10th annual National Easter Seal Telethon in March, with Marvin Hamlisch hosting the national segments out of New York.

Lottery numbers

Numbers drawn Thursday:

Vermont 662
Conn. daily 715
Conn. weekly 16,000,204734 blue
Maine daily 292
Maine weekly 81815
New Hampshire 6422
Rhode Island 050
Massachusetts 7254



For period ending 7 a.m. EST 12/4/80. With the exception of some snow or flurries over parts of the Rockies and central Appalachians, generally fair weather is forecast for the major part of the nation during Friday night. Minimum temperatures include: approx. max readings in parentheses Atlanta 42 (66), Boston 19 (40), Chicago 40 (54), Cleveland 39 (50), Dallas 52 (73), Denver 24 (47), Duluth 28 (39), Houston 56 (72), Jacksonville 55 (71), Kansas City 41 (60), Little Rock 49 (68), Los Angeles 49 (61), Miami 62 (76), Minneapolis 32 (40), New Orleans 51 (75), New York 30 (42), Phoenix 41 (65), San Francisco 49 (55), Seattle 28 (39), St. Louis 46 (67), Washington 37 (52).

Weather forecast

Mostly sunny, windy and cold today. Highs 35 to 40, 4 C. Clear, cold today. Lows in the upper teens to low 20s. Saturday mostly sunny. Highs 40 to 45. Probability of precipitation near zero percent through Saturday. Northwest wind 10 to 25 mph and gusty today. Northwest 10 to 30 mph tonight and Saturday.

Extended outlook

BOSTON (UPI) — Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday:

Mass. H.I. & C.M. Fair weather Sunday. A chance of showers Monday and Tuesday. Milder Sunday and Monday with high generally in the 50s. Colder again Tuesday with high in the 40s. Lows mostly in the 30s.

VERMONT Fairly clear Sunday. Chance of showers Monday changing to a little snow before Tuesday. Highs mainly 40s Sunday, and Monday dropping to 30s Tuesday. Lows 25 to 35 Sunday and Monday, upper teens to mid 20s Tuesday.

MAINE and **NEW HAMPSHIRE** Chance of light snow or rain by late Sunday. Chance of showers or flurries Monday. Fair north and clearing south Tuesday. Highs in the 30s, low 40s north and 40s to low 50s south Sunday and Monday cooling to near 30 north and to near 40 south Tuesday. Lows near 20 north to near 30 south.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Friday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 1980 with 26 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its new phase.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius.

American movie maker Walt Disney was born Dec. 5, 1901. Eighth U.S. President Martin Van Buren was born on this date in 1782.

On this date in history:

In 1779, the first scholar fraternity in America — Phi Beta Kappa — was organized at William & Mary College in Virginia.

In 1848, President James Polk confirmed the discovery of gold in California, leading to the famed "Gold Rush" of 1849 and 1850.

In 1933, liquor prohibition was abolished when Utah became the 30th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1955, one of the first civil rights movements began as blacks started a boycott of city buses in Montgomery, Ala., demanding seating on an equal basis with white passengers.

A thought for the day: American poet Paul Engle said, "Wisdom is knowing when you can't be wise."

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Demos envision party fight

HARTFORD (UPI) — Once the Election Day clamor faded last month, politicians looked toward Connecticut's 1982 gubernatorial race and saw a probable struggle in the Democratic Party.

Gov. Ella Grasso's announcement Thursday she would resign Dec. 31 all but guaranteed a major party fight for the nomination. She had left open the chance of seeking a third term just a few weeks ago.

Now, Lt. Gov. William O'Neill is almost certain to run from the con-

text to lie on the bank floor while the other vaulted a counter and grabbed the money bags shortly before noon Thursday.

One customer bruised her elbow when she was pushed to the floor but there were no other injuries, police said.

The two fled in a late-model silver Ford Granada driven by a third man.

The amount of money stolen from the Newington Avenue branch was undetermined.

Saving energy

HARTFORD (UPI) — State officials have unveiled a \$90,000 program to teach Connecticut residents, particularly those in poor inner-city neighborhoods, how to save oil, gas and electricity this winter.

The focus will be on newspaper and broadcast advertisements outlining "lowest-cost kind of things" to save energy, Bruce Wilbur, program coordinator for the state Energy Division, told a news conference Thursday.

Division Director Thomas H. Fitzpatrick said the program hoped to reach more than one million people, focusing on inner-city residents. "The population with

which we have been less successful," he said.

The program is a continuation of one started three years ago with money from the federal government.

Auditors report

HARTFORD (UPI) — An auditors' report recommends the Office of Policy and Management approve out-of-state trips instead of the state comptroller.

"We are unable to determine any meaningful purpose for the central approving authority as it is presently conducted in the office of the state comptroller," said the report Thursday by auditors Leo V. Donohue and Henry J. Becker Jr.

The report said there wasn't "much incentive" for the comptroller or his subordinates to closely monitor travel arrangements once a trip was approved.

State Comptroller J. Edward Caldwell reacted to the report by saying his intention to approve trips was to "reap them in the neck. A lot of people hate us because we reject them. We tell them pretty often, 'No,'" he said.

Hartford's 'Little Italy' shouts 'coraggio' to Ella

HARTFORD (UPI) — Ella Grasso used the Italian word "coraggio" to cheer people on when the going got tough. When she announced her resignation Thursday, there was one word for her in Hartford's "Little Italy," and it was the same one: "Coraggio!"

"I feel sorry, she's got the sickness but she's been a hell of a governor," Tom Gulino at Jimmie's Package Store on Franklin Avenue said between customers. Mrs. Grasso is suffering from liver cancer.

"There's nothing to say about this woman. She's done her job as good as anybody — the blizzard that time (1978). The best thing she ever done was close the highways, clean them up and get us back in operation. She has to have courage!"

"To some, her resignation didn't come as a real surprise.

"When you have cancer, what's the first thing that comes into your mind," one woman said at the Franklin Giant Griner.

"Let her enjoy the time she's got," another said.

"That's right. All the headaches over there."

"I voted for her."

"God bless her."

Sebastian Dignotti said in his grocery store he had the feeling all day "she was in trouble because my mother was sick with cancer, too. It's only a matter of time. You know in the back of your mind and you don't want to think things like that — I don't know why. It just comes natural. I guess you hate to think for the worst. It's tough. I hope she bears up."

Frank J. Lombardo at Lombardo's agreed the governor has the practice what she has preached and didn't doubt she wouldn't. "She's as

"He's going to have to," said Joe Vannie, a customer. "Joe Vannie's going to be lieutenant governor."

"The tornado, she did a good job with that," Vannie said.

"Of course. I think that's her hometown, isn't it?"

"It is."

"She's going to be missed. She's suffered enough. You could see it."

"As a matter of fact, I met her here several years ago when she was running her headquarters was right across the street. She came in with Joe Fusillo. Joe came in and said, 'Mike, I want you to meet Mrs. Grasso. She was very friendly. I wish her well,' he said."

Charles Puglisi of Volare Travel said he was impressed with Mrs. Grasso's term of office because "she kept her word. She said she'd never accept a state income tax and she held that line," a sentiment repeated by Tom Bartolotta of Rocky Hill.

"It's one of the things I liked about her. I'm sorry about her illness. It's tough. She's got to have heart!"

Grasso included in prayers of area, federal politicians

By United Press International

The message to Connecticut Gov. Ella Grasso from New England's statehouses and the halls of Congress was the same — sorrow she was resigning and hope and pray she'd win her battle with liver cancer.

"I hope, as do all New Yorkers, that in putting aside her public office, she can devote her full attention to the restoration of her health," he said.

"My hopes and prayers for a complete recovery are with Mrs. Grasso and her family at this difficult time," said Maine Gov. Joseph E. Brennan, successor to James Longley, who died of cancer Aug. 16 two years after leaving office.

In Washington, President Carter led a list of elected officials giving praise to Mrs. Grasso and wishing her a speedy recovery.

"In her quarter century of public service to the people of Connecticut and the nation, Ella Grasso has demonstrated and fulfilled the great potential of democratic government — integrity, compassion and responsibility," Carter said in a statement.

"I have valued her hard work and support during my own period of national service. I will continue to treasure her as a friend. Governor Grasso, the gratitude and prayers of all of us go with you," the president added.

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., who resigned as governor in 1961 to take a Cabinet post, described Mrs. Grasso as "a great governor and an outstanding human being."

Ribicoff, who is retiring after three Senate terms, received news of the resignation in West Germany where

Manchester Flextime gives workers choice of time on job

By LAUREN DAVIS SHEA
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — Its proponents think it's "the greatest thing since sliced bread" while the worst its critics can say is that they're "neutral."

"Flextime" is the relatively new business concept which has generated those responses. Philip Fierro, assistant director of employee relations for Aetna Life and Casualty Company, described his firm's experiences with it.

Speaking Thursday at the Community Services Council meeting, Fierro defined flextime as, "an employee's ability to set his own hours, within limits." While Fierro outlined many benefits to the program he admitted, "It is difficult to quantify in dollars and cents."

Fierro started 10 years ago in Europe. Fierro said the idea of setting hours for the individual's benefit, rather than the employer's benefit, developed because workers began to question assumptions.

"Our linear lifeline says we should spend time learning, then time earning, and finally time relaxing. Actually, people like to do all these things at once. Flextime provides people with more options," Fierro said.

The idea is mistakenly understood as a way to cut down work hours. Actually, employees work the same number of hours each week. It is just divided more to their liking.

"For example, an employer will set 'core hours' where every staff member must be working. At the In-Chance company, this is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then, employees can choose the hours from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. so they come up with a total eight hour workday.

Staggered hours, a "half step" toward flextime, is what the Aetna uses. Under it, employees pick ahead of time what their hours will be, and must stick to those hours for a minimum of one month. Flextime allows change every day.

He said in 1977, when Aetna introduced the concept, the tradition resistance to change occurred. He said in firms where the employees work independently, flextime is more easily integrated than in blue collar work, where there is much interdependence on fellow workers.

From a management viewpoint, flextime cuts down on absenteeism and tardiness, Fierro said. Persons who are constantly tardy because they have a hard time waking up in the morning although the company opens at 8 a.m., can begin work at 9 a.m. and will show up on time more often.

Fierro said usually, an employee who awakens late, knows he isn't going to get into work on time, and knows he'll be fired if he shows up late again, will call in sick.

Thus, Fierro said the flextime option decreases these fake sickness calls, thereby increasing attendance.

Fierro said flextime also aids in recruitment of employees on college campuses, because students are accustomed to setting their own schedules. He said its influence in recruiting high school graduates is minimal.

The business disadvantages are that flextime costs more money. Where once a company used its utilities from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., under flextime, utilities are used from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flextime can also cause anxiety if the supervisor is a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. man, and the employees are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. people. It takes better

Manchester Flextime gives workers choice of time on job

organization to remember to accomplish all necessary communication during the core hours.

Fierro said the individual advantages are "obvious for two income families with children." He said additionally, persons who go crazy commuting during peak hours can determine work hours when traffic isn't as heavy. "That way, people arrive at the office in a better frame of mind."

