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OBITUARIES

DEATHS REPORTED

Barns, Muriel (Palmer)*
Ephrata Manor, Ephrata, January 15, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, Inc., 800-933-4909.

Dishman, Edna M. *
80, of Willow Street, January 16, 2008. Edward L. Collins Funeral Home, Inc., 610-932-9584.

Eichelberger, Terry L.
50, of Gap, January 16, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 687-7768.

Frey, Mary Isabelle
92, Manor Care, January 16, 2008. Reynolds Funeral Home, 786-3272.

Gould, Barbara A. (Crispell)
70, wife of Norman P. Gould, of 1277 Harvest Drive, Denver, January 15, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909.

Irwin, John E.
92, of Columbia, January 16, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home, Inc., 393-1776.

Musser, Amos G.
91, of Fairmount Homes, Ephrata, January 16, 2008. Roseboro Funeral Home, 336-6531.

Shirk, Amos B.
54, husband of Lizzie (Shirk) Shirk, of 1228 Muddy Creek Road, Denver, January 17, 2008. Eckenroth Home for Funerals, 445-5122.

Steely, Shirley I.
65, wife of Donald L. Steely, Sr., of 1284 Lexington Road, Manheim, January 16, 2008. Buch Funeral Home, 665-4341.

Tighe, Edna Mary (Heath)*
99, of Lancaster, January 16, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

White, Granville L.
51, of S. Franklin St., Lancaster, January 8, 2008. Major H. Winfield Funeral Home, 939-3342.

Worthington, Gary L.
47, of Elizabethtown, January 12, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

* No Obituary appears

John E. "Jack" Irwin "Piano Jack"

John E. "Jack" Irwin, 92, of Columbia, died Wednesday,



January 16, 2008 at Manor Care Health Services. Born October 6, 1915 in Silver Spring, he was a son of the late John and Erna (Copeland) Irwin. Mr. Irwin was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie E. "Wib" (Glick) Irwin on January 1, 2004.



Mr. Irwin served our country in the United States Navy during World War II as a sonarman

third class, helping transfer supplies between ships. While in the Navy, Jack would tune the pianos of island residents when his ship was in port. Mr. Irwin had a great love of music. He and his wife traveled to many Lancaster retirement homes, entertaining the residents. He became known as Piano Jack. Mr. Irwin also enjoyed photography, drawing, and cross country skiing, which he did into his late 70's.

Mr. Irwin is survived by his daughter: Joyce F. Trout of Lancaster; his granddaughter: Shelly Trout of Lancaster; his grandson: Larry M., husband of Regina Trout of Lancaster; his brother: Richard W. Irwin of St. Augustine, FL; and his twin great grandchildren: Alexander and Natalie. In addition to his wife, Mr. Irwin is predeceased by his sister, Pat Irwin.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 21, 2008 at Conestoga Memorial Park, 95 Second Lock Road, Lancaster, with Rev. Dale Parmer officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired, 244 North Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17603 or the Red Rose Veteran's Honor Guard, P.O. Box 8601, Lancaster, PA 17604. Arrangements by the Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. For

additional information on to

Amos G. Musser

Amos G. Musser, 91, of Fairmount Homes, Ephrata,



entered into rest at home on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Born in Brecknock Twp., he was a son of the late Israel and Susie (Geigley)

Musser.

Amos farmed from childhood until 1973 and worked for Country Acres Stores as a hauler. He was also employed by King's Potato Chips and last worked for Uncle Henry's Pretzel Bakery. A member of Lichty's Mennonite Church, East Earl, he taught Sunday School most of his life at the Reading Missions, Alsace Manor, Bowmansville Mennonite Church and Lichty's Mennonite Church until he was 86. He also taught Summer Bible School for many years at various local churches.

The last of his immediate family, Amos was predeceased by sisters Mary Gehman, Susanna, Katie and Lizzie Musser, and brothers Noah and Daniel Musser.

The funeral will be on Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Bowmansville Mennonite Church, 129 Pleasant Valley Dr., Bowmansville with Pastor Clair Long and Deacon Eugene Sauder officiating. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. There will be a viewing on Monday from 6-8 PM in the Wheat Ridge Chapel at Fairmount Homes, and on Tuesday from 9-10 AM at the church. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions in Amos' memory may be made to the Fairmount Homes Sharing Fund, 333 Wheat Ridge Dr., Ephrata, PA 17522. www.roseborofuneralhome.com

Mary Isabelle Frey

Mary Isabelle Frey, age 92, formerly of 809 North Shippen Street, Lancaster, died Wednesday afternoon at Manor Care, Lancaster. She was the widow of Warren H. Frey who died June 28, 1972.

