

COVENTRY/STATE

Weight of snow weighs on Coventry

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Students and teachers at Capt. Nathan Hale School returned from Christmas vacation to find a leaky roof at their school Tuesday.

The water leaking into the building demonstrates the urgent need for voters to approve a referendum for renovating the school, according to Edmund Steinmager, president of the Coventry Education Association and a seventh-grade teacher at the school.

The weight of snow from the weekend storm snapped part of the roof and then water leaked in as the snow melted, Edward Mahoney, principal of the middle school, said.

Water leaked into the hallways, two classrooms and the school library, Mahoney said. The school library had to be closed for the day on Tuesday, Mahoney said, and students were only allowed to return books Wednesday and Thursday.

Though no books were damaged, the floor of the library was flooded, according to Joan Melidum, the school librarian, and the room was filled with an unpleasant odor caused by the dampness.

The water leaks caused ceiling tiles to fall in the hallways and in ones of the classrooms, Mahoney said.

The teachers are concerned about working conditions. They are concerned about what the kids have to put up with, Steinmager said.

This is the second year the school has had to deal with leaks. Last year a much bigger tear in the roof forced the school to close down for the day, according to Mahoney.

The school building committee is working on a referendum for renovations at the middle school and at Coventry Grammar School that may go before voters in late February or early March, according to Judith A. Halverson, chairman of the committee and vice-chairwoman of the Board of Education.

The committee will bring the referendum before the Town Council at its first meeting in February, she said.

If approved, a new roof would probably be put on both schools in the summer, according to Halverson.

"We support the town in its bid to solve the problem. We want the township to support that as well," Steinmager said.

Besides providing new roofs, the renovations would include changes to make the schools in accordance with fire, health and safety codes, as well as providing access for those with disabilities, Halverson said. She said she did not know exactly how much the renovations would cost, but that a year and a half ago, they were estimated at \$5.5 million.

The grammar school has also had problems with a leaky roof, Halverson said. Mary Frazee, principal of Coventry Grammar School, said the roof could not be reached for comment.

While waiting to see if a referendum will be approved, officials at the middle school are wondering if they will be able to make it through the winter.

If there is another bad snowstorm, the leak will probably start leaking again, Mahoney said.

Shelter probed for disease

STAMFORD (AP) — While city officials scramble to provide emergency housing for more than two dozen of the area's homeless people, health experts comb the city's largest homeless shelter to determine whether it is a breeding ground for Legionnaires' disease.

The city-owned building which houses Stamford's largest homeless shelter and its only midday soup kitchen was closed indefinitely Wednesday after two homeless men who frequented the West Main Street building were hospitalized with the potentially deadly disease.

One of the victims, who city Health Director Andrew D. McBride identified as a 60-year-old man who stays at the shelter, was in serious condition with the bacterial infection in the Intensive Care Unit at Stamford Hospital Wednesday.

The other victim, a 20-year-old man, also is sick enough to require hospitalization, the health director said.



The Associated Press

IT'S OFFICIAL — Toby Moffett, a candidate for Congress in the 5th Congressional District, files his official campaign papers Wednesday with Florence Cutting, a campaign financing clerk in the secretary of state's office. Critics say Moffett, who is renting a house in the district, is a carpetbagger.

Moffett's candidacy dogged by 'carpetbagger' accusations

By Judd Evarhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Democratic 5th District congressional candidate Toby Moffett would just as soon put the "carpetbagger" issue to rest in the campaign, but it doesn't appear likely it will go away soon.

Moffett, a former 6th District congressman who's moving into the 5th, filed papers Wednesday creating a formal campaign committee. And while he tried to downplay the issue as a "ZIP code debate" his Democratic opponents for the nomination said they had no intention of letting it fade away.

Moffett, who has lived in Branford in the 3rd District since 1983, is now renting a house in Newtown, in the 5th District. But he is keeping the Branford house.

His two Democratic rivals for the nomination, as well as those seeking the Republican nomination, have repeatedly criticized him as a political opportunist who ought to stay where he is. Moffett tried to turn that criticism around on Wednesday.

Raises backed in Coventry

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Seven months after a contract between the town and its 15 union employees expired, a state Labor Department mediator has recommended a pay increase for the employees of 21 percent over three years, Town Manager John A. Eliesser said today.

If the town and union members agree on the contract, a several-month impasse over a new contract could end, he said. If no agreement is reached, the parties will move toward binding arbitration, Eliesser said.

The town clerk released the mediator's report Wednesday, he said. The report analyzed a contract between the town and the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 1303-4. The report outlines nine areas in which the town and union disagree.

Heterosexual AIDS increases

HARTFORD (AP) — AIDS among heterosexuals in the state who are not drug users spread at twice the national rate in 1989, state officials said.

There were 444 new cases of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in Connecticut in 1989, with 51 or 11.5 percent involving sexual transmission of the disease between men and women, state officials said. That was up from 34 cases in 1988 and 16 cases in 1987, state officials said. The rate of heterosexually transmitted AIDS was five percent nationally last year, said Gayle Lloyd of the National Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Many of the 51 cases in the state last year could be "the casual partners" of those who have had a lot of sexual partners, said Patricia J.

Checko, AIDS epidemiologist at the state Department of Health Services. Checko said the number of heterosexually transmitted cases of AIDS was being fueled by a parallel rise in other sexually transmitted diseases. Cases involving sex with a partner who had no known risk behavior and four cases involved sex with a bisexual man.

Checko said she doubted that prostitution is playing a driving role in heterosexual transmission of AIDS. Among the heterosexual cases, four percent have been men and 31 percent women. She says the figures argue against a group of "johns"

National Guard is asked to assist in war on drugs

By Larry Rosenthal
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Gov. William O'Neill is seeking to make National Guard helicopters available for drug enforcement operations in Connecticut's three largest cities, where he also announced teams of state police will be deployed to help fight drug-related crime.

O'Neill raised the possibility of a National Guard role in the stepped-up war on drugs in New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport at a news conference called to detail plans for deploying uniformed state troopers to the cities for at least a three-month trial period.

The governor confirmed last week the plan for widening the role of the state police in local drug enforcement operations, but Wednesday was the first time he revealed the use of the state militia in the battle was mentioned.

The plan to send teams of six troopers and one sergeant into the three cities starting in mid-January was met with strong opposition from the Connecticut State Police Union. A letter from union President Robert J. Kowalczyk called it "a poorly developed, though flashy, program" and urged troopers not to volunteer for it.

O'Neill said the program will be evaluated after 90 days, and if the results warrant it may be expanded. The projected \$250,000 cost of the three-month initiative represents the state police officers' regular salaries and three cities also account for 40 percent of all drug arrests in Connecticut and more than half of all the homicides.

New Haven has a record 34 homicides in 1989 and Bridgeport tied its all-time high of 43.

O'Neill said he was questioned repeatedly about how the added presence of a small number of state police officers could significantly affect the drug problem, and why it would not be better to provide more funds to local departments to hire additional officers.

He encouraged a wait-and-see attitude, at one point responding, "What harm can these men or women do?"

Complaining that O'Neill was being treacherous, Daniels said New Haven is happy to receive any help it can get in fighting drug trafficking.

While the city would like to be able to hire more police officers, he said it would take another year to train them.

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Initial reports put the death toll as high as 70,000, but later reports have varied widely and Western diplomats say the actual figure could be about 10,000.

NATION & WORLD



The Associated Press

FOAMY THE SNOWMAN — A woman reaches out to touch a snowman made with blocks of plastic foam in Wetzikon, Switzerland, recently. Although it's been cold, there has been little snow this year.

Romania names committee to temporarily run nation

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The government today officially legalized public rallies following the creation of an executive committee that will have final say on how the country is run until free elections are held for April.

Romprez, the official news agency, reported that interim President Ion Iliescu had signed a decree that says "public gatherings ... are means of exercising freedom of opinion and speech, of organizing the citizens' participation in the country's public life."

Organizers of rallies and demonstrations will be obliged to take all the necessary measures so that they should proceed peacefully and they also must notify police 48 hours in advance, Romprez said.

Under ousted dictator Nicolae Causeuse, demonstrations were banned unless they were staged in support of his leadership.

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Colorado targets problem of overweight newborns

DENVER (AP) — Health officials hope to reduce the state's high rate of overweight newborns with a program that extends prenatal care to expectant mothers outside the health care mainstream.

The program, Better Beginnings, will furnish medical care, financial assistance, nutrition counseling, follow-up counselors to encourage pregnant women to see doctors regularly, and a combination outreach-education effort to increase public awareness, officials said.

It will "give these babies ... at least a fighting chance at starting out healthy," John Fairman, the head of the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals, said Wednesday.

A recent study showed only the District of Columbia and six southern states had higher rates of newborn babies weighing less than 5 1/2 pounds at birth.

"This problem is not unlike the issue of seat belts. We know seat belts save lives," he said.

Treatment for ovarian cancer tied to higher leukemia risk

BOSTON (AP) — Chemotherapy drugs that were used to treat ovarian cancer may have sharply increased the risk of leukemia, a study has found.

Researchers found that among women treated between 1960 and 1985, the risk of leukemia was 12 times higher in those who received chemotherapy rather than surgery alone, according to the study published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Although the study did not measure the benefits of treatment, chemotherapy drugs given during that time frequently failed to stop ovarian cancer. But doctors say that newer drugs now in use against this form of cancer are more effective, and their benefits probably outweigh their risks.

The research, directed by Dr. John M. Kaldor of the International Agency for Research on Cancer in

Lyon, France, was based on 114 women with leukemia who were among 99,113 survivors of ovarian cancer in seven European countries and Canada.

Doctors have long known that the powerful medicines used to attack cancer may also cause the disease. The latest research demonstrates the magnitude of this risk.

In a second study, the same researchers found that the risk of leukemia is also substantially increased in people given chemotherapy for Hodgkin's disease, another form of cancer. But since Hodgkin's disease is often curable with drugs, the benefits of treatment clearly outweigh the risks.

In this work, the doctors reviewed 163 cases of leukemia among 29,552 Hodgkin's disease patients.

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High rent apartments in default

HARTFORD (AP) — The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development will have to bail out an upscale Hartford apartment complex that, three years after the first of its twin towers opened, is still 40 percent vacant, a HUD official said.

Low occupancy rates have left the developers of the 26-story Towers at Park Place unable to meet interest payments, and they plan to default on the project's \$35 million mortgage this month, the developers said.

The mortgage for the 451-unit complex, considered a risky development because of its high rental prices and large size, is fully insured by HUD, which will pay off the holders of city revenue bonds that financed the development, a HUD official said.

The Underwood Towers Limited Partnership will continue to manage the site. The partnership includes a group of New York businessmen and former Hartford Deputy Mayor Nicolas R. Carbone, who manages the project.

The apartment complex is part of an ambitious, mixed-use housing and office development project at the 33-acre Underwood site. The other components of the \$15 million project, including 136 apartments for the elderly, 25 low-income town houses and the 20-story Xerox Center office building, will not be affected by the default, said John Scobie, vice president of Largo Development. Largo is also part of the Underwood partnership.

Scobie said the default, which is being triggered by a missed Jan. 1 payment, is unavoidable. Payments have totaled \$2.9 million a year. "It's certainly a severe step, but it's the only option open," Scobie said. "It's primarily a function of occupancy and a very soft (Northeastern) real estate market."

Decree

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Clean Water Act by filling wetlands without a federal permit. Under federal law, wetlands and other waters may not be filled without approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Twardy said.

Twardy said the filling occurred in the fall of 1987 and spring of 1988, as the town was preparing to expand and upgrade its wastewater treatment plant.

He said the filing represents the first civil enforcement suit brought in Connecticut under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act by the New England office of the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA and the Army Corps share enforcement authority for violations of the act.

"Protection of our wetland resources is a very high priority for EPA," said Paul Kough of the EPA's regional office in Boston. "Under the guidelines established for issuing Section 404 permits, the town would not have received a permit to fill wetlands for the treatment plant construction. Failure of the town to apply for a permit is a serious violation of the law."

The fine became an issue during last year's town Board of Directors campaign when Republicans accused the Democrats, and specifically former Mayor Peter P. DiIorio Jr., of making the situation worse, resulting in the then-record fine, by seeking the help of top state politicians instead of negotiating with the agencies involved. Democrats have said their efforts resulted in the lower fine.

Wreck

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The passenger train was traveling south on an 500-mile trip from Miami to Karachi and approaching the village of Sangli shortly after midnight when an improper set switch shifted it off onto a siding and into the parked 67-car freight train, he said.

"It's a disaster, and the worst rail accident in Pakistan's history," said Abassi. The country won independence from India in 1947.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto "expressed her deep sense of shock and grief over the tragic railway accident," according to the official news agency, Associated Press of Pakistan.

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Budget

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decrease deficiencies." At the same time, Frassinelli said that it's also possible that savings beyond the \$20 million could be achieved.

"It's a minimum of 2 percent we're shooting for," said Frassinelli, the No. 2 man at OPM.

O'Neill could have called for cuts as high as 5 percent, without approval from the General Assembly. He said additional adjustments may be made as the budget year winds down.

This budget year, the news has gone from good to bad to worse.

On Sept. 1, Caldwell predicted a \$93.3 million surplus. A month later, it was a \$92.8 million surplus. On Nov. 1, the surplus had dropped to \$38.1 million and on Dec. 1 it was \$3.2 million.

The Jan. 1 report showed a \$64.9 million deficit.

O'Neill said revenues from the sales and corporation taxes were down \$50 million from the estimates approved when the budget was adopted last spring. In addition, welfare spending has increased \$90 million more than was in the budget.

The frustrating thing for the O'Neill administration was that taxes were raised more than \$900 million for the current budget year, and even that apparently hasn't been enough. O'Neill says he plans to stick to a pledge not to call for tax increases when he outlines his 1990-91 budget to the General Assembly next month.

Another source said in this election year could be fatal to O'Neill's already shaky re-election bid. Polls have consistently shown his popularity at or near all-time lows.

Suicide

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UNITED STATES GAINED national attention after police released a tape recording of Stuart's anguished pleas for help on the telephone in Stuart's car at the 30-year-old woman lay dying and he bled from a stomach wound suffered after an unidentified person jumped their car after they left a birth preparation class at a Boston hospital.

Thurman said Noriega's surrender "completes the fourth of our four objectives" in invading Panama. The others, he said, were to protect American lives, safeguard the integrity of the Panama Canal treaties and restore democracy to Panama.

Among those waiting outside Homestead's main gates early today was Adela Giraldo, whose husband, Moses, was executed after leading a failed coup against Noriega last October.

"This is a great day," said Mrs. Giraldo. "I never thought I'd see Noriega being brought to justice in this way. This is a day all Panamanians celebrate."

Park

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the meeting, according to Town Manager Richard Sartor.

The proposal is being considered now because the Democrats have changed the cost of the study slightly.

Castano and the Democrats said they are justified in having the study reconsidered because the public was not given an opportunity to speak on the matter at the last meeting.

"We're trying to get people to come out and say what they think of the study," he said.

Although Werkhoven acknowledges the construction of the previous agenda was errant in not allowing the public to speak on the matter, he said "the study does not need to be done at this time."

He said he will submit an application to the state Department of Environmental Protection which may provide 75 percent funding for the study, but it wouldn't be done immediately.

If the feasibility study, estimated to cost \$23,000 at the December meeting, were done, a Manchester would be able to bid for the 1,500 meters at Montreal and fourth in the 5,000 meters at Moscow.

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hope for the future, rebuild its economy, and that the government can advance in the paths of peace, freedom and prosperity. That's what's most important," he said.

Thailand's government spokesman Sivon Yodmani said: "We think it's important that a person who has been accused and indicted for a crime — especially a crime such as narcotics, which is damaging internationally — will be brought to fair trial."

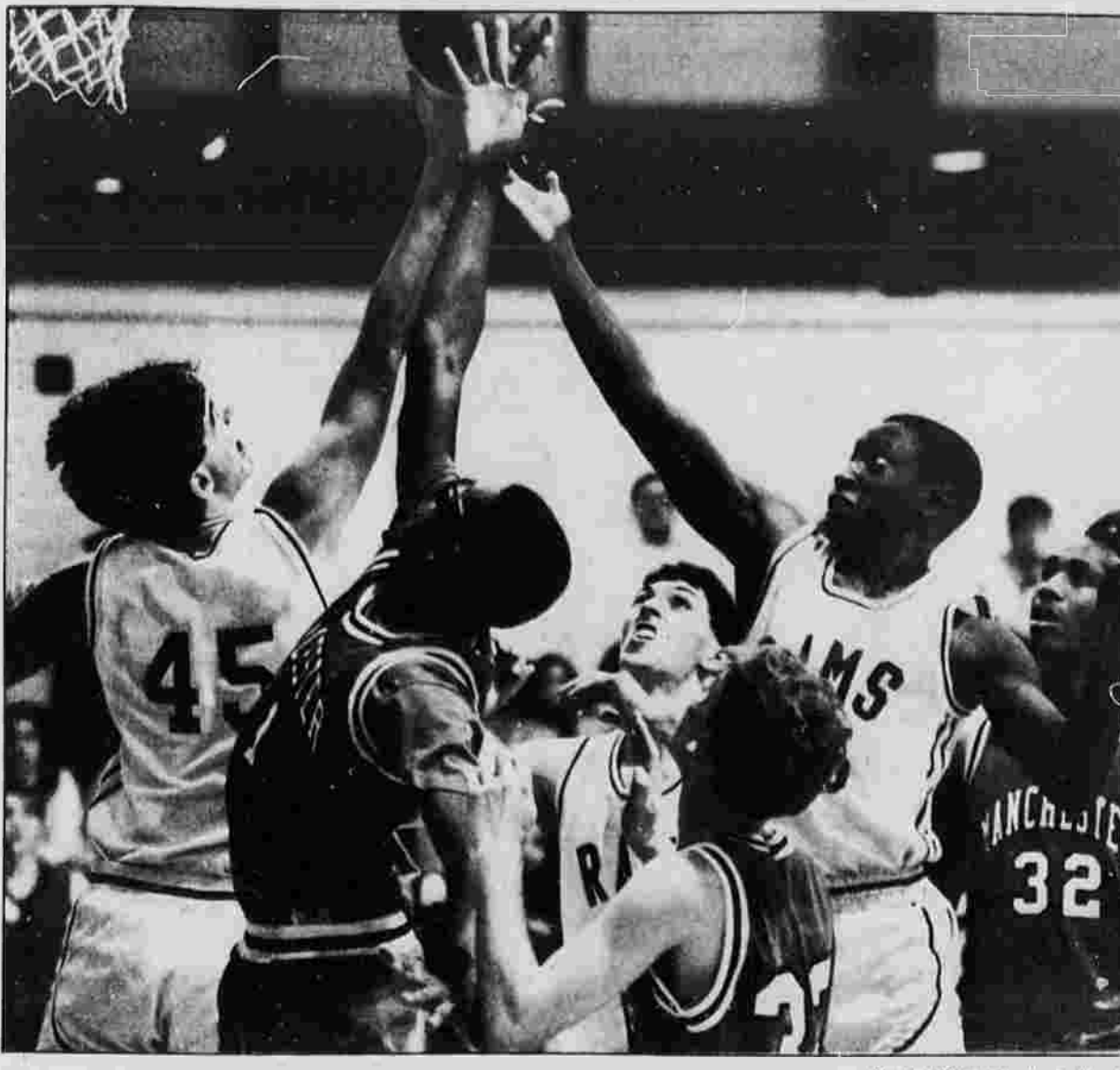
It is none of our business. However, as drug trafficking affects countries internationally, we are happy that the accused will be tried fairly in U.S. court."

"I think this will lead to more permanent peace in Panama," Yodmani said.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry said it had no comment because the matter is strictly among the three nations, the United States, Panama and the Vatican.

Japan has not yet officially recognized Panama's new government, although Japan has an impression that the new government has made a remarkable improvement."

SPORTS



IN A CROWD — Manchester's Darren Goddard, center, goes for the ball along with Rockville's Joe Wianowski (45) and Chris Daniels during Wednesday night's game.



HE'S DRIVING — Manchester High's Jeff Ross (33) drives past Rockville's Chris Coleman in their CCC East Division game Wednesday night in Vernon. Ross had 15 points.

First-quarter explosion enough for MHS

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

VERNON — The frightening display of foul shooting by Manchester High in the fourth quarter would lead you to believe the Indians were in trouble in Wednesday night's game with Rockville High.

Manchester, which missed eight free throws in a row including five consecutive 1-and-1 opportunities, won't, however, thanks to an exceptional first quarter. The Indians, leading 19-17 in the second quarter, answered with a 21-2 victory in CCC East Division action.

The game's first three quarters were marked by the Indians' league mark at 1-1 and improves their overall mark to 2-3. Rockville is also 1-1, 2-3 following the loss. Manchester's next game is Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Clark Arena against Fitch High.

Rockville had a decided height advantage, but Manchester used its quickness and defensive pressure to take control early. The Indians forced the Rams into six of their seven first-quarter turnovers during their 21-point run.

The Indians were scoreless for almost five minutes. Jeff Ross (15 points) drained a pair of 3-pointers. Paris Oates (19 points, 14 rebounds) had six markers and Erik Johnson (18 points) chipped in with five for Manchester. The Indians hit nine of their first 12 shots, finishing 11-for-15 for the stanza.

"It was a man-to-man with doubling up on the ball," Manchester coach Frank Kincl explained. "The biggest reason for its effectiveness was its intensity."

Rockville is one of those teams that is big, but doesn't have good handlers. A good handler could have gotten through (the press). Because of (Rockville's) size, it was something we had to do."

"This was similar to our Windsor game," said Rockville coach John Reiter. "We had a cold start and (Manchester) had a great start. (And) the pressure gave us a lot of trouble. We kind of panicked. I was hoping that was out of our system. That's what they did to our size."

Manchester did a nice job of taking us out of what we wanted to do. As much as I'd like to say we played badly, Manchester played well."

"We got it down to 10 or 11 a couple of times, but then we turned it over," Reiter said.

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Coghlan is back on track

By Bert Rosenthal
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eamonn Coghlan, king of the indoor miles when he announced his retirement in December 1988, has no pretensions of regaining his throne now that he is returning to competition.

Coghlan, 37, announced Wednesday that he will end his brief retirement, but that he did not want to endure the pressure that can accompany running in elite-class races.

"My time of chasing world records and Olympic medals is out of the question," he said.

Coghlan, three-time champ of the Manchester (Conn.) Road Race on Thanksgiving Day, owns the world indoor mile record of 3 minutes, 49.78 seconds, set in 1983 at East Rutherford, N.J. He barely missed medals in the 1976 and 1980 Olympics, finishing fourth in the 1,500 meters at Montreal and fourth in the 5,000 meters at Moscow.

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SAVE — Hartford goalie Peter Sidorkiewicz sprays as he makes a save on Winnipeg's Pat Elyanik (15) during Wednesday's game at the Civic Center. The Jets won, 4-2.

Jets ring in the Whalers

HARTFORD (AP) — Hartford Whalers goaltender Mike Liut underwent arthroscopic surgery Wednesday to repair damaged cartilage in his left knee, the NHL team announced.

Whalers team physician Dr. Vincent Turco said the surgery performed by Dr. Robert Leach at the Boston University Medical Center in Boston was successful.

Liut will be sidelined for at least three weeks and will begin a rehabilitation program after a few days rest, Turco said.

Liut, who has the best goals against average in the NHL this season, was injured Dec. 20 when the Whalers played the Los Angeles Kings, the team said.

The injury was first diagnosed as a severe sprain, but further tests revealed he had torn cartilage.

Another Whalers player, defenseman Sylvain Cote, also has a knee injury, but further tests of his sprained left knee showed there was no cartilage damage, the team said.

Cote will continue rehabilitation on his knee, but he will not accompany the Whalers on their upcoming five-game road trip, the team said.

Liut undergoes surgery

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

HARTFORD — The New Year and New Decade for the Hartford Whalers was rung in clearly for the Whaling Jets Thursday night at the Civic Center.

Goals of each and every variety — short-handed, even strength, power play and empty-netter — along with superb goaltending from Bob Essensa (25 saves) carried the Jets to a 4-2 win before a crowd of 14,528.

With the loss, Hartford's second straight, the Whalers reached the halfway point of their season dipped in mediocrity and inconsistency. Their record couldn't be more in-

Celtics doing well against also-rans

By Howard Ulman
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Those who counted the Boston Celtics out of any serious championship bid spoke too soon. Those who are counting them in now also may be premature.

The Celtics have won six of their last seven games and have improved their offense, defense and rebounding since they were 12-10 less than three weeks ago. But their current 6-1 run has been at the expense of mediocre teams.

One of them was the Washington Bullets, who never led in a one-sided 120-101 loss to Boston Wednesday night. They were without one of their best players, forward John Williams, who underwent knee surgery Dec. 4. They also had lost five of their previous six games and 10 straight road games.

"We are getting there," Celtics center Robert Parish said, "but we have a lot of room for improvement in the areas of rebounding, defense and execution."

"We can't compensate for losing John Williams," Washington coach Wes Unseld said. "We're not talented enough."

Boston couldn't compensate last season for the loss of Larry Bird, who played only six games before undergoing season-ending knee surgery. And this season, he and his teammates struggled before finally beginning to mesh during the recent surge.

But the team's backbone throughout the 1980s, even was criticized by unnamed members of the Celtics organization for his play and attitude. But all went smoothly Wednesday night when he paced the team with 20 points and added 9 assists and 9 rebounds.

Washington was led by Ledell Eckles, who had 16 of his 22 points in the second quarter, and Jeff Malone with 19.

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rebounding advantage against the smaller Bullets.

"When they went to their big lineup, we couldn't handle that," Unseld said.

"We had good ball movement and our defensive help was great," said Boston backup center Joe Kleine, who had 12 points and 13 rebounds. "Contrary to what has been written lately, we are a very tightly knit group."

Just how good the Celtics are is another question.

Lost to NBA powerhouses Denver, New York and the Los Angeles Lakers in a four-game span dropped them to 12-10 on Dec. 15. Since then, they have beaten lesser competition, although victories against Milwaukee, the Los Angeles Clippers, Sacramento and Seattle all came on the road.

Boston coach Jimmy Rodgers was pleased with Wednesday night's performance in which his team scored the first six points and led by at least five for the last 44 minutes.

"We had seven players in double figures," he said. "We've always had a tough time against Washington so this is a big win for us."

Boston's toughest time Wednesday night came when Washington cut a 64-53 halftime deficit to 70-65 with 8:46 left in the third quarter on consecutive baskets by Darrell Walker and Malone.

But Parish's layup off an offensive rebound started a 16-6 run that built the lead to 86-71. The closest the Bullets came after that was 90-80 with 29 seconds left in the third quarter. An 8-2 surge midway through the fourth quarter gave Boston its biggest lead, 108-87 with 5:17 to go.

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High School Roundup

Manchester girls trim Rockville; still unbeaten

With Jodi Widmer and Jen Brindisi picking up the slack, sluggish Manchester High overcame stultish Rockville High, 29-25, Wednesday night in the CCC East Division girls' basketball opener for both clubs.

Manchester is 6-0 overall while the Rams dip to 2-4. "We were cold from the foul line (5-for-16) which helped keep Rockville close," said an under-the-weather Manchester coach Joe DeFuccio.

Manchester's Amy Shumaker suffered a sprained ankle and will miss the Indians' next game which is Friday at 3 p.m. against Fern High in Enfield.

Manchester (29) - Cheryl Fowler 0-0 0-0, Doreen Dunne 1-2, Tom O'Connell 2-2, Jane Widmer 3-2, Terry Doherty 1-1, Jen Brindisi 0-2, Amy Shumaker 0-0, Totals 25-16-29.

Coventry basketball beaten by Vinal MIDDLETOWN - Coventry High boys basketball coach Ron Badstuber would like to forget Wednesday night's Charter Oak Conference 63-44 setback to host Vinal Tech.

Coventry, which hosts East Hampton Friday night at 7:30, is now 0-3 in the COC and 2-3 overall. Vinal moves to 1-2. "It was the worst shooting game I can remember in 15 years," Badstuber said.

East hockey team routs Enfield BOLTON - Behind the three-goal attack of Scott Zavaski and Andy Gagnon, the East Catholic

Whalers dicative: 19-19-2, fourth place in the Adams Division. "We have to be far more consistent," Ray Ferraro, who scored his 16th goal, said.



IN A PICKLE - Rockville's Joe Wisniewski (45) is caught in the middle of Manchester players Emir Issavi, left, and Erik Wolfgang during Wednesday night's game in Vernon. The Indians used a torrid first quarter to put away the Rams, 62-52.

High ice hockey team played the whitewash brush to Enfield High, 10-0, Wednesday night at the Bolton Ice Palace.

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NBA Roundup Orlando Woolridge is performing some magic again and the Los Angeles Lakers are rolling again. David Robinson and Terry Cummings each scored 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Clippers, who are 1-11 on the road after starting an eight-game trip with their first road victory of the season Tuesday at Minnesota.

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New math a big help to Syracuse

By The Associated Press

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By Rick Santos, Manchester Herald

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