Another plus is that flextime eliminates some of the tension employees feel toward management. "Before, the management perk was being able to come in whenever you wanted. Now, everybody has the perk. Employees love getting away from the "punching a clock" thing," Fierro said.

Commenting on the presentation, Town Hall Director Alice Turk said she views flextime as a "health promoter" and expressed the hope that it would spread, from what Fierro said is the relatively small numbers of companies now using it.

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Adding to the festivities will be a tree trimming and seasonal music provided by the Martha White Singers.

Those attending are asked to bring an ornament to brighten this holiday season and seasons to come.

For information or reservations call the chamber office at 646-2223.

Cheney panel praises plan

MANCHESTER — Some Manchester renovation projects, planned or in progress, drew praise Thursday at the meeting of the Cheney Historic District Commission.

Manchester State Bank President Nathan Agostinelli threw the first bouquet, at another bank, Heritage Savings and Loan Association, when he lauded the plan to restore the House and Her building and convert it to condominium offices.

That set in motion mention of several other renovations, the Chamber of Commerce renovation of the old Frank Cheney house on Hartford Road when open house will be held Sunday, for one.

Another mentioned was the restoration of the Bon Ami Building on Hilliard Street by the Train Exchange.

Commission chairman William

Stop signs come down

MANCHESTER — In conjunction with its program to eliminate unnecessary stop signs, the police department announced Thursday changes in the following locations:

Woodland Street and Fleming Road; Elizabeth and Level roads; Edgerton Street and Lodge Drive; Lamplighter Drive and Valley View Road; Park and Chestnut streets and Vernon Street and Lawton Road.

These areas will have changes in stop signs but not complete removal, police said. Area residents are asked by police to be alert to the changes.

FitzGerald commented that all of them were accomplished privately with private funds, a pattern he hopes will be frequent in any restoration of the Cheney Mill complex.

During the meeting, the commission members heard reports to the effect that it has received a \$1,500 grant to study expanding the district, and that the drafting of new zone regulations peculiar to historic districts has been delayed somewhat.

The grant is about half the amount the commission needs for the study. The other half will be sought from next year's funds of the state historic commission.

Town Planner Alan Lamson said the new zone regulations would probably be ready by the end of the month for review by a commission subcommittee before they are presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its consideration.

FitzGerald said the commission to proceed as fast as feasible with the zoning and with other matters to pave the way for development of the Clock Mill by a New York Developer who plans to convert it to housing for the elderly, and then lease it to the town for 40 years after which the town would own it.

FitzGerald issued that admonition despite the fact that he feels the increase in interest rates to 18 percent may have an adverse effect on the conversion plans. He said he has talked with Ab Rosen, the developer, and has no reason to believe the spring target for starting the project has changed. However, higher interest rates are a concern, FitzGerald said. He said it is important that the commission be ready to move forward whenever the oppor-



Children at the Temple Beth Shalom Nursery School, Manchester, participate in a Hanukkah game, "Spin the Dreidle" at the school Wednesday morning. The game is a traditional activity for both children and adults during the traditional holiday season. (Herald photo by Pinto)

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The Ray Henry Band will provide music and Santa Claus will pay visit and distribute gifts. There will be refreshments.

The regular meeting of the Manchester Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Center in Manchester. There will be a presentation of Christmas music by the clients of the Sheltered Workshop under the direction of Marge Colton. Participants are reminded to bring a wrapped gift marked "man" or "woman" to the meeting for residents at Mansfield Training School and Meadows Convalescent Home.

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Demos envision party fight

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Editorial

M zone hearing

Monday night the board of directors will conduct a public hearing on changes that would establish a Planned Development Zone, replacing the current "M" zone.

It is an issue that will have an important bearing on the future development of the community. Everyone who is interested in what characteristics the neighborhoods in Manchester will have should turn out to express their feelings.

Zoning ordinances should not be trifled with for no good reason.

It is imperative that important zoning ordinance changes be made or rejected

with the fullest possible participation of the community.

The backers of the new Planned Development Zone contend it will allow a greater mix of housing types in the town, including single-family, duplex and multi-family dwellings in the same general area. Town planners contend such a new zone would encourage the most appropriate use of a particular site, preserve significant natural features of the land and provide for housing of moderate cost.

Those who take a more cautious view of the zoning proposal question whether such a new provision would significantly detract from the character of existing

neighborhoods and result in a hodge-podge development scheme. Monday night all sides will have their chance to speak on the issue, giving the elected town officials in-put on the subject.

It is important that everyone who has an interest in the future of Manchester turn out to give the board direction on the subject. The time is at hand to make opinions known.

Those who may think they have no interest in the zoning

Opinion

Thoughts

You've probably wondered where the idea of Santa Claus came from. Maybe you've wondered about why he was the one chosen to deliver gifts during Christmas night. The story begins in the fourth century when there lived a man named Nicholas who was the bishop of Myra in what is now Turkey.

According to legend, in the community that Bishop Nicholas served, there lived a very poor man who could not afford to give a dowry of any kind to his three daughters.

In fact, he was so poor that he was at the unhappy point of turning his daughters out of his house where they surely would have come to no good.

Bishop Nicholas secretly gave all three young girls dowries so that they could be saved from shame. This originated the custom of giving presents in secret on the eve of December 6, the feast of St. Nicholas. And to this day, in many countries, St. Nicholas' eve is the time of gift giving, and Christmas remains a religious day without the exchange of gifts. The name "Santa Claus," of course, comes from a contraction in the pronunciation of Saint Nicholas. Try it; you'll see.

Sister Katherine Panalitis, CND St. Bartholomew Convent, Manchester

When matters of public importance are to be heard, it is time for the opinions of the rank and file of the community to be heard.

We hope there is a good turnout for the Monday hearing so the people will have their opportunity to express a view on the subject.

Whether the new ordinance passes or fails will depend largely on the attention the citizens give it Monday night.

It is a time to be heard.

It could be too late when a new development is ready for the construction phase and neighbors suddenly object to its inclusion into their neighborhood.

Or it may also be too late to salvage such a plan by those who would like to see such diversity allowed in the zoning ordinance.

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Congressional Quarterly

Paul Laxalt: Reagan's man on the hill

By IRWIN B. ARIEFF

WASHINGTON—Just 65 minutes after his plane touched down at Andrews Air Force Base Nov. 17 for his first post-election visit to Washington, President-elect Reagan was sequestered in a lengthy private meeting with Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev.

The next morning, as Reagan walked out the door of his downtown Washington quarters for a series of meetings with congressional leaders, Laxalt was by his side.

As Reagan wended his way from office to office in the Capitol building, Vice President-elect George Bush followed at a respectable 10 paces behind his future boss. But Laxalt never was more than an arm's length away from Reagan.

Laxalt's performance as Reagan's Washington tour guide underlines the close relationship the Nevada Republican enjoys with the president-elect and the key role he is likely to play in the incoming Reagan administration. "He will be the strongest outside influence on Reagan of anybody," predicted top Reagan aide Michael K. Deaver. "The governor respects him, and they have a friendship that goes back as far as any in politics for the governor. He will rely on Paul's advice."

After Reagan is sworn in Jan. 20, Laxalt is expected to become the sole member of Congress to be included in the uppermost circle of Reagan policy advisers, a group of about six or seven individuals whom campaign officials have likened to a super-Cabinet.

Laxalt said, explaining how he and Reagan formulated his role: "Nor did I want any other job in the administration. I wanted to remain here in the Senate. Being a part of the leadership was a problem. So I float."

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precedent" in Senate history.

Although he will not be part of the formal Senate GOP leadership, he expects to work along with the party leaders in promoting President Reagan's programs, he said.

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the leadership post."

According to his colleagues, Laxalt's good nature will be the primary weapon in his political arsenal. By all accounts, he is respected and admired by all segments of the political spectrum.

"He is a folksy, genial, open guy," commented a liberal Democrat who asked not to be identified. "He's a charmer. I consider him a guy I probably disagree with more than anyone else in the Senate. Yet I get along with him just great. He's as political as the next guy. He's just better able to gloss it over."

"He's probably the Senate's most popular man," commented Margo Carlisle, executive director of the Senate Steering Committee, a group of senators concerned with conservative causes. "He's a man who's both palatable and principled."

Laxalt's friendship with Reagan began in 1954 when the two men campaigned for Barry Goldwater for president. Laxalt went on to chair Reagan's campaign in both 1976 and 1980. His loyalty and persistence are about to pay off.

The two men have much in common. Both are former governors of Western states. Both are well spoken, personally charming and handsome individuals. Both are unabashed conservatives.

Laxalt was Reagan's number one choice for the vice presidency, but other advisers insisted he needed geographical and political "balance" to run more than the West. As a result, Bush—slightly more moderate than Laxalt and a man who was born in Massachusetts, raised in Connecticut and transplanted to Texas, was named to the ticket.

Precisely because Bush is considered more moderate than both Laxalt and Reagan, hard-line conservatives are hoping Bush will not assume he is automatically in line to become Reagan's heir apparent.

If Reagan himself does not run in 1984, it is likely that conservatives will push Laxalt to step in to prevent the nomination from going to Bush. Some political observers predict Laxalt might choose to challenge Baker for majority leader in 1982 and use the post as a springboard for a presidential race two years later.

For his part, Laxalt denies any ambition for higher office. Two years from now, as well as four years from now, he said, "I see myself right here in the Senate."

AND WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO QUIT COLD TURKEY?

Rehabilitation Counselor



A good year for tobacco, future in question

By LETHA MARSHALL

WASHINGTON—Despite the price of oil, the influx of more foreign tobacco on the market and a 14 percent inflation rate, 1980 was a very good year for the tobacco industry, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Even the anti-smoking campaigns carried out by the Department of Health and Human Services and many voluntary health agencies did not appear to cut deeply into the market.

Sales of low tar and nicotine cigarettes also increased to offset the sales decline of other tobacco products.

Cigarette output should reach a record high level of 708 billion pieces this year—4 billion above 1979," said Robert E. Miller of the Department of Agriculture.

U.S. output on the world market was also good this year due to declines in tobacco production in Brazil and India. "The value of U.S. exports of tobacco and tobacco products in 1980 may gain a tenth from 1979 to around \$2.35 billion," Miller said.

World cigarette production is gaining about 1 to 1.5 percent annually, but the preference for American-type blended cigarettes means above average growth prospects for flue-cured and burley tobaccos," said Miller.

However, the future of tobacco is still in question, particularly with greatly increasing costs. The price of oil has driven up the cost of transportation and marketing.

Fertilizer, equipment and labor costs are expected to continue to rise through the 1980's causing more farmers to drop heavily in order to pay for their crop.

Anti-smoking publicity and legislation also continue to threaten the industry. "About three-fourths of the states and many cities and counties have laws that either prohibit smoking in certain areas or segregate smokers from non-smokers," Miller added.

Excise taxes placed on cigarettes are also causing problems. Three states have raised their excise taxes this year. Many farmers charge that this will reduce consumption, which will in turn reduce tobacco sale revenues in addition to putting many people out of work.

Excise taxes vary from two cents per pack in North Carolina to 21 cents in Connecticut and Florida.

Cigarette consumption is the key to how much tobacco is used in the United States and abroad. Factors such as inflation and the price of oil will decide how much tobacco is produced in the 1980's and could very well decide the future of the tobacco industry itself.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Justice Dept. circumvents Libyan-bribe subpoena

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON—A curious irregularity by the Justice Department has heightened Judge Fred Winner's determination to pry the lid off a \$30 million bribery plot.

The money was put up by Libya's dictator Muammar Qaddafi, who sought the release of some embargoed U.S. transport planes he was advised on the finer points of bribery.

American style, by the international swindler Robert Vesco, who tried to ensnare Democratic Party chief John White and President Carter's brother, Billy, in the conspiracy.

Department's criminal division, to answer questions about the bribery investigation.

Heymann adopted a petulant air of affronted dignity and annoyance with the inconveniences of the judicial process. So the U.S. marshals, who are his subordinates in the Justice Department, simply held the subpoena for a month and then sent it back to Denver.

This moved the incredulous Winner to write a blistering letter to the marshal's service, complaining, "In my experience, failure to even try and serve a subpoena is unheard of."

Even more astonishingly, my associate Indy Badwar learned, the Justice Department then moved to quash the subpoena, which had never been delivered in the first place. The judge saw this as part of the "immutable efforts to avoid public testimony by public officials in this case."

Justice Winner noted that White had discussed the Libyan bribery case with reporters and had issued an "unworn" press release. The judge observed that White's press release claimed his testimony to a grand jury "should sweep the record clean."

But it didn't clear the record, Winner insisted, not at all.

"This self-absolution," he wrote in a literary reference to a fictional creature from Alice in Wonderland, "is reminiscent of Lory's chat with Alice."

In a withering summary, the judge noted that White "does not seem to have been the least bit reticent about making unworn statements—it is testifying under oath he objects to."

has allowed one of the key conspirators, James C. Day, to plead guilty to a technical felony.

Sometimes prosecutors will let a suspect off lightly in return for his testimony implicating others. But in this incredible instance, Day got off by exonerating White and another Carter aide, Hamilton Jordan.

"Kremlin bullies! If anything can change a dove into a hawk, it's constant pushing around by a bear. Or so the Joint Chiefs of Staff seem to figure in their latest plea for more defense spending."

Gen. David Jones, the JCS chairman, notes that one serious "current of instability" in the world situation today is "the Soviet Union's growing capability and inclination to project military power—its own or proxy forces—to influence political outcomes."

Manchester Evening Herald advertisement with logo and contact information.

Vernon: Cable TV prospect likely

VERNON—The Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) has told Mayor Marie Herbst that it expects the first action accepting proposals for the first Cable TV franchise to be awarded in January or February with the first subscribers to be served in early 1982.

Mrs. Herbst had sent petitions signed by Vernon residents, requesting Cable TV service in town. The DPUC conducted a hearing in Vernon in October, attended by persons from other area towns who are also interested in cable service.

At the hearing Mrs. Herbst told commission members that Vernon residents had been asking for the service since 1972. Residents of South Windsor have also been pushing for the service noting that it is the only town bordering Hartford that doesn't have Cable TV.

John T. Downey, chairman of the DPUC, told the mayor that her letter and the petition will be made part of the Docket 800113 file regarding the establishment of CATV franchise boundaries.

"Our desired timetable on this matter, absent of unforeseen delays, is unchanged from that previously relayed to you. We still expect the first action accepting proposals for the first franchise to be awarded to be in January or February of 1981 with the first subscribers served in early 1982," Downey said. He added that he saw no reason why this timetable can't be met.

However, Mrs. Herbst said she will contact State Sen. Michael Skelley, who assisted her in pushing for the matter, to see if the timetables can be moved up.

Experts in the fields of school law, psychiatry, pediatrics and neurology were featured at this professional conference. The three nurses who attended will each present a segment of the program offerings to the rest of the town's school nurses at an in-service meeting.

Edwina Schmelter, nurse at the Rockville High School and Ms. Satala, recently attended an all-day hands-on Cardio-vascular Workshop, entitled, "Put Your Heart into the Curriculum," sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Promotion through Education," sponsored by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The program consisted of two workshop sessions, one on nutrition and one on substance abuse.

Jill Satala, nurse at Sykes School, Ruth Ovens, Center Road School nurse, and Phyllis Chase, Skinner Road School, recently attended an all-day school Health Forum at Carney Medical Center in Boston, Mass.

School nurses take course in CPR

VERNON—Three nurses in the Vernon school system recently participated in a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course and are now certified. They are Judy McCarthy, Lake Street School and Vernon Elementary School; Henrietta Beaulieu, Rockville High and Galt School, Talcottville School. Mrs. Katherine Cadman, nurse at the Middle School, attended the health education conference "Health

Town Buildings get energy audit

VERNON—A Dureiko, who works for the Vernon Water Co. is a certified energy auditor, will be working one full day a week doing energy audits on all town-owned buildings, Mayor Marie Herbst said. This will be all town-owned buildings, exclusive of schools, to check them for obvious energy losses. The request to have this done was made by Town Council Conservation Commission.

Dureiko will then be asked to report to the commission what he feels should be done to the buildings to conserve energy.

Meeting and supper

MANCHESTER—A general meeting and potluck supper for members of Parents Without Partners, Chapter 489, will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church, East Center Street. Orientation for prospective members will follow. Members are requested to bring a dish to share.

Rumekjo suggested that the audit start with the basement of the Horowitz Pool building. Mrs. Herbst said that possibly the town can do some of the work to conserve energy. She said she will be Mrs. Debbie Salamites, English teacher at the Portland High School; Matt Feldman, a senior student at Portland High; and Dr. Lee Hay, an English teacher at Manchester High and very active in the arts.

Chimney fire extinguished

MANCHESTER—The town Fire Department Thursday spent more than an hour extinguishing a stubborn chimney fire at 482 Adams St. Fire officials said, flames were shooting from the chimney when they arrived on the scene at approximately 5:30 p.m.

A Fire Department spokesman said firefighters ran metal chains down the chimney and carted the

fallen debris from the residence. No injuries were reported.

Two engines and a ladder truck were called to the scene, the spokesman said.

Early this morning town firefighters put out a fire on an electric blanket at 55 Warnock Road. Fire officials reported no injuries but said the blanket was destroyed when the fire broke out at about 6 a.m. today.

Police are investigating the report of an illegal cross burning on state property on Route 6, Thursday night.

Police said a wooden cross, about 3 by 2 feet, was placed against a guide wire of a pole. They said the cross was wrapped in rags which apparently had been soaked in diesel fuel and then set on fire.

Police said the incident happened shortly before 8 p.m. and the Andover Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call.



Tug ice victim weight of accumulated ice. The high winds contributed to the foundering and hampered the work to save the boat. (UPI)

Teachers needn't give extra help to students

Bolton

BOLTON—The question of whether half-time teachers could be required to serve extra hours to help students needing extra help was answered in the negative by Jerome Walsh, town attorney.

Walsh said the teachers' contract specifically states half-time teachers work three and a half hour days and neither the Board of Education nor the school administration has any right to ask them to stay longer.

School Superintendent Raymond Allen said he doesn't know why the matter came to the board in the first place because there isn't any problem.

He said there are five half-time teaching positions—elementary art, French, Spanish, speech, title I grade I support.

James Marshall said the matter came before the board because he brought it there. He said he is concerned with foreign language at the high school and if a student wants extra help the student should be enrolled in the program.

He asked if the teachers could be paid a stipend for extra time.

Louis Cloutier said negotiations would have to be re-opened and he doesn't think that would be wise at this point in time.

He said the matter could be taken up when negotiations for the next contract start.

Andrew Manegga said he supported Mr. Marshall's concern and thinks he made his point but didn't feel any action was necessary by the board because the administration had there wasn't any problem.

The board did not take any action on the matter.

The board approved a reduced tuition rate for a high school senior. Rather than \$1,500, the tuition amount based on per student costs, the student will be charged \$1,150.

Allen told the board he has appointed Patricia Brown a long term substitute for special education at the high school.

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Region Bolton resident asks about school facilities

By DONNA HOLLAND
Herald Reporter

BOLTON—Carol Levesque, resident, questioned Board of Education members Thursday as to whether Bolton has any handicapped children, whether hot lunches are mandated by the state or federal government and urged the board to retain the K-4 Building for educational purposes. Mrs. Levesque wanted to know whether there were any handicapped children who used a wheelchair or needed a ramp. School Superintendent Raymond Allen said he thinks there are one or two adults in the community who need those services but there are no children who require a ramp or a wheelchair. Allen said to the best of his knowledge there haven't been any children needing a ramp for the last seven years. John Morianos, board member, said there are funds in this year's

budget to begin the necessary steps to make the K-4 Building available to the handicapped. Joseph Haloburdo, board chairman, said the law is blind to the specific requirements of a community and you should comply with the regulations whether anyone needs the services or not.

Mrs. Levesque questioned whether or not there were state or federal mandates for hot lunches had to be provided for high school students. Allen said there weren't any mandates to provide hot lunches to high school or elementary students.

Commenting on the meeting Wednesday night between the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen Mrs. Levesque said, "The meeting proved nothing; I was really upset about it."

The two groups met to discuss the possibility of the town using some empty classrooms for offices.

Mrs. Levesque said, "I would like the board to retain the K-4 Building

and turn it into a K-8 Building." Robert Fish, resident, said, "I'd like the board to tell the town you won't give them any space in the schools until they completely research renovations to the Community Hall."

Fish said only when the town completely researches that option should you (school board) consider giving up space in the school building. He said he told the selectmen the same thing but felt his comments "fell on deaf ears."

Morianos said the biggest problems facing the selectmen are the amount of office space and the parking space at the Community Hall. He said, "I don't think the selectmen want to abandon the building as a whim."

Bloodmobile visit

VERNON—The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Rockville Methodist Church, 142 Grove St., on Dec. 10 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bolton gets 14 welfare requests

BOLTON—According to the town's annual report, 14 applications for general assistance or media medical payments were received by the welfare director in fiscal 1979-1980. Of that amount, five were granted general assistance. A total of four households received assistance with the payment of fuel bills under the Federal Energy Assistance Program.

School board overrules superintendent's advice

Bolton

BOLTON—Whether or not to join the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program in an attempt to get some work done at the school facilities led to Board of Education members going against School Superintendent Raymond Allen's recommendation at their meeting Thursday. Allen recommended the school board not get involved with the program due to paperwork and past experience. He said town officials rejected using funding from the program because of its past experience. Allen said, "We had the same kind of buildings and grounds, and the only help you can get must go through the unemployment office and it's been

my experience it's not the best type of help. John Morianos asked how much money was involved and was told \$16,000 was allocated to the town but only about \$8,000 was spent. He said, "We can't do paperwork for \$16,000. That seems like a lot of money."

Morianos said, "Maybe we'll be lucky enough to find people to do the things that don't normally get done."

Allen commented that he thinks the staff does a fine job. He said he doesn't think the work done by CETA employees for what we have to do is worth the effort. He

said if we join the program there is a possibility other things will have to suffer.