Mrs. Frey was born in Little Britain Township, a daughter of

Shirley I. Steely

Shirley I. Steely, 65, of 1284 Lexington Road, Manheim, died



peacefully Wednesday January 16, 2008 at Essay Flory Hospice Center, Lancaster. Born in Rothsville, she was the daughter of the late

Dwight R. and Anna Mary (Smith) Meiskey. Shirley was the wife of Donald L. Steely, Sr. to whom she was married for 41 yrs. She was a certified nurses aid at Lancashire Hall, Lancaster.

Surviving in addition to her husband is a son Donald L., Jr., husband of Stacey (Aaron) Steely of Lancaster; four daughters, Kim Hess of Gaithersburg, MD, Linda Keisling of Bowmansville, Victoria Steely of Millersville, Christina, wife of Theron Schlotzhauer of Lititz; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Melvin Meiskey, two brothers and a sister.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service from the Buch Funeral Home, 21 Market Square, Manheim, on Monday January 21, 2008 at 11:00 A.M., with Rev. Ryan Khan officiating. Interment will be in Brunerville United Methodist Cemetery. There will be a public viewing on Sunday at the Buch Funeral Home, Manheim, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Please omit flowers, those desiring may send contributions in Shirley's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster PA 17604-4125. Buch Funeral Home, Manheim in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence you may visit our website at www.buchfuneral.com

Granville White

Granville L. White, 51, of S. Franklin St., Lancaster, former-

Amos B. Shirk

Amos B. Shirk, 54, of 1228 Muddy Creek Road, Denver, died Thursday, January 17, 2008 at his home after a 1½ year battle with cancer.

Born in Brecknock Twp., he was the son of Lena (Brubaker) Shirk of Denver and the late Amos Shirk IIe was married 30 years on October 20 to Lizzie (Shirk) Shirk.

He was a farmer and a member of the Muddy Creek Mennonite Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are four children, Gary, married to Joanna (Leid) Shirk of Greenwich, OH, Sue Ann, married to Leroy Brubaker of Denver, Lena Marie Shirk, at home, and Eldon, married to Idella (Martin) Shirk of Mifflinburg; five grandchildren; 11 brothers and sisters, Daniel, married to Loretta (Martin) Shirk of Denver, John, married to Lydia (Zimmerman) Shirk of Versailles, MO, Mary, married to Harvey Martin of Antwerp, NY, Annie, married to Aaron Sensenig of Versailles, MO, Ivan, married to Mary (Newswanger) Shirk of Narvon, Eli, married to Lydia (Newswanger) Shirk of Talmage, Isaac, married to Lydia (Zeiset) Shirk of Leola, Paul, married to Frances (Martin) Shirk of Cayuga, NY, Lena, married to Paul Martin of Ephrata, Emma, married to Raymond Martin of Narvon, and Luke, married to Betty Martin of Quarryville.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 21 at 9 am at the late home with further services at 9:30 am at the Muddy Creek Mennonite Church with the Bishop Titus Martin officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Viewing will be at the late home on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements by Eckenroth Home for Funerals, Terre Hill.

Gary L. "Buck" Worthington

Gary L. "Buck" Worthington, 47, of Elizabethtown, died on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at his home. A

Barbara A. Gould

Barbara Gould, 70, Denver, died at home Jan. 15, 2008.



Born in Berkshire, NY, a daughter of Charles J. Crispell and Hazel M. (Moon) Crispell Carpenter, she was married to

Norman P. Gould for 49 years.

A Courtland State College, Courtland, NY, graduate, she was a 1st grade teacher with the North Penn School District, Lansdale, PA, for 28 years.

Barbara attended Cocalico Community Chapel, was a faithful, loving wife and mother, and a dedicated Sunday school teacher and volunteer at Brecknock Elementary School.

Also surviving: daughters, Deborah G. Smith, Denver; and Karen L. (Daryl) Kopp, Greenville, SC; grandchildren, Carly, Austin, and Andrew Smith, and Derick, Katie and Kimberly Kopp; sister, Dorothy Shah; and brothers, William, Leroy, Edward and Paul Crispell.

