

Duryea Winner In Tax Cut Sweepstakes

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High School Gridder Buried

FULTON, N.Y. (AP) — Ricky P. Luciano, a 16-year-old high school football player who died Saturday after a game was buried here Tuesday.

Luciano was taken out of the game against North Syracuse High School late in the fourth quarter Friday when he complained of being short of breath. An assistant coach took the youth to a nearby hospital but reportedly was talked out of taking him inside to be examined.

Scouts Given \$1.5 Million

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Annabell Piper, widow of a Xerox Corp. pioneer, has donated \$1.5 million to the Girl Scouts to construct a building in the Town of Perinton, it was announced Tuesday.

The Scouts said the building will be erected on a 60-acre camping site that

The high school senior died Saturday morning, the day after the game. An autopsy concluded the Fulton High School football player died from accidental trauma.

It was not known if the death was connected to an incident in the game or when the incident may have occurred, high school officials said.

School officials cancelled this week's game and were considering cancelling the remaining games this season because of the boy's death.

was donated to the Scouts by Mrs. Piper seven years ago.

Mrs. Piper, who resides here, is the widow of Homer Piper, who invented a photo copying paper years ago while working for the Haloid Co., predecessor of Xerox.

Widow Cleared In Incident

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — A Schenectady County grand jury has cleared Joan Kennison, 21, of criminal charges involving the death of her husband of a few hours.

Police said Mrs. Kennison drove a car over her husband, Louis, 23, shortly after their wedding reception in nearby

Rotterdam Sept. 16. Police said the couple, still in their wedding attire, had apparently quarreled.

Mrs. Kennison, who was hospitalized in shock following the incident, still faces misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated, Dist. Atty. Elbert Watrous Jr. said.

Illegal Teacher Strike Ends

HAMPTON BAYS, N.Y. (AP) — Representatives of the Hampton Bays School Board and the district's teachers association came to agreement early today, ending a two-day walkout by the teachers.

Mike Tavaras, spokesman for the district's 85 teachers, said the two sides had agreed "in principle" on a new pact, and that the teachers would meet at 7:50 a.m. today to endorse the preliminary agreement. He said the two sides would meet over the next few weeks to write the final version of the contract.

Details of the agreement were not

disclosed. The district's schools were kept open during the strike with administrative personnel and substitute teachers manning the classrooms.

The agreement came during the first negotiations since the teachers struck Monday in this small, Suffolk County community. The district consists of two schools — an elementary school and a junior-senior high school — and serves 1,550 students.

Spokesmen for the teachers said during the strike that the district wanted to retract some benefits, and was offering "almost nothing" in the way of salary increases.

Black Wins Runoff Election

BUFFALO (AP) — Unofficial returns in a court-ordered run-off election showed that black businessman Herbert L. Bellamy had amassed huge majorities in two black districts to defeat James F. Doherty for the Democratic nomination for Buffalo Councilman-at-Large.

Bellamy, 46, got 10,696 votes, 6,715 of them in the Masten and Ellicott districts. In the Masten District, Bellamy rolled over his white opponent by a ratio of 44-to-one.

Doherty received 8,803 votes, running strongest in the largely Irish South District, where he polled 2,659. The 29-year-old former teacher carried five of nine councilmanic districts.

About 15 percent of the 130,000 Democrats registered in the city voted Tuesday.

In the September primary, incumbents Bellamy and Doherty finished third and fourth in a field of seven candidates seeking three nominations. Bellamy ran only 224 votes ahead of Doherty, who claimed widespread fraud and irregularities.

A hearing found more than 1,000 irregularities in predominantly black voting districts, but no fraud. The state's highest court ordered the runoff.

"This election seemed to be very, very fair," Doherty declared while the votes were being tallied.

Clergyman Guilty In Slaying

BUFFALO (AP) — A Buffalo clergyman has been found guilty of first-degree manslaughter in the shotgun slaying of his wife.

An Erie County Court jury convicted the Rev. Lomax Foster on Tuesday evening. Lomax was accused of shooting his wife to death in their apartment

upstairs from his store-front church last Nov. 13.

The Rev. Mr. Foster, 52, denied under cross examination that he fired at his wife Caroline, 33. He was also found guilty of illegal possession of a weapon. Judge Ernest L. Colucci set sentencing for Nov. 17.

Alleged Murderer Surrenders

DETROIT (AP) — A Detroit man sought in the brutal shooting deaths of his wife's lover and another man was being held in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. after turning himself over to authorities there, Detroit police said.

Police said they would seek murder warrants today against Ralph Purifoy, 25, in Sunday's killing of Robert E. Lee, 26, and Dillard Jones, 25.

Purifoy is accused of killing the pair after learning that his 25-year-old wife, Pam, was leaving him for Lee, police said.

Detectives said when Mrs. Purifoy came to her husband's apartment Sunday to pick up her two children, Purifoy handcuffed her to a bathroom

pipe and punched her. He then walked outside with a pistol and fired several shots at Lee, who was waiting on the street, police said.

After pistol-whipping Lee, Purifoy got a shotgun from the apartment and fired two more blasts into the man's body, police said.

Jones, who had driven Lee and Mrs. Purifoy to the apartment, was shot and killed as he tried to drive away from the scene.

Police said Purifoy apparently fled to Poughkeepsie to stay with a brother, and surrendered to police there Tuesday. They said he indicated he will not fight extradition.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — With the state's top politicians competing to see who can promise the largest tax cuts, Perry Duryea appears to have won the sweepstakes, hands down.

Duryea, the Assembly minority leader and the leading Republican contender for governor, proposed Tuesday a whopping tax cut of at least \$2 billion, which he said would save the average family about \$600 a year.

His proposal contains no specifics on what budget cuts might be needed to implement it.

But it dwarfs a tax-cut plan already advanced by the other leading legislative Republican, Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson and is far higher than anything expected from Democratic Gov. Hugh Carey.

Anderson has proposed a tax cut for next year of \$344 million, and Carey aides have said the governor is trying to come up with a proposal for cutting more than Anderson — but not much more.

Duryea's program is much larger than the others in part because he would make cuts in each of the next five years, while the others are talking now only about programs for next year and seem unwilling to commit themselves to specific reductions beyond that.

The Suffolk Republican said such massive tax relief is needed to keep the state from becoming a "permanently depressed economic wasteland," with businesses continually driven out by the highest taxes in the nation.

But after he concluded a campaign-style swing across the state Tuesday to unveil the program — he flew on a state plane between news conferences in New York Albany and Buffalo — his allies and critics were left debating whether the proposal was one with a serious chance of implementation or was just political showmanship.

Duryea himself declared that his proposals were "divorced from any political action," such as his expected candidacy next year against Carey.

"This is not a hokey, ill-conceived platform that relates to any political activity in the future," he said.

But except for promising a \$1 billion cut in welfare — which would require cutting current spending by more than half — he offered no details on what state budget cuts might be needed to finance the tax cuts.

He said that major, painful cuts might not be required — although he suggested the state should draft budgets in which the tax cuts got first priority, whatever spending cuts might be required to match them.

Some aides of both Carey and Anderson grumbled that Duryea, as a minority leader with little power, was free to propose massive tax cuts only because he did not have the responsibility of drafting the presumably unpopular budget to go with them.

And their aides, as well as more independent analysts, raised questions

about some of the projections Duryea used to defend his program.

Duryea's program would combine cuts in the state's business taxes with reductions in the personal income tax, limited state tax credits for property taxes paid to local governments and an elimination of the state sales tax on home heating costs.

When fully implemented, he said, it would save families in the \$10,000-a-year income bracket \$500 a year, wiping many of them off the income-tax rolls entirely. The average family in the \$15,000-a-year bracket would save \$600, and families in the \$25,000 class would save \$650.

The biggest savings would go to the richest: \$1,288 for a family in the \$50,000 bracket and about \$4,200 for those over \$100,000.

Duryea said it would be up to the legislature and the executive branch to determine how much and what parts of the program would be implemented in each year of the phase-in.

His plan put the cost of these programs when fully implemented at \$2.15 billion a fiscal year.

But on the question of what cuts, if any, would be required in programs funded by the state budget — which now totals \$11 billion — it was less specific.

"We're not going into the full budget-making process here," Duryea told his news conference in Albany.

At one point he said, "I think it's time we curtailed state expenditures in many areas." But at another he said there would "not necessarily" have to be cuts.

Normal growth in state revenues from inflation of the economy, together with hoped-for increases in federal aid and new revenues generated by the economic benefits he said his program would provide, could make major program cuts unnecessary, he said.

He offered a list of projections totaling \$6.2 billion, some of which he said would be available to help fund the taxcut program.

That included \$500 million in increased federal aid, from programs which were not specified, and a cut of fully \$1 billion from welfare and Medicaid, which now cost the state \$1.8 billion. Under questioning Duryea suggested that that "cut" could be implemented mostly by keeping welfare from growing.

He cited projections by Carey's Budget Division that state revenues will increase by about \$4.8 billion over the next five years from normal economic growth, and included that in the \$6.2 billion partially available to finance his tax cuts.

Duryea did not mention the fact, but those same Budget Division projections calculate that most of the revenue growth will be eaten up by inflationary increases in such state costs as employee salaries and benefits, fuel and electricity bills, material purchases, debt service and the formulas providing aid to local governments.

'Instant Re-Pay' Game Has Officials At Odds

BATAVIA, N.Y. (AP) — The Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. and the state Racing & Wagering Board are at odds over OTB's use of a betting game linked to the total points scored on Monday night pro football.

The corporation said 5,212 persons played the "Instant Re-Pay" promotional game for the first time Monday, but none were winners.

Winning depended on two factors — the exactas at Yonkers Raceway and the total number of points scored at the Monday night football game.

Some 20 persons did pick the right combination of three and four, which equalled the 34 points scored by Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in the Monday night game.

But none of the exacta races at Yonkers resulted in a win by the No. 3 horse and a second-place finish by the No. 4 horse, so none of the 20 persons won any of the \$50 betting credits at stake in the game.

The corporation said it refused to halt the promotional game last Monday despite an afternoon message from staff members of the New York State Racing & Wagering Board that the game be stopped.

John J. Gannon, the off-track betting counsel, said details of the promotional game had been sent to the state board a month ago, but there had been no response.

"The only thing that took place was

delay," he said.

"Our decision to proceed with the promotion was an attempt to precipitate some kind of action by the state Racing & Wagering Board," he said. "Once it makes a decision, our board can respond."

He said the corporation did not consider the game "betting" because chances are offered free.

But Brad Telias, secretary to the racing board, said in New York City that a warning letter about the game was sent to Fred "Budd" Herman, president of the western OTB region.

"It's too close to sports betting, which is illegal," he said in a telephone interview.

"Our board will consider what to do at its meeting in New York City on Thursday morning. We can fine them, suspend their operations or remove their board of directors," he said.

Also on Thursday, the regional board said it would consider whether to continue the promotion.

Herman said they began it to continue attracting Monday night bettors, even though there are no local races. Batavia Downs and Finger Lakes gave up Monday night racing, saying televised football had cut their attendance and their handle.

Herman said their shut-down could cost OTB some \$1 million in betting during the football season, because residents prefer to bet on area tracks.



IT WON'T BE LONG — An early indication of things soon to come was a snowstorm that dumped up to half a foot on parts of western New York and northern Pennsylvania Monday. Traffic is shown backed up on Rt. 61 which leads to Prackville, Pa. (AP Photo)

Carey's Third Press Secretary Will Quit

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. Hugh Carey's press secretary has become the latest in a series of top-level Carey aides to quit the administration.

James Vlasto, the third press secretary to serve Carey since 1974, announced Tuesday he would leave at the end of the year because of the problems of "working on a fixed government salary." He is paid \$47,000 a year.

The governor said, "I could not have had a finer press secretary," and called Vlasto "a trusted advisor and friend."

The resignation left Carey with another top-level vacancy to fill. And it added to signs of internal strains in the administration and to reports of a possible exodus of Carey aides to join a new New York City administration.

In recent months, Carey's budget director, Peter Goldmark, his secretary, David Burke, his chief of staff for New York City fiscal affairs, Stephen Berger, and his communications director, Harry O'Donnell, have all quit.

Goldmark was replaced by Philip Toia, the social services commissioner, and Burke by Robert Morgado, the director of state operations, leaving those two posts vacant. Berger and O'Donnell have not yet been replaced, and there are other Cabinet-level

vacancies, as well.

Vlasto ran a private public-relations firm before joining Carey in May 1976, and he said Tuesday that he might return to that sort of work. He did not rule out, however, taking a job in the new administration in New York City, if Rep. Edward Koch wins the mayoral race as expected.

He said it had been a "great privilege" working for Carey. But there had been signs that some aspects of his job were frustrating, partly because of the pressures of the competitive media in New York and partly because of what other Carey aides have called the governor's mercurial behavior.

Carey has sometimes changed his positions in public and left his press office to try to explain things.

Last Wednesday, for example, Vlasto was assuring reporters that Carey was "neutral" in the race for Manhattan borough president — a position Carey had taken in public before. But in off-the-cuff remarks later that day Carey suddenly endorsed Robert Wagner Jr. for the job.

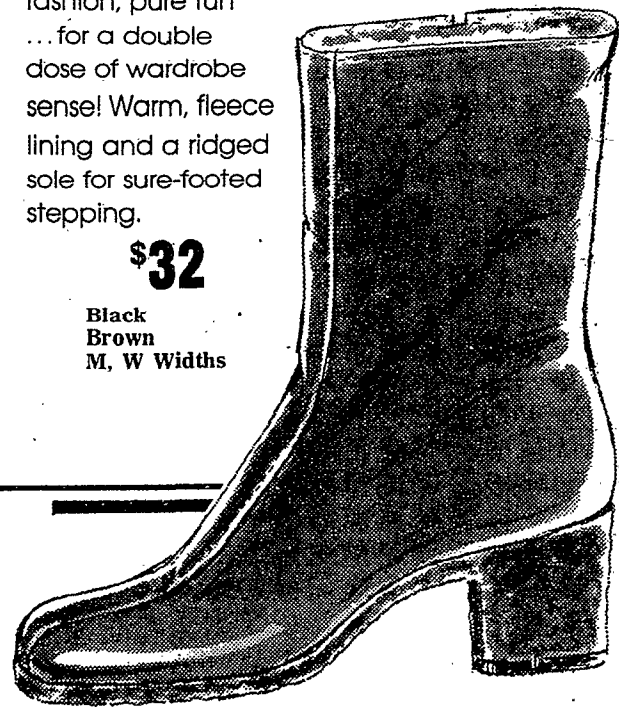
Some other Carey aides, on the other hand, criticized Vlasto for antagonizing reporters with his sometimes combative defenses of the governor.

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