Carol Hewey asked if there was a need for more help and was told there was in the areas of painting, cleaning and clerical.

Louis Cloutier said if the people more of "a burden than a help we should take their advice."

Allen said there was also a problem in getting eligible people because of the requirements. The board voted to participate in the CETA program with only Cloutier voting against the move.

Grades 7, 8

New math grant explored

Vernon

VERNON—A proposal for application for a subgrant to be used for improvement of instruction in mathematics for Grade 7 and 8 students in the town's public and parochial schools is expected to be presented to the Board of Education Monday.

The proposal was reviewed by the town's Curriculum Committee Wednesday night.

Andrew Manegia, principal of the Middle School, said the town will be lucky if it receives the grant money because it will be in competition with bigger cities. But he added, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Dr. Robert Lanstone, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of curriculum, told the committee that Vernon students didn't score as well in the math as they did in other areas in the EERAs.

The proposed grant would provide for inservice training of teachers at the two grade levels in areas of greatest need to be determined by analysis and diagnosis of student performance in math.

Dr. Lynn Anderson, math supervisor for the school system, said that analysis of standardized and local tests indicates a need for improvement of instruction in math at the middle school level.

Anderson said that the primary intent of his proposal is to provide inservice training for middle school teachers using consultants from outside the school system.

The budget for the proposed program totals \$2,895, with the board to contribute in-kind services.

The proposal has been endorsed by the chairman of the local Title I Parent Advisory Group as well as by the Executive Board of the Middle School PTO.

Anderson said that local test results confirm that students have developed good skills in working with whole numbers, but also indicate weaknesses in concept.

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Town's action jeopardizes players' future

By MARY KITZMANN
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER—The Gilbert and Sullivan Players have been notified by town officials they must leave their workshop at the Nike Site, a move members say jeopardizes the future of the 22-year old organization. For about five years the players used the building off Garden Grove Street for free. This year, Robert Weiss, town manager, asked the group to pay about \$2,000 in heating costs. He added, in a September letter, this was the last year the players could use the building at all, and suggested they begin searching. The players share the Theatrical Arts Building with the town Highway Department. The town uses it as a garage; the players construct sets and store material intricate to their once-a-year production of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. Weiss's notice left the players in a

difficult position, according to Bradley Parliaman, Gilbert and Sullivan co-president. The group cannot afford this year's heating costs. Parliaman also questions whether the group can afford to exist, if it must find funds for a rental. "At this point we're in jeopardy," he said. Parliaman says the operators "have never been money-makers and any profit is given to charities." Last year the group finished with a large deficit, which took several other fundraisers to pay off. "We're just in the red now," Parliaman says. "We can't pay heating costs." But Weiss says the town can't afford to subsidize the players; it is the only arts group to receive town aid. And the town needs the space, according to Weiss. Last year he also asked the group to leave, as there were plans for a carpenter shop for the space. However, after pleas the players were allowed to remain and the shop relocated.

This year, the players hope to again convince Weiss, or the Board of Directors, to let them stay. And according to Parliaman, there's an agreement with the federal government to uphold. Parliaman said the building was given to the town by the federal government with the provision it be used for the arts. But Weiss said the plans to convert the building into a "center for the arts" never materialized. "The only group to use it has been Gilbert and Sullivan," Weiss said Thursday. "The town has a great need for general recreation space. It's a controversy to maintain and the town cannot continue to subsidize a single operation." Parliaman does not see free use of the building as a subsidy. "We provide a needed service to the town," he said. "We've always been the Manchester Gilbert and Sullivan Players and we want to stay here." The question of "subsidizing" com-

munity organizations has faced the Board of Directors before. Only after the Manchester Swim Club proved through a search of financial records did the board decide to let it use town pools for weekend meets free. The board did not follow a recommendation of a three-member subcommittee the team pay for the pool use. Parliaman notes, even if the players switched to the Greater Hartford Gilbert and Sullivan Company to find more sponsors, or began "thinking more business-like" there's still the problem of finding an adequate workshop. "We need something with large doors to move sets," he said. "And we have to find a place with low rent." Parliaman and several other Gilbert and Sullivan members are worried the town's decision will be their demise. Weiss was not "prepared to answer" whether the town shouldered responsibility for the group's fortune. "It's up to the Board of Directors on whether they want to spend the general taxpayers money to provide for the facility," he said. But he said he did not plan on bringing the problem to the board, unless the players request it. "We have been discussing the problem for a number of years, and encouraging them to find another location," he said. The alternatives, as Parliaman views it, is if the players lose the building, they will either disband or "start thinking differently" than in the past. "We will have to become more business-oriented," he said. "We won't just be a Manchester group." The production planned for this year, which may be the last, is "Yeoman of the Guard."

Sale set at ROTC

MANCHESTER—A tag, crafts and bake sale will be held at the Regional Occupational Training Center on the corner of Hillstown Road and Wetherill Street Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents, staff, students and friends have donated tag sale items from housewares to games. Baked goods will also be sold. The public is invited. Christmas decorations and other craft items will also be displayed for sale. The ROTC kitchen will serve pizza during the affair. Proceeds from the sale are for the Student Activity Fund and will be used to finance a trip for the students in the spring.

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By NANCY MALOOF
ALA Auto and Travel Club
WELLESLEY, Mass. (UPI) — Boston's biggest Christmas tree, the 55-foot Nova Scotia red spruce in front of the Prudential Center — gets its lights turned on this weekend, in a special tree-lighting ceremony tonight at 7.

Boston Pops conductor John Williams will be there to lead the traditional caroling, accompanied by Boston organist, John Kiley and various school choirs from greater Boston: the outlying suburbs, and Cape Cod.

And when the switch is thrown to light the ninth annual Prudential Center Christmas tree, 150,000 multi-

colored bulbs will brighten the night sky over Boylston St.

The tree, a gift to Boston from the Canadian province of Nova Scotia, will remain on display until just after New Year's holiday, lighted nightly from dusk until 11 p.m.

Horticultural show

The Worcester County Horticultural Society will also have its special holiday show this weekend — "Wintergarden." Friday (Dec. 5) through Sunday (Dec. 7) at the Worcester County Horticultural Society Hall on Elm Street in Worcester. Presented with the New England

Region of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Wintergarden is based upon Medieval legends and the almost poetic terms of garden nomenclature. Some of the titles — "Colonnade of the Oak King," and "Belvedere of the Snow Queen."

There will also be a completely furnished miniature house, with tiny packages and decorated trees, plus a host of wreaths, swags, and holiday plants, accompanied by demonstrations showing how to prepare them.

Hours for the Worcester show are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on today and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens, and 50 cents for children. For more information, call (617) 752-4274.

The W.C.H.S. Hall is located at 30 Elm St. in Worcester. The ALA recommends taking Exit 11 off the Mass. Turnpike for Route 122 into Worcester.

Meanwhile, in Rhode Island, the annual "Christmas in Newport" program is underway. This weekend's highlights include the Christmas in Newport Fair at the Sheraton Islander Inn on Goat Island, and the Swanhurst Chorus Christmas Concert at Rogers High School, both on Sunday.

The fair, featuring the work of professional craftspeople, will take place from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The concert will include the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" and a carol sing. It begins at 8 p.m.; there will be an admission charge.

For more information on Christmas in Newport, call (401) 847-1600 or (800) 556-2484. The ALA suggests taking Route 138 into Newport from points west, Routes 24 and 114 off I-195 from north or east.

Smith's Castle is a site where Rogers Williams preached to the Indians, during Rhode Island's early history. It is located on U.S. 1, one mile north of Wickford, R.I. For more information, call (800) 556-2484. (The ALA advises motorists not to confuse Kingstown with Kingston, since both are in Rhode Island but far apart).

LTM sets auditions

MANCHESTER — The Little Theater of Manchester will hold open auditions for the Sam and Bella Spewack comedy, "My Three Angels," on Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 8 and 10, at 8 p.m. at the Theater Workshop, 22 Oak St.

Originally produced in 1953, "My Three Angels" has roles for seven men and three women. The characters range in age from their early 20s to the mid-50s. All roles in the play are open for casting.

Serving on the casting committee will be the director, Daniel Levin, who last directed the Little Theater production of "The Glass Menagerie." Other members of the committee include the stage manager, Gretchen Wisnie, and Bob Marrel, Carol Schofield and Barbara Rosser.

The play was translated from the French and presented in New York with a cast which included Darren McGavin and Walter Slezak. It takes place in a French penal colony on the island of Cayenne in French Guiana in 1910.

Rehearsal for "My Three Angels" will begin the first week in January. The play will be presented the end of February.

The Little Theater of Manchester, which is beginning its twenty-first season, is a non-profit community theater with membership open to any area resident. Anyone wishing to try out for the play is urged to attend one of the auditions. Also, people who wish to work on any aspect of the production may come to the casting. Members of the Little Theater will be available to discuss the various production and business jobs to be done.



Antia Ghelli of Vernon, displays Bargello, a form of needlepoint first used in the seventeenth century on Florentine Canvas, which she will exhibit at the 13th annual open house of the Cheney Homestead on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Ms. Ghelli operates The Needlepoint Shop at Bolton Notch Shopping Plaza. Wedcraft will also be demonstrated by Fern D. Nye of Hartford.

UConn offers Miller's 'Crucible'

STORRS — Political mass hysteria can take different forms in different societies and in different epochs, but underneath runs a destructive similarity.

For its next production, the UConn Outrigger Theater at the University of Connecticut has chosen Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," in which the author used the Salem witch trials of 1692 to cast a lurid light on his own era, the McCarthy Red Scare period of the early 1950s.

The play's opening night is tonight at 8:15 in Harriet S. Jorgensen Theater. It runs every evening through Dec. 10, with an added 2 p.m. matinee Sunday.

In Miller's modern American classic, the small Massachusetts Puritan community is ultimately torn apart when a group of frightened, hysterical girls and their vindictive ringleader, Abigail (played by Michelle Murray), start accusing certain members of the community of witchcraft and association with the devil.

At first, no one takes the accusations of the feigned "witch-induced" seizures seriously, considering them adolescent pranks, but the elements of fear and suspicion steadily build nonetheless into arrest and trial.

The mass hysteria ends with innocent people being condemned to the gallows.

Abigail's key victims are her former employer, John and Elizabeth Proctor, played by Duncan Stephens and Kathleen O'Brien.

Ultimately, John Proctor is presented the opportunity to save his life by confessing to something he knows is a lie, but after a long internal struggle decides to save his soul and conscience rather than his life.

The show will be the final directing project here by Ed Menta, a candidate for a master of fine arts degree in directing at UConn.

He notes that the play has outlived the McCarthy era, and in fact has been very successful with European audiences who have no direct experience of the Red Scare.

"Politically, the play is about a form of government that is about to crumble. The Salem witchcraft trials represent the last attempt at control on the part of the Puritan theocracy," he says.

Tickets for the production are on sale at the Jorgensen Theater box office. Call 429-2912 for more information and reservations.

MANCHESTER — The early crafts will be demonstrated during the 13th annual open house of the Cheney Homestead Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Bargello, a form of needlepoint first used in 17th century Florentine canvas, and given its unusual name in 1857, will be exhibited by Antia Ghelli of Vernon. Examples of the craft for use as wearable accessories, trappings for rooms, furniture coverings will be exhibited.

Wedcraft will be demonstrated by Fern D. Nye of Hartford. Combining natural grasses, ferns, shells with a covering of Japanese paper, it is used for cards, decorative hanging and lampshades. Mrs. Nye is a member of the Connecticut Guild of Craftsman and has exhibited at the Mark Twain house, Sturbridge Village and the Webb House in Westfield.

Luxuriously tours of the homesteads rooms with holiday decorations by Mrs. Herbert Swanson will be provided. Mulled cider and cookies will be served. Hand-crafted toys and other reproductions will be offered for sale at the gift table.

Mrs. Lillian Segar and Frank Knight, chairpersons of the Homestead Committee, will be assisted Mrs. Chester Ferris, Fred Gall, Mrs. Robert Treat, Mrs. Donald Golias, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Applebee and Mrs. Ernest Shepherd.

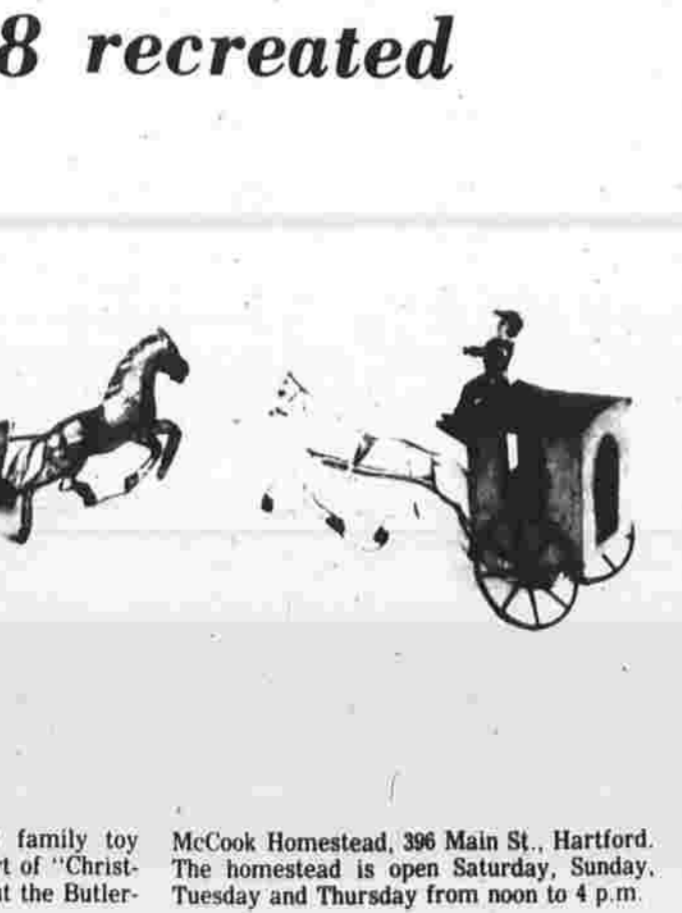
Christmas of 1878 recreated

HARTFORD — Christmas 1878 is recreated throughout the Butler-McCook Homestead, 386 Main St. It is open to the public Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission — \$1 for adults and 25 cents for children — includes "Christmas on Main Street," the story of the McCook family Christmas preparation and celebration in 1878. The exhibit runs Saturday through Jan. 3.

The Antiquarian & Landmarks Society has prepared the 1782 Butler-McCook Homestead for a celebration of Christmas. The Christmas tree in the north parlor awaits visitors decorated with tiny candies, dolls, cookies, popcorn, and cranberry garlands, and little wrapped gifts. Under the tree can be found McCook family toys of the late 1800s, including wooden sleds, baseball bats, ice skates, dolls, a cannon, wooden puzzles, books, wooden animals, soldiers, games, and steamboats.

All Homestead rooms are ready for Christmas. Highlights of a visit to the Homestead include: in addition to the tree and to display a holly and fruit, ringed punch bowl in the south parlor, the dining room awaiting guests for Christmas dinner, the kitchen full of holiday preparations, and garlands and wreaths.

Tin toys from the McCook family toy collection are on exhibit as part of "Christmas 1878," recreated throughout the Butler-McCook Homestead, 386 Main St., Hartford. The homestead is open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 4 p.m.



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Korean culture will come alive

MIDDLETOWN — Korean culture will come alive at Wesleyan University when dozens of the university's Davison Art Center host a Korean Festival Weekend today through Sunday.

Since Nov. 2, Wesleyan's Center for the Arts Main Gallery has housed a Smithsonian Institution exhibition of items from Korean village of Sam Jung Song. The doctos, who brought the exhibition to the center, have invited artists and lecturers to the campus this weekend to supply a deeper look at Korean culture.

All events will be open to the public free of charge.

The festival opens at 4 p.m. today with a lecture on "The Korean Village" by Paul Dredge, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Northeastern University, Dredge, who holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University, worked with Smithsonian curator Eugene Kozak in assembling the Korean exhibition.

At 8 p.m., Korean classical dancer, actor, and scholar Wong Kyong Chi will perform at least 12 dances. Chi, who earned a doctorate of fine arts degree at Moomouth College, recently completed his 24th world tour. In the dance dramas, Chi performs male and female roles.

Activities on Saturday will start at 9:30 a.m. with "Traditions of Korea in Korea and China," a lecture-demonstration by potter Namhi Kim Wagner. Born in Korea, Mrs. Wagner was raised in Japan, and returned to Korea as a young adult. An expert on celadon glazes, she has exhibited her pieces in New York and Boston and currently works in the Redcliffe Pottery Studio. Celadon is a gray-bodied high-fired porcelain with a glaze that ranges from gray-green to blue-green.

"Genealogical Tradition and Korean Customs" will be discussed 11 a.m. Saturday in a lecture by Edward Wagner. A professor of East Asian languages and civilizations at Harvard University, Wagner earned his Ph.D. at Harvard. He is the author of numerous journal articles on Korea and has studied and done research on the part of the Puritan theocracy.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Hesusung Chun Koh will speak about the "Comparative Role of Women in Korea, China and Japan." Koh is research and development director of Human Relations Area Files Inc. at Yale University.

Edward J. Baker, a research associate in the East Asian legal studies program at Harvard Law School, will lecture on "Political Developments Since the Korean War" at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. In 1977 and 1978 Baker was employed as an investigator in the Korean-American relations investigation conducted by a sub-committee of the United States House of Representatives. He earned a law degree from Yale and is a doctoral candidate in Harvard's history and East Asian languages program.

"The Art of Self-Defense" will be presented in a demonstration lecture

House tour set Sunday

HARTFORD — The second annual Christmas House Tour, a visit to seven decorated homes in Hartford and West Hartford, sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Mark Twain Memorial, will be held Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from Women's Committee members, the Mark Twain Memorial Visitor's Office, or at any of the houses on the day of the tour.

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- Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kraczkowsky, 1462 Asylum Ave., Hartford.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Booth Jr., 32 Hillsboro Drive, West Hartford.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Pratt, 57 Hillsboro Drive, West Hartford.

Mass by Puccini ignored for years

MANCHESTER — Although "Messa di Gloria," which will be performed Sunday by the Manchester Symphony and Choral, was first presented to Italian music lovers in 1882, this performance was almost its last.

It was written when Puccini was only 18 as the thesis for his graduation from the Institute Musicale in Lucca, Italy, and as a tribute to his family who for four generations had specialized in sacred music.

However, in his eagerness to master other forms of music, Puccini laid aside his ecclesiastical compositions and began to conceive the great operatic works for which he is so well known, such as "La Boheme," "Tosca," and "Madame Butterfly." But it was the "Messa di Gloria" that provided the creative force which came through those best-loved melodies.

Early in 1951 an American priest, Rev. Dante del Fiorentino, went to Lucca, to gather material for his book on the life of Puccini. "Immortal Bohemian" in their eagerness to help Fr. Dante, the family of Vandini, who were very similar to the rediscovered this aged manuscript. Father Dante brought it back to America and it was first performed in Lucca, Italy, and as a tribute to his family who for four generations had specialized in sacred music.

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Big changes set for pops season

HARTFORD — The new Hartford Symphony Pops Season opens today and Saturday with two major changes for concert-goers: the pops will now be performed in Bushnell Memorial Hall and each program will have two weekends (Friday and Saturday evening) performances.

"Big Bands are Back" is the theme for the opening night concert conducted by Hartford favorite Richard Hayman. Hayman will also conduct "A Tribute to Arthur Fiedler" on Feb. 27 and 28, the third concert in the 1980-81 series.

Hayman has served as chief arranger for the Boston Pops Orchestra since 1950. He has appeared as guest conductor with the Boston Pops and produced many of the arrangements for hit albums by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops.

Since 1970 Hayman has served as conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's pops concert series. During the past several years he has concentrated on guest conducting various orchestras in special pops concerts.

Hartford Symphony Pops audiences will be introduced to conductor John Covelli in an all-club-level dance program Jan. 23 and 24. Covelli is music director and conductor of the Flint Symphony and has had many guest conducting engagements.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Kolbe will have door duty.

The event will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kozlowski, Mr. and Mrs. John Kozlowski, and Mrs. William Lautenbach.

All club-level dancers are invited and reminded to wear soft-soled shoes. Spectators are welcome free.

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Opening concert features Puccini

MANCHESTER — Puccini's rarely-sung "Messa di Gloria" will highlight the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Choral's opening concert of its new season Sunday.

The performance, part of a program theme, "One Hundred Years of Italian Music," will be presented at the Manchester High School auditorium, beginning at 4 p.m.

Other offerings will include Puccini's overture to the opera "Semiramus" and Respighi's "Pines of Rome."

Singing tenor in the Puccini mass will be Paul Kelly, a student at the Hart School of Music, performing two lead roles this year for the Hart Opera Theater. He is also a member of the Hart Chamber Singers and Chamber Madrigals.

The baritone will be Howard E. Sprout, well-known performer, teacher and director in Connecticut, artist-in-residence with the Connecticut Opera Co., teacher at the West Hartford School of Music, with numerous solo roles in opera, musical theater and oratorio productions.

The mass will be conducted by Dr. Jack Heller, professor of music at the University of Connecticut, artistic director of the orchestra, assisted by Stuart Gillespie, director of choral music at Mattatuck Community College and director of the Choral Ensemble, directed by William Erikson.

The concert launches the organization's 21st season. On March 22, the orchestra will offer symphony and dance in a special performance, featuring the Albano Ballet Company. This program will be held in the auditorium of East Hartford High School.

A spring concert by the choral, offering a variety from medieval to modern, will be held May 12-13, 30 p.m. at South United Methodist Church in Manchester.

The season will end with two nights of pops, June 6 and 7, at the Manchester Armory, this year featuring the sounds of the big bands. Ray Beller will be the host and the concert will feature trumpeter Daniel Patrylak.

Tickets are available at Beller's Music, Manchester; Belmont Records and Sebastian Music in Vernon; they will also be available at the Manchester High School auditorium door before the Sunday concert.

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Atheneum opens annual festival

HARTFORD — The Wadsworth Atheneum's annual "Holiday Festival of Trees" — a display and sale of trees, wreaths and other seasonal objects created especially for the occasion by friends of the museum throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts — opened today and will continue through Dec. 14.

The festival, now in its seventh year and established as a Hartford tradition, is sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Atheneum. The theme this year is, "In the Corner and Lives Tradition."

The festival will include more than 125 trees donated by large and small businesses and corporations, civic, social and arts organizations; women's clubs; garden clubs; schools, hospitals and individuals.

Proceeds from the sale of the trees and other items will be given by the Women's Committee to the museum.

The items represent organizations and individuals in 25 cities and towns ranging from Vernon in the east to Bristol in the west; Southport in Fairfield County and Springfield, Mass.

There will be a wine and cheese party for all visitors Dec. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m., and two parties for the children of Atheneum members Dec. 6 and 13 at 10:30 a.m. with entertainment by "Richard Matt and His Wonderful World of Magic."

David Ramsey, jazz pianist, will perform in Avery Court at noon on Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 12. Ramsey, well-known throughout the area, is from West Hartford.

James Frazier of Trinity Church, Hartford, will present a series of concerts on the antique organ in Huntington Gallery at 1 p.m. on Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

On Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m., Susan Zimmerman and Tony Morris will be featured in a program of "Chimera," including music of the Middle Ages and songs of Ireland performed on unusual instruments.

The Glastonbury High School Wind Ensemble will be heard in Tapestry Hall on Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. The same day, the Farmington Valley Chorus will perform in the Connecticut Room at 3 p.m.

Recorder students from the Hartford School of Music will give a concert in Avery Court at 1 p.m. on Dec. 12, that evening, the Newton High School Ars Musica group, colorfully attired in baroque costumes, will entertain at a wine and cheese party (open to all festival visitors) from 6 and 9 p.m.

The Glastonbury High School Orchestra will follow David Ramsey program on Dec. 10 with a concert at 3 p.m.

Karen De Bergh of South Windsor, who recently appeared in the Connecticut Opera's production of Bizet's "Carmen," will sing, accompanied by Paul Bisaccia at the piano, in the Connecticut Room on Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m. Following this performance, the Choral Club of Hartford will be featured at 1 p.m.

The Glastonbury High School Chorus will appear in Avery Court at 1 p.m., to be followed by Paul Bisaccia, whose solo piano recital will close the festival.

Admission to the two main floor galleries housing the festival will be \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and students 13-18 years old, and 50 cents for children under 13. The rest of the afternoon about group visits throughout the 10-day festival period.

Museum hours — extended on weekdays for the festival — will be: Monday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 8 closed, and Dec. 11 and 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For information about group visits and tours, call 272-2670, extension 271.

Hartman announces full season

STAMFORD — Aging cowpokes, French nobility, Hollywood deities and a persecuted nineteenth century physician await audiences when the Hartman Theater Company opens this winter.

Edwin Sherin, the newly appointed artistic director of HTC, has announced the full complement of four plays now set for his inaugural season in Stamford: the premiere of "Showdown at the Adobe Motel," the recent New York triumph "Moliere in Spite of Himself," the American comedy classic "Merton of the Movies" and the sweeping historical drama "Semmelweis."

As previously announced, Henry Fonda will appear in "Showdown at the Adobe Motel," and Richard Kiley will play the title role in "Moliere in Spite of Himself."

With the addition of "Merton of the Movies" and "Semmelweis," the Hartman Theater Company's February-to-May season is now complete.

Hailed in its Broadway premiere in 1922 as "a shrewd and well-actedly delightful comedy" by the notoriously cranky critic Alexander Woollcott, "Merton of the Movies" takes a satirical look at the silent movie industry and the dizzy comedy of early Hollywood.

Two of America's wisest observers, George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly, joined forces to create this piece of good humored mockery, taking comic potshots at the business which had, in its infancy, skyrocketed to become the nation's obsession and its fourth largest industry.

The season moves to another segment of the dramatic spectrum with "Semmelweis," the story of a Hungarian physician who stumbled on a scientific truth, later supported by Lister, and dared to challenge the medical establishment with his discovery. The play, by Howard Sackler, was a staggering success when first presented, under Edwin Sherin's direction, at Buffalo's Sherin Arena Theater.

Moved to Washington, D.C., and destined for Broadway, "Semmelweis" closed out town, a victim of the managerial differences not infrequent in show business. The Hartman Theater Company presentation is the first major revival of this moving, compelling script.

Besides bringing major actors to Stamford, the 1981 season introduces two well-known guest directors to the area — Michael Lessac for "Moliere in Spite of Himself" and James Hammerstein for "Merton of the Movies."

In addition to "Semmelweis," Sherin will direct "Showdown at the Adobe Motel," the touching, comic renaissance play long out-of-the-saddle cowboys. Life has brought one of the men love; the other money. Now it gives them a fresh young friend in Mae June, a simple and honest young grocery checker. Written by Lanny Flaherty, the play comes from a prestigious National Playwrights Conference at the O'Neill Theater Center.

The season opens Feb. 11 with "Showdown" playing through March 1. "Moliere" will run from March 11 through March 29. "Merton" from April 15 through May 3, and "Semmelweis" from May 13 through May 31. Performances are scheduled nightly except Mondays, with matinees on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Subscription tickets for the four-play season are available at a 25 percent discount. For more information call 325-4466.

Season events listed by state

HARTFORD — Holiday events and activities in Connecticut — from lessons on decking the halls to visits with Santa, from the Nutcracker Ballet to a parade of life and drum corps — are listed in a booklet available from the state Department of Economic Development.

"Christmas in Connecticut" also offers help for holiday shoppers in the form of a catalog of museum and nature center shops open through the season.

The final listing in the booklet, Christmas Tree Farms, tells where to go to select and have some cases cut your own live tree for the holidays.

To obtain a copy of "Christmas in Connecticut," use the Department's toll-free line, 1-800-842-7492.

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TownTalk

Manchester High School Principal Jacob Ludes has included a girls soccer program as a high priority item in his budget for next year. A petition containing 723 signatures and calling for the program was presented to the November meeting of the Board of Education, where Superintendent of Schools James Kennedy said the item would have to compete with others for a space in the budget. Ludes estimated an annual cost of providing the program at \$7,300.

While discussing plans to buy a new bucket truck for the Vernon Fire Department, William Aborn, maintenance engineer for the department, commented, "You're all aware of the truck that went to Pennsylvania—it can't be repaired." The council was well aware because a group of town public works employees filed a grievance against the town because they felt two of their members should have taken the truck rather than the one that went to Pennsylvania. The town workers were asking to be paid anyway.

"We (Republican Councilmen) have only listened and read. Why are you trying to block an investigation into the town's plan of development?" East Hartford Republican Town Councilman William Rous asked of his Democratic counterparts during a heated argument this week over whether to follow through with a resident's request for an investigation into the town's plan of development. East Hartford Republican Town Councilman William Rous asked of his Democratic counterparts during a heated argument this week over whether to follow through with a resident's request for an investigation into the town's plan of development.

Obituaries

Carl E. Berman
ELLINGTON—Carl E. Berman, 79, of Snipsc Village, died Wednesday at Rockville General Hospital. He was the husband of Mae (Keller) Berman.

He was born in Sweden and had lived in the Rockville-Ellington area most of his life. He was a retired roofing contractor.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Roland Berman of Lakeland, Fla., Francis Berman of Ellington, and Donald Berman of Venezuela; two daughters, Mrs. Ann Joyce Michaud of Manchester, Mrs. Michael (Diane) Cichowski of South Windsor, and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. from the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St., Rockville, with a mass at the Church of St. Luke, Ellington, at 11 a.m. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. at South Cemetery, Belchertown, Mass. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to Snipsc Village, Ellington.

Robert T. Holbrook
MANCHESTER—Robert T. Holbrook, 44, of 172 Homestead St., died Thursday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Joan Kern Holbrook.

He was born in Bridgeport on Nov. 21, 1936, the son of Mary (Parish) Holbrook of Manchester and the late Robert Holbrook.

Before his retirement in 1975 he was employed by Scan Optics of East Hartford. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean engagement.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Rosanna) Chapman and Miss Kathleen Holbrook, both of Manchester, and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. Burial will be at 11 a.m. in the Jordan Cemetery, Waterford. There are no calling hours.

Mrs. Helen Yergel
MANCHESTER—Mrs. Helen Yergel of 165 Maple St., died this morning at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of Mrs. Julia Taggart of Manchester. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., has charge of arrangements which are incomplete.



Final rehearsal

Joan Bandurick, a soprano with the Manchester Choral, rehearses with the choral and Manchester Symphony Orchestra Thursday night at Manchester High School. The rehearsal was the final one before the combined concert planned for Sunday at 4 p.m. in MHS auditorium. (Herald photo by Burbank)

Board agrees on proposal

BOLTON—The Board of Education, after years of research, has agreed to a proposal to deal with declining enrollment situation at the schools, voted unanimously late Thursday night.

The board said the idea of having town offices in between two school areas. Thirdly, the school board voted unanimously to tell the selectmen to alter the plan to include kindergarten through grade 8.

The above offer was one of several options under consideration by the school board to release some classrooms that are no longer needed to the town for office use.

The board supports a plan that includes four additional classrooms, two showers and a large play area developed to the south of the building.

If all the additions and renovations were realized, the school would be able to house between 450-500 students. The current enrollment for kindergarten through grade 8 students is 484.

However, board members Thursday in a special move, added the item to the agenda because they felt it should be possible and they should get moving.

The Board of Selectmen plans to lay out its preferences for space at its Dec. 16 meeting.

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Avaricious 'book bugs' resulting from program

By LAUREN DAVIS SHEA
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER—If your child is saying he "hates to read," take heart. Illing Junior High School began a program this fall for him, and his sponsors say kids who used to avoid books like the plague now can't get enough of them.

Reading Consultant Elaine Shultz said about \$200 from a special fund used to purchase books was classified as "high interest, low vocabulary."

Such titles as "Can You See Your Parents for Malpractice" and "If I Love You, Am I Trapped Forever" are being gobbled up. School Librarian Joan McGee said.

The leisure reading library shelf, containing such titles, was started after Ms. Schultz's interest was sparked by an article in a reading professionals' journal.

Helen Wenger, reading consultant for the state of Iowa, wrote in the Journal of Reading that libraries are often "mined fields" for poor readers.

"We tack away the books they can read among yards and yards of those

aren't getting "quality literature" the reply is simply that before the program, these students weren't reading anything. Now, they're reading books about the frustrations of being a young person, such as the Judy Blume titles.

Besides the plus of getting young people to pick up a book, the program's secondary benefit is the insight it provides into the types of problems young people want to read about.

Ms. Schultz and Ms. McGee said books about drugs, which in years past were popular, aren't moving on the shelves as quickly now. Where before "Tuned Out" and "Go Ask Alice" were on reserve all the time, now the books spend some time on the shelf before being checked out.

Books that are very popular, the reading experts said, are those about unwanted pregnancy, such as "Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jo Jones" and "Phee." Other titles of special interest to the youths can not be traced to social pressures, such interest in their peers. One such book is about the life of a migrant child, "A Girl Named Soneer." Another that is very popular is "Words for a Deaf Daughter."

Advisory panel proposed

MANCHESTER—Peter DiRosa, Republican town director, Thursday said he will propose the Board of Directors establish a citizens committee to advise the town on which community projects should receive funding.

DiRosa's proposal—which he said would put before the board on Tuesday's regular meeting—follows the town's Nov. 4 rejection of the federal Community Development program. In voting down the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program, residents closed the door on certain federally-funded community projects.

As a result, the town must fund projects, such as sidewalk and sewer improvements, which the federal program would have underwritten. DiRosa said the committee could

be modeled after the citizens' advisory committee which was part of the HUD program. DiRosa said directors do not have time to research all projects and suggested the committee serve as an advisory council.

In the debate preceding November's referendum vote, Joseph Sweeney, the former town director who led the fight against the CD, suggested the town had funds to support the housing rehabilitation program and other projects included under the CD. DiRosa yesterday mentioned the housing program as an example in which the citizens' committee could make specific recommendations to the board.

Winner announced

MANCHESTER—Miss Nancy L. Scott of Manchester picked up her new Lincoln Town Car at Moriarty Brothers yesterday and is delighted with the dark pearl beauty.

She won it in the UNICO raffle by buying ticket number 124 as she has for the past several years. She chooses that number because

January 24 is her birthday. UNICO sells only 200 tickets at \$100 each and uses the proceeds to finance its community activities. The winning number was drawn Wednesday night by Carol Johnson Brundrett, chairman of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

DO IT DAILY—EXERCISE YOUR MIND with the crossword puzzle in the Evening Herald.

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SCOREBOARD

Defensive struggle to Oilers

HOUSTON (UPI)—Bum Phillips found out he was wrong to have believed "the road to the Super Bowl leads through Pittsburgh," and the realization that it didn't hit him hard.

"We will miss not playing them in the playoffs," said the coach of the Houston Oilers.

With three regular season games remaining for every team except Houston and Pittsburgh, it cannot be said that the Oilers, 8-5, have clinched a playoff berth or that the Steelers, 8-6, have been eliminated at least on paper.

Two Tom Fritsch field goals in the second half were all the Oilers mustered following a scoreless first half which dragged by like a dying armadillo.

"It makes me a little sad to think we may not be playing them in the playoffs, providing we get in," Phillips said. "We're used to seeing them in January. They're a bunch of class guys and we will miss not playing them."

Phillips was so impressed with the Steelers last season he said "the road to the Super Bowl leads through Pittsburgh." Despite a number of Steelers injuries this season, Phillips still believes that to be true.

Steelers personnel losses in the offensive line were crucial Thursday night as a strong Oilers pass rush sacked quarterback Terry Bradshaw three times and caused him to throw three interceptions.

"I feel like I let the team down," he said, before adding that the noise level in the AstroDome was so great that he failed to call a single audible during the game.

Noil said the loss, which could keep the Steelers from the playoffs for the first time in nine seasons, was nothing more than an "interruption" in the Steelers' NFL domination.

Phillips agreed. "I don't think you can say we ended a dynasty," he said. "Those people never can be counted down."

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To Earl Campbell, the Oilers' NFL-leading running back, the victory meant "a lot of hoesentes for a lot of guys."

He was referring to the extra playoff money the Oilers would receive if they can defeat their remaining two opponents, the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings.

The game was as even as it could have been, except for the turnovers. Pittsburgh outgained the Oilers 278 to 268 yards and generated 18 first downs to the Oilers' 13.

The Steelers failed to take advantage of their two scoring opportunities. On the first, Bradshaw was intercepted by safety Mike Reinfield in the Oilers' end zone. On the second, Matt Barr was wide right on a 42-yard field goal attempt.

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Steeler humiliation just about complete

NEW YORK (UPI)—Although they have not yet been mathematically eliminated from the NFL playoffs, the Pittsburgh Steelers' humiliation is quite complete.

The Steelers, winners of four Super Bowls in the past five years, were held scoreless for the first time in 111 games Thursday night, and, as that weren't bad enough, the shutout came at the hands of AFC Central Division rival Houston and was largely the result of miscues by Terry Bradshaw and Franco Harris.

Bradshaw had three passes intercepted and Harris fumbled twice, with one turnover by each leading to a field goal as the Steelers dropped to 8-6 and fell perilously close to missing the playoffs for the first time in nine years.

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Houston, 8-5, remained on the heels of AFC Central Division-leading Cleveland. The Browns, who face the lowly New York Jets Sunday, have a 9-4 record.

Fritsch's first field goal in three games—a 37-yarder—capped a 60-yard drive after safety Mike Reinfield intercepted Bradshaw's pass in his own endzone. The interception halted the Steelers' first substantial drive, on their first possession of the second half.

In the fourth quarter, linebacker Gregg Bingham recovered Harris' fumble at the Pittsburgh 33. After Dave Casper caught a 17-yard pass, Fritsch delivered a 33-yard field goal.

The Oilers, who halted a two-game losing streak, will be pulling for New York Sunday when the Jets visit Cleveland. A Brown loss would move Houston into a tie for the AFC Central lead, but considering Brown quarterback Brian Sipe's talents and came at the hands of AFC Central Division rival Houston and was largely the result of miscues by Terry Bradshaw and Franco Harris.

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Herald Angle

By Earl Yost
Sports Editor

Turkey Day Road Race leftovers

Amby Barfoot, who notched no less than nine triumphs in the Five Mile Road Race Thanksgiving morning in Manchester, is also quite a Prognosticator.

Before the most recent holiday run he predicted a 23:30 finish. He was clocked in 23:27 which was good enough for 12th place in the field of over 4,000. "I would be happy to do that 23:30," Barfoot said of his pre-race statement. "I have run three marathons in the last six weeks and I wasn't able to fully prepare for Manchester," he added.



Pittsburgh skater slowed down

Montreal Canadian Gaston Girras tries to stop Pittsburgh's Rod Schutt as he crosses Montreal blue line in first period of NHL game last night. (UPI photo)

Girls basketball

Manchester girls outscore Fermi

By LEN AUSTER Herald Sports-writer
Contributions came from many corners yesterday as Manchester High girls' basketball team topped off its 1980-81 campaign by overwhelming CCH for Fermi High, 73-26, in Fairfield.
The Silk Towners out-earned a year ago will get a much sterner test Wednesday night as they host Hill High at Clarke Arena at 8 o'clock.
A lot of people played pretty well, observed Manchester Coach Steve Armstrong. "Obviously we are more skilled than they are."
Manchester jumped to a 6-0 edge after 7 1/2 minutes of play, thanks to Jennifer Hedlund sandwiched around a bucket by Karen Wright and never looked back. It led the homecoming Falcons now 9-2 for the season, 14-6 at the first turn.
The Indians sparked by play of Georgetown Ebersole broke it open in the second stanza by sealing off 16 unanswered points. The margin was 36-8 at the intermission and by then it was academic.
The advantage stood 56-18 after three periods.

Eaglettes score late second win

Getting the winning hoop with 36 seconds to go, East Catholic edged St. Paul 52-46 in HCC girls' basketball action last night in Bristol.
The Eaglettes, trailing 25-22 at the half pulled into a 38-all deadlock after three quarters. They took a slim 4-point edge with just over four minutes remaining but St. Paul drew even at 50-all with less than a minute in regulation.
East had possession and worked the ball inside with Fern Cunningham feeding Fiona Campbell underneath with the latter dumping in the game-winning bucket.
St. Paul had a final chance but a shot with two seconds left glanced off the front rim.
Monica Murphy led East with 24 points with Cunningham adding 11. The latter along with Lisa Johnson and Denise White helped control the backboards while guard Carole Ingallina had five steals and dished out four assists.
Carol Keelan had 16 points to pace St. Paul.
East also took the jockey contest, 33-25, to make the coaching debut of Trish O'Connell a successful one.
East Catholic (52) — Murphy 11, 2-4-24, Johnson 3 0-0-6, White 1 2-2-4, Cunningham 5 1-1-11, Ingallina 1 0-0-2, Farr 0 0-0-0, Skehan 0 1-1-2, Brown 3 0-0-11, Curtin 3 3-7-9, St. Paul (50) — Keelan 6 4-5-16, Amadio 5 4-5-14, Bloudeau 0 0-0-0, Chasson 2 4-4-8, Hamel 0 2-3-2, Pickett 2 2-4-7, Coughlin 0 0-0, Daughnins 0 0-0-0, Phelan 1 0-0-2. Totals 16 18-23-56.

Traded RedWing goalie glad to join new club

DETROIT (UPI) — In his seven years with the Detroit Red Wings, goalie Jim Rutherford has had his ups and downs, but the long-term veteran took no shots at management and said he was glad to be traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs.
Rutherford Thursday was traded for 20-year-old rookie center Mark Kirton. In 10 games with the Red Wings this season, Rutherford compiled a 4-3 goals-against average and a 2-6-2.
Despite some hard times on the bench, the senior Red Wing had little to say about the team's management. "Maybe a couple times when I've

Islanders' streak halted by Rockies

NEW YORK (UPI) — It had to happen sometime. But in Denver? Lanny McDonald and Lucien DelBois each had a goal and an assist Thursday night, enabling the Colorado Rockies to snap the New York Islanders' 15-game unbeaten streak with their first triumph in four games, a 4-3 decision.
I said it wasn't anything special to beat the Islanders," said Colorado coach Billy MacMillan, a former Islander assistant. "It's just a pleasure to see a team like the Colorado Rockies beat the Stanley Cup champions."
New York strutted into Denver with a 15-0 record — the longest unbeaten streak in the NHL. They had whipped the Rockies 5-1 Tuesday in New York and seemed ready to set a club record unbeaten mark. But an inability to execute their mightiest weapon — the powerplay — and a tremendous Colorado effort caused the streak to come to a crashing halt.
Still, Islander coach Al Arbour was unconcerned.
"If it wasn't meant to be, it wasn't meant to be," he said. "We'll just have to start another one. That's the nature of the game."
The Islanders, who owned the

Pitt after national title

NEW YORK (UPI) — The University of Pittsburgh still hasn't given up hope of winning the national championship in college football. Although currently ranked No. 4 in the nation, Coach Jackie Sherrill believes his club could still finish No. 1 if it beats South Carolina in the Gator Bowl on Dec. 29.
"I think we still have a chance for the national championship," said Sherrill. "Personnel-wise, we're as good as any team in the nation right now. I think any team that finishes ranked among the top five can say 'we are the best.'"
Offensive guard Mark May, the Outland Trophy winner as the nation's best interior lineman, concurred. May also felt that given another chance Pitt could average its only loss of the season, a 36-22 setback to third-ranked Florida State on Oct. 11 at Tallahassee, Fla. Since then at Pittsburgh have won six in a row and are ranked second nationally to the Seminoles in total defense.
"If we were to play them (the Seminoles) four more times, I think we'd be 4-1," said May. "We made a lot of mistakes the game we played them. We had some disciplinary problems. It was cold at home and a lot of guys came down to Florida and jumped in the pool and let distractions get into the way. We didn't have our minds on the game."
"I really think we'd beat Georgia (the nation's No. 1 ranked team) if we played them. We're capable of beating anyone in the country."
May has all it figured out how the Panthers can win the national championship.
"If Florida were to upset Florida State and Southern California beat Notre Dame (No. 2) this week then we could be No. 2 going into the bowl," said May. "Then, if Notre Dame beats Georgia and we beat

Kuhn blocked sale for racial reason

BOSSIER CITY, La. (UPI) — Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn blocked the sale of the Chicago Cubs to Edward J. DeBartolo because of the businessman's Italian ancestry, a top DeBartolo aide has charged.
Vincent Bartimo, troubleshooter for the sports division of DeBartolo's sprawling business empire, said Thursday heritage was the reason for the sale's \$20 million offer to the American League franchise.
"Let's tell it the way it is," said Bartimo, who manages DeBartolo's Louisiana Downs race track in Bossier City and the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League.
"The reason Mr. DeBartolo happens to be of Italian descent. It's that simple. Oh, there will be denials about it. But all else is rhetoric."
Asked if he was speaking for DeBartolo, Bartimo wavered.
"In the past I have discussed this with Mr. DeBartolo, but this statement comes from me, his chief sports troubleshooter."

Jury ruling for makers of helmets

PEORIA, Ill. (UPI) — A jury has ruled in favor of a helmet manufacturing company charged in the 1974 paralysis of a high school football player, the company attorney said Thursday.
William Galindo, 22, was injured during an Oct. 11, 1974, football game between his Illinois Valley Central High School, Chillicothe, and Central Catholic High School, Bloomington. He was 16 at the time.
The injury resulted in a fractured vertebra in the neck which left Galindo paralyzed with "very little movement from the neck down," attorney Richard Lester said. He has "a little arm movement."
Galindo was filed on behalf of Galindo's parents, who charged the helmet manufacturer by Riddell Inc. of Des Plaines, was defective or "unreasonably dangerous." The suit sought more than \$4 million.

Rob Ramage added a shorthanded goal for Colorado in the second period and Steve Tambellini scored New York's other goal.
In other games, Quebec topped Detroit 4-1. Pittsburgh edged Montreal 3-4. Philadelphia held off Chicago 7-5. Calgary topped Winnipeg 3-1 and Los Angeles beat Vancouver 3-1.
Nordiques 4, Red Wings 1
Jamie Hislop, who has 11 goals in the last 16 games, scored two goals to lead Quebec to its first road victory in 12 games. Michel Goulet and Jacques Richard also tallied for the Nordiques, while Mike Foligno scored the lone goal for Detroit, winless in 12 games, at 13:18 of the second period.
Penguins 3, Canadiens 2
Third-period goals by Rick Kehoe and Pat Hughes gave Pittsburgh its first road victory since Oct. 31. Kehoe tied it 2-2 on a power play at 5:08 and Hughes scored at 8:52. Randy Carlyle, who assisted on both goals, tied it 1-1 on a second-period, power-play goal while Steve Shutt and Rod Langway scored for Montreal. Flyers 7, Black Hawks 5
Brian Propp scored two of

Walter Payton is 'exonerated'

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (UPI) — Walter Payton isn't saying whether the National Football League fined him after conceding it erred in calling him for a fumble in the Chicago-Atlanta game Nov. 23.
Payton Thursday was notified of the league's decision but all the Bears' running back would say was the "league handled it well" and his name was "exonerated."
Payton was ejected in the third quarter of the Bears' 27-17 defeat against the Falcons after the officials ruled he had fumbled on the Atlanta 1-yard line. NFL rules state any contact with the ball is subject to automatic ejection and a fine.
"The NFL originally said evidence was inconclusive whether the Bears' halfback fumbled, but earlier this week it was ruled there was no fumble. Asked if he was fined, Payton said, "that was between me and the commissioner."
"I think the league handled it well and after reviewing the films, they said I didn't fumble, my name has been exonerated," Payton said.

Blazers finally win road game

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As is so often the case, the game turned on a lucky break. But, according to the Blazers, who have been playing without Kermit Washington, that's just the kind of break everyone but them had been getting recently.
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State cleared in ring death

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — The state Athletic Commission Thursday absolved boxing officials of any wrongdoing in a bantamweight title fight in Los Angeles that resulted in death of Welsh fighter Johnny Owen Nov. 3.
Owen, 24, was knocked out in the 12th round of the Sept. 19 bout by a hard right hand by defending World Boxing Council champion Lape Pinor of Mexico City.
The 5-foot-8, 117-pound challenger never regained consciousness and was in a coma 40 days before he died. A native of Merthyr-Tydfil, Wales, Owen was the second professional boxer to die this year from ring injuries. The other was lightweight Cleveland Demery, who died after injuries sustained in a June 20th bout with Gaetan Hart in Montreal.
The commission, which regulates boxing and wrestling in California, said boxing officials at the fight committed no apparent errors in judgment nor did they fail to enforce laws of the sport.

Goalie comes up with save

Grant Mulvey of Chicago draws Philadelphia goalie Pete Peeters out of net to block shot on goal last night. (UPI photo)



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Hearns in first boxing defense

DETROIT (UPI) — Undefeated Tommy Hearns, yearning for a crack at World Boxing Council welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard, makes his first defense of his World Boxing Association welterweight title Saturday against unbeaten Luis Primavera.
Primavera of Venezuela is 15-0 in his brief pro career but already is ranked fifth by the World Boxing Association.
Hearns hopes to win his 30th straight fight since turning professional but is coming off his longest stretch ever between bouts — four months.
The 22-year-old champion won his title Aug. 2 with a second-round demolition of Jose "Pipino" Cuevas of Mexico. Hearns has won 27 fights by knockout.
"I feel really great about my first defense. I've been waiting for a long time. I've been off such a long time."
"I really want to get myself in top-top shape. I've worked out a lot of different things — slipping, punching off my slips."
Primera is not given much chance against Hearns but he presents the

Olympic gold medalist Stella Walsh shot, killed

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Stella Walsh, 66, a Polish immigrant who was a gold medal winner for the United States in the 1932 Olympics, was shot and killed late Thursday night.
Miss Walsh was found lying next to her car in the parking lot of a discount store on the city's Southeast Side about 200 feet from the entrance to the store. She had been shot once in the abdomen.
Police said no one witnessed the shooting, but an off-duty Cleveland patrolman found Miss Walsh in her

Tulsa shocks Louisville

NEW YORK (UPI) — Junior college basketball came out of the bushes Thursday night. The University of Tulsa, composed largely of last year's JC championship team — Western Texas — delivered the first shocker of the college season with a 66-60 victory over defending NCAA champion Louisville.
"We wanted this more than any game we'll play all year," said Tulsa's David Brown. "We wanted to prove to ourselves we could play with the big boys."
Brown, who scored 15 points in clipping the third-ranked Cardinals, is one of four starters first-year coach Nolan Richardson brought with him from last year's undefeated championship squad at Western Texas JC.
Richardson, whose recruiting has taken him through virtually every uncollegiate town in the Southwest, was called on by Tulsa this year to revive a program that has suffered through five straight losing seasons.

Judge can be biased

Sports litigation rules inconsistent

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (UPI) — It's time to lay down ground rules for athletes, coaches and even judges to avoid biased and inconsistent decisions in sports litigation, an Indiana University law professor says.
Ronald Waickowski hopes to do just that with his new center for law and sports at IU.
The center currently occupies only an office in the school of law, but Waickowski projects it will expand into facilities both at Bloomington and Indianapolis, where IU is building a new sports complex.
"There are a lot of inconsistent rulings" in sports litigation, Waickowski said. "We'd like to establish some consistency in line with public policy and the athlete as well as considering coaches and athletic administrators."
"Certainly the potential is much greater for erroneous decisions," he said.
The center has an \$85,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support its operation for the first year. Waickowski, aided by IU athletic officials and law students, plans a conference next spring to address major issues of law and sports for future activities.
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Desegregated rule asked in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Cleveland's special master for desegregation, attorney Daniel McCarthy, has questioned orders from the system's desegregation chief setting racial quotas that would install whites on high school basketball teams and blacks on baseball teams.
McCarthy agreed with Desegregation Administrator Donald Waldrip's assertion that racial quota activities must be desegregated, but with reservations.
"We've been told it was revealed that Waldrip told the system's principals and coaches that the all-black basketball squads must be desegregated to include at least 20 percent whites and that the predominately white baseball teams must include 50 percent blacks."
Waldrip's order means there must be at least two whites on each 12-man basketball squad even if there are better black players available. In baseball, whites would have to be cut to make way for blacks.
In a report to U.S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti released Thursday, McCarthy said the court's remedial (desegregation) order "did not establish rigid numerical or percentage requirements relative to racial composition of schools or programs."
"It is recommended that the plan proposed to be developed by the desegregation ad-

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well or do much of anything right," said Louisville coach Denny Crum. "I don't mean to take anything away from Tulsa, but we can't beat anybody with 35 turnovers."
Wiley Brown led Louisville's faltering attack with 12 points and nine rebounds. Bob Stevenson had 10 points for Tulsa.
"We had to show them we had heart," said David Brown. "Maybe more heart than brains. But that's what we win with — our heart."
Elsewhere in the Top 20, No. 6 Oregon State routed Northridge State 78-47, No. 12 Notre Dame defeated Texas Christian 79-63 and No. 16 Georgetown thrashed St. Leo 108-73.
At Corvallis, Ore., Steve Johnson scored 21 points to become the second all-time scorer at Oregon. Mel Counts is the school's scoring leader. The Beavers, 2-0, led by as many as 37.
At South Bend, Ind., Kelly Trippucka had 22 points and Orlando Woolridge 19 as the Irish raised their record to 2-1. Darrel Browder scored



Three Eagles selected on All-HCC grid squad

Despite the lack of success in the won-lost department, three members of the East Catholic High football team were named to the All-Hartford County Conference (HCC) team, it was reported by Head Coach Jude Kelly.
Senior John Alosky at linebacker and senior Nick Stamboulis at defensive tackle were Eagle selections to the All-HCC squad.
Xavier High, champs of the HCC, and St. Paul each had six picks and Northwest Catholic and South Catholic five apiece.
Voting was done by the coaches. Kelly also announced the annual football banquet would be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at the school cafeteria at 6:30. Ed Cavanaugh, head football coach at West Point, will be guest speaker.

Investigation under way over money for coach

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — An agreement that would guarantee former Arizona State football coach Frank Kush \$30,000 a year for the rest of his life is being investigated by the state attorney general's office.
The probe centers around the resale of football tickets by the Lega Foundation, a non-profit corporation formed by several members in the Connecticut Indoor Soccer Center in Glastonbury opened its season Wednesday night with an 11-0 win over Chapel Hill.
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Soccer seniors record shutout

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