FUNERAL: Monday, Jan. 21, 3 PM, Bethany Grace Fellowship, 400 Reading Rd., East Earl, PA 17519 VIEWING: 1-3 PM. Rather than flowers, contributions to Hospice of Lancaster Co., Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604, or Cocalico Community Chapel, 1079 Dry Tavern Rd., Denver, PA 17517.

www.goodfuneral.com

Terry L. Eichelberger

Terry L. Eichelberger, age 50, of Gap, passed away on Wednesday, January 16, at his home. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Francis J. and Joan L. Michael Eichelberger.

Terry was a mason for Eberly Masonry. He was a graduate of Pequea Valley High School, Class of 1975. He enjoyed boating, soccer and motorcycles.

He is survived by a brother: Jay, husband of Karen Paul Eichelberger of Paradise, and two sisters: Jeanna, wife of Thomas Pannebecker of Ephrata, and Colleen, wife of Mitch Warner of Florida. Nieces and nephews also survive.

Relatives and friends are

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Funeral services, 367-1343.
* No Obituary appears

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SERVICES TODAY

Barninger, Lucy C.
Church of God, 7th & Walnut
Streets, Columbia, Fri., 11:00
AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral
Home, Inc.

Bowman, Florence G.
(Keffer)
First U.M. Church, 68 N.
Church St., Ephrata, Fri.,
10:00am. Good Funeral
Home & Cremation Centre.

Clouser, Roy Franklin
Assembly Room at Calvary
Homes, 502 Elizabeth Dr.,
Lancaster, Fri., 1:15 PM.
Young Funeral Home

Cope, Evelyn E.
Buch Funeral Home, 21 Mar-
ket Square, Manheim, Fri-
day, 10:30 AM.

Ferguson, T. Reed Jr.
St. Andrews Episcopal
Church, 208 West Foster
Ave., State College, Fri., 2:00
PM.

Ferich, John F. Jr.
Conestoga Memorial Park,
Lancaster, Fri., 3:30 PM.
Fogelsanger-Bricker Fun-
eral Home, Inc.

Hess, Miriam P.
Conestoga View, 900 E. King
Street, Lancaster, Friday, 10
A.M. Andrew T. Schcid Fu-
neral Home.

Hood, Herbert A.
Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 West
Orange St., Lancaster, Fri.,
8:00 PM.

Kintzi, Richard
Wayside Presbyterian
Church, 600 Stony Battery
Road, Landisville, Friday,
11AM. Charles F. Snyder Fu-
neral Home.

MacMahon, Fred
Maryland Veterans Ceme-
tery, Crownsville, MD, Fri.,
2:30 PM. Donaldson Funeral
Home & Crematory, P.A.

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the Susquehanna Association
for the Blind and Vision
Impaired, 244 North Queen St.,
Lancaster, PA 17603 or the Red
Rose Veteran's Honor Guard,
P.O. Box 8601, Lancaster, PA
17604. Arrangements by the
Gundel Funeral Home, Inc. For
additional information or to
send a condolence, please call
393-1776 or visit
www.gundelfuneralhome.com

Miller, Cyrus C.
The Labs Funeral Home,
Inc., 141 Pequea Ave., Honey
Brook, Fri., 10:00 AM.

**Miller, Rose Elizabeth
Wocner**
Funeral Home of Fred F.
Groff, Inc., 234 West Orange
St., Lancaster, Fri., 2:00 PM.

Musser, Amos G.
Bowmansville Mennonite
Church, 129 Pleasant Valley
Dr., Bowmansville, Tuesday
10 AM. Roseboro Funeral
Home.

Redcay, Leon B.
Bible Baptist Church, 45
South 9th St., Akron, Fri., 7:00
PM. Stradling Funeral
Homes

Schroeder, Wilbur C.
Spacht Funeral Home, 127 S.
Broad Street, Lititz, Friday
11 A.M.

Slesman, Miriam J.
First Assembly of God, 4696
Breezyview Road, Columbia.
Fri., 11:00am. Kraft-Work-
man Funeral Homes, Inc.

Steele, Shirley I.
Buch Funeral Home, 21 Mar-
ket Square, Manheim, Mon-
day, 11:00 A.M.

Valudes, Maritsa
Annunciation Greek Ortho-
dox Church, 64 Hershey
Ave., Lancaster, Fri., 11:00
AM. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Fu-
neral Home and Chapel, Inc.

Weidman, Gregory L.
Groff-High Funeral Home,
145 W. Main St., New Hol-
land, Friday, 11 AM.

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formerly of 809 North Shippen
Street, Lancaster, died Wednes-
day afternoon at Manor Care,
Lancaster. She was the widow
of Warren H. Frey who died
June 28, 1972.

Mrs. Frey was born in Little
Britain Township, a daughter of
the late Samuel and Mary
Collins Steele. She was a 1938
graduate of the Lancaster Gen-
eral Hospital School of Nursing
and worked as a registered
nurse at Lancaster General
Hospital. Isabelle was a former
member of Little Britain Pres-
byterian Church.

She is survived by two
daughters, Mary Ann Brown,
widow of Frederick L. Brown,
Sr., and Helen L., married to
Alan D. Buntzman, both of Lan-
caster; a sister Ruth Ann Ebert
of West Chester, OH; 9 grand-
children; and 21 great grand-
children. She was preceded in
death by a great granddaughter
Kaitlyn Brown; three brothers,
Harry Steele, James Steele and
Collins Steele; and two sisters
Margaret Swarr and Sara Cal-
lis.

Funeral services will be held
from the Reynolds Funeral
Home, 144 East State Street,
Quarryville, PA on Monday at
11:00AM with Rev. Robert G.
Hunsicker officiating. Inter-
ment will follow in Little Britain
Presbyterian Cemetery. Friends
may call at the funeral home
on Monday from 10:00AM until
the time of service. Kindly omit
flowers. Contributions may be
made in Mrs. Frey's memory to
St. Andrew's United Church of
Christ - Youth Group, 701 North
Lime Street, Lancaster, PA
17602. To send a note of con-
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Granville White

Granville L. White, 51, of S.
Franklin St., Lancaster, former-
ly of Steelton, peacefully
passed away Tuesday, Janu-
ary 8, 2008 at Hospice of
Lancaster County.



He was born in Harris-
burg, the son
of the late James F., Sr. and Ida
E. (Dennison) White, was a
graduate of Steelton-Highspire
High School.

Granville leaves to celebrate
his life, his sons, Granville,
Kyle, Adrian, Michael, Brian,
Durrell, Jordan and Ryan; his
daughters, Immani, Ieshi, Kura,
Victoria, Nadia and Nyla; his
sisters, Glenna of Lancaster,
Mary of Harrisburg and
Nadine of Lithonia, GA; his
brothers, Basil and James, Jr.,
both of Lancaster; a host of
grandchildren, aunts, uncles,
nieces, nephews, other relatives
and friends.

Granville's life will be cele-
brated beginning with a view-
ing and visitation on Friday,
January 18th from 7 until 8
p.m. in the Chapel of Major H.
Winfield Funeral Home, Steel-
ton and concluding on Saturday,
January 19th at 11 a.m. at Ray's
Temple Church of God in
Christ, South Ann St., Lancast-
er, with viewing 10 until 11 a.m.
and burial in Mellinger's Ceme-
tery, Lancaster.
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Gary L. "Buck" Worthington

Gary L. "Buck" Worthington,
47, of Elizabethtown, died on
Saturday, Jan-
uary 12, 2008
at his home. A
Memorial Ser-
vice will be
held on Mon-
day, January
21, 2008 at
Miller/Sekely
Funeral Ser-
vices, 130 North Market Street,
Elizabethtown at 7:30 PM.
There will be no viewing. The
family will receive friends on
Monday from 6:00 until the
time of service. For the full obit-
uary, please visit our website at
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He is survived by a brother:
Jay, husband of Karen Faul
Eichelberger of Paradise, and
two sisters: Jeanna, wife of
Thomas Pannebecker of Ephra-
ta, and Colleen, wife of Mitch
Warner of Florida. Nieces and
nephews also survive.

Relatives and friends are
invited to a memorial service at
the Shivery Funeral Home,
3214 Lincoln Highway East,
Paradise, on Monday, January
21, at 11:00 AM with the Rev.
Joseph Puckhaber officiating.
Interment will be in the St.
John's Methodist Cemetery.
The family will greet friends at
the funeral home from 10:00
AM until time of service.
Memorial Gifts may be given in
Terry's memory to the charity
of your choice.
www.shiveryfuneralhome.com

Richard Knerr, co-founder of Wham-O, dies at 82

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) —
Richard Knerr, co-founder of
the toy company that popular-
ized the Hula Hoