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HEALTH

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At the moment, insurers and business groups like CBIA are concentrating or such issues as the best, size of purchasing alliances to achieve cost savings, and whether or thy, one such alliance is enough for the state.

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The fear is that too many competing alliances in a small state like Connectiout could be self-defeating by fragmenting delivery of services while only one alliance without competition might not have an incentive top perform efficiently. The state's small businesses are 89% in support of private competing purchasing alliances, according to a recent survey, and almost unanimously opposed to federal or state governments running such alliances. There seems to be agreement between CBIA and legislators like. Mr. Courmey that a central problem is the present state bureaurency. Nobody scerps to have a good word to say for the present contribution of Rospitals and Health Care efforts to control rising health care costs in the state.

Where the average clitzen with an expensive policy and ahigh deductable will benefit from any of the schemes are presently explained and the control of the schemes are sufficiently and ahigh deductable will benefit from any of the schemes are stated to the scheme and the sche

is still difficult to determine. Serious discussions just beginning a both the state and federal levels and needs to be closely tracked by interested clitzers to the degree possible, according to all those involved at the policy-making level.

Rep. Philip Prelli (Rep. 63 District) believes the state should offer a minimal basic group plan for small busi-

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incases with raits for enough to that the 9% of the state's population that is uninsured can buy in with before-lax dollars. At the monement the state has a group plan, but in caught in a catali-12, Mr. Prelli said. Because not enough first and the state has remail businesse have bought the raites haverenained high:

"The present plan is like a Cadificace," Prelli said. "We need to get it down to the level of a Chervolet."

Above and beyond such a basic-plan would be a "cateforth" of extra coverages from which an employee could buy once that fit him or her mills or her family.

"No matter os that fit him or her mills or her family. The state of the legislature that begins Feb. 9 and ends May 3.

Men's Group to View Life/Faith Themes

LITCHTELD—This January, men seeking personal and spiritual enrichment will come together to participate in a series of meetings to explore issues facing busy men today. An exchange of ideas will enable men of all ages to benefit from the experiences of the other participants.

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The group will meet for the first time Thursday, Jan. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center in Litchfield.

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amount of sickness in the last few weeks in 1993, statistics provided by Sharon Hospital tell a different story. Total visits to the hospital semeragency room in the last two weeks of the year totaled 785, up from 644 for the same period a year ago. The rate of respiratory infections jumped three times from the earlier year to 60 visits his whiter and the number of acute earsches increased from 72 to 43 cases. There, were no diagnosed flux cases. The incidence of time flut may be increasing in the weeks to come, according to Epidemiologist George

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and started slashing through the boxes even though it was obvious what we were carrying. You realized you were really in the hands of bandits."

Alderman went there thinking that maybe outside intervention could achieve a cease-fire. He came away feeling that, particularly in rural areas, there was too much hatred beareas, there was too much harred be-tween peoples, much of it dainty back to World War II. The harred had sim-mered and burst into the open in the battle of Yukowar in 1991 when 15,000 died. Since then the tension and the fighting has increased to a point where he believes there is no good settlement.

He visualizes that eventually there could be a monitored settlement similar to that in Cyprus with partitions along ethnic lines that, for a long time, would have to be UN-monitored.

Alderman discounts the idea that the Muslims in the former Yugoslavia

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see themselves as soulmates of Mus-lims in the Middle East, He talked to

lims in the Middle-East. He talked to quite a few Muslims who consistent told him. 'We're Europeans.'"

There are currently about 30,000 UN troops in the former yogolavia. Because of the increase in suiper fire, they are now allowed to fire back if fired upon, but their duties are limited to observing and monitoring the ceasefires, overseeing civilian police organizations to make sure they don't get out of hand, and embarking on civil engineering projects such as repairing roads and bridges.

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paring roads and bridges.

He came away impressed with how fluid the situation remains. "Every two weeks the British press publish frontline map with big gaps where they simply don't know where the line is. "Confusing as it all was, he is glad he went and came back fired up to learn more of the history of that part of the world.

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hindered him. More and more people appear to be tunking in to "Morning and additional white." The Morning and the first station amounter, and his remote microphone are becoming as increasingly familiar slaht at events such as the Sallsbury Chamber of Commerce Trade Show or the after-Curistums multi-town Youth Hockey tournament held recently at The Hotchkiss School rink.

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He points to one recent measure of hepoints to one recent measure or listener response, an incident that occurred the week before Christmas when Miles relayed a story he had picked up from the police news about a Bantam woman who had been taking Christmas presents to her retarded son in Torrington on Dec. 22. She stopped to

Cooper at the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Addiction Services. After High years at his fream post tracking file and other diseases, he is not surprised that preports of actual flux are beginning to pick up this week."

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LAKEVILLE — Marshall Miles are beginning to pick up this week."

Lakeville Co. 1. But, he says, the said station in realistic state of the story people began walking saying the simulation is really to differ; ent from index other years.

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To his surptie, soon after Miles and the surpties, soon after Miles and the surpties and to consider the woman. Within a half, hour, he had received \$116 in \$3 and the surpties and to consider the woman in Banna bad conditions. He took the cash he had content and the surpties and his radio presentations are not new to the area. He was a surpties and the surpti

Miles and his radio presentations are not new to the area. He was relative to MYCE in Sharon for six years before parting company with the new owners last year. He has a unique arrangement at present with the station's owner, Dennis Jackson, who also owns WREP in Ridgefield. The latter station picks up at 10 a.m. when Miles goes off the air and supplies listeners with music, news, and weather for the rest of the day, going off the air at 6:30 pm. except during emergencies like major snowstorms.

Announcements on WREP

Qito FM." Night-time programming for the two sailons will be added soon, Miles said.

"The armagement has enabled both lacktion and Miles in keep costs low, 'Almost all the sist-in-prossts for the Lakeville operation, have been paid off, Miles reported.

Advertising rises can remain low because overhead is minimal — the staff conklatis of Miles; a part-time programme and a part-time salemmin. He hopes these kall people will become full time this year.

At present, however, Miles is a one-time of the minimal manner of the manner of the salemmin soon the salemmin staff as a salemmin staff as a salemmin soon sense in the salemmin sense in the salemmi

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within the school system to respive educational polley disputes.
"There is a growing strategy by on the third of January, we confirmed five new cases. Once in the state, the incidence typically takes two weeks to build up, two to peak and two to die off. We call it 'the six-week cycle.' Last year was a little different, we had six weeks of Type A, then six weeks of B, and, finally, a six week recurrence of A."

Dr. Cooper added that, except in

of B, and, finally, a six week recurrence of A. Inally, a six week

Dr. Peter Gott credits the fact that has been on the fluc asses yet to the fact that he gave over 400 preventive flus shots this fall to his patients in addition to those administered by other doctors and at area fluc laines. In Carsan, Dr. Bruce Janelli reported that his practice 'is always busy around the holidays' and the various diseases he is seeing are no different from any others' although he admits the viral illnesses he has been treating are "knocking some people way down."

His advice to everyone is the often-heard but very important advice to

rus advice to everyone is the often-heard but very important advice to "Wash your hands!"

attorneys to turn to the state for a for-mal hearing process and we want to

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encourage parents to participate in a school communication process to resolve differences and accommodate parents' wishes before jumping into a bearing, "Dr. Vita said. He added that state policy is such that the district may not even be informed of the district may not even be informed of the district may not even be informed of the district may not even be informed or the district may make a written request for an impartial hearing in there is a disagreement with a student evaluation, individual education program or placement of astudented gible

request for an impartial hearing if there is a disagreement with a student evaluation, individual education program orplacement of astudenteligible for special education recommended by the Region i Planning and Placement Team (PPT).

A request for an impartial hearing may be made either in writing to Vita or through a form available at the Pupil Services Center in Palls Village. The due process unit of the state Department of Education's (DOE) office of legal affairs in Hartford will be notified of requests for an impartial hearing as required by law, but a formal state hearing will not be convened if alternative school district conciliation efforts can successfully resolve the disagreement. Region I school administrators hope parents who are considering litigation will take advantage of the latter option.

Vita added that, "The real problem rests with parents who bried that, "the real problem rests with parents who bried that," the real problem rests with parents who bried the revovide strictly educational services, not medical or hospital services."

He noted the school district's primary emphasis is on serving students with a broad target of seculal learning with a broad range of seculated learning with a broad range of sec

He noised the school district's primary emphasis is on serving students with a broad range of special learning needs including psychological counseling and speech, physical and occupational therapy. Special education students are also "mainstreamed" into conventional classroom settings when applicable Io Provide them with the "least restrictive learning environment."

Dispute resolution options open to arents other than a formal state hear-Dispute resolution options open to parents other than a formal state hearing include an informal meeting, administrative review and mediation, which is an informal process conducted by a DOE-appointed mediator who will work with school representatives and parents to attempt an equitable solution before a formal state hearing is resorted to.

"We want to send out a plea to the "We want to send out a plea to the

general public to alt d general public to alredown and work through their concerns with us in a calm and concillatory fashion rather than initiate legal action that will cost the school district money, which could be better spent on students, "said Vida. The mediation process is non-

binding and parents may sun pursue the formal bearing option if they are unsatisfied with the results of school district efforts to resolve the dispute. A formal state hearing is con-ducted by a hearing officer or hearing board appointed by the DOE to take testimony from parents and exhool remtestimony from parents and school re resentatives under oath. Each par olrep resentatives under oath. Each party has the right to question the other and their witnesses as well as the right to be represented by an attorney or advisor in a formal hearing. The hearing body will issue a written decision, which may be appealed by either side in Superior Court or Federal District Court.

Maskowsky said, "The system fixes its odisputes are confrontational, We're

its itso disputes are confrontational. We're on the side of the parents. This liti-gious mode is costly to the district and ultimately this means less funds for ultimately this means less funds for students. We have to get parents to trust us more than attorneys who tell them to go old and demand their rights. We want parents to approach us first to resolve disputes because we're easier to do business with than they think." Nochange in the student's disputed placement can be made during the hearing process unless both parties can agree on a temporary placement. Parents who cannot afford a private lawver may obtain low cost feets aftery-

Parents who cannot afford a private lawy may obtain low cost legal services through agencies available to the parents of handleapped children.

Parents or guardians who prevail in the formal hearing process may be reasonably compensated for attorney's fees as provided for by state law.

Parents may also seek independent student evaluations if they are unsatisfied with the evaluations troumented by Region I special education personnel.

If the school district's student evaluations are deemed inappropriate by the formal hearing process, then district also assumes the costs of independent evaluations sought by parents. Parents and school administrators may also agree on an independent evaluation at district cost.

Vita said the district employs fully unalified, processionals to conduct

Vita said the district employs fully qualified professionals to conduct evaluations, but that neuropsychological and psychiatric evaluations, for instance, are not conducted by Region 1 personnel and these services are subcontracted when needed.

He termed the hearing system a Catch-22" and said it can force special education administrators to be hardened.

cial education administrators to be "hardnosed" because any compromise with parents can be legally construct as an admission that the district's stu dent evaluation is somehow faulty even though the compromise is pur-sued in a conciliatory spirit.

... PROJECTS CONTINUED

residents consider the site's vacant

Parking on Holley Street in Lake-ville in front of the The Factory com-mercial building owned by Peter Oi-iver was discussed at Tuesday's Se-lectmen's meeting, "No Parking" signs have been posted on both sides of the

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narrow street, but the selectmen said the prohibition will be enforced only during snowstorms. The possibility of diagonal parking spaces on thenearby Factory Pond green and additional parking in the Bicentennial Park area was also discussed. On other matters, Selectman Trota said this week that the WMC Consult-

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ing Engineers firm of West Hartford ing Engineers firm of West Hartford has been chosen to perform needed repair work on the Farnam Road and Selleck Hill bridges. Mr. Trota said a starting date has not yet been set for the bridge repair work, which will be completely paid for through a combination of state and federal funds. Selectman Curtis Rand said at this week's Selectmen's meeting that the bridge repair project may take as long as four for five years to complete at an estimated cost of \$1 million. Mr. Rand said the town may have to make an

as lour to five years to complete at an estimated cout of a limition. Mr. Rand said the town may have to make an initial payment of \$100,000 from surplus town funds before federal and state reinbursement checks are received.

The unsightly tangle of overhead electrical wires in front of \$1. Mary's Catholic Church in Lakeville should be a thing of the past by next week, utility spokespersons and this week. Both Chet Raczka, an engineering manager for Southern New England Telephone, and Im Allen, a Connecticut Light and Power Co. spokesman, said this week that the utilities have shifted service wires to a new utility pole and an underground conduit at the site.

Cloudy AM, sunny warmer PM Cloudy day, snow elev. lete PM TCI Cablevision of Salisbury must also switch its cable television wires before the utility pole can finally be removed from the front of the church.

Compiled by Ken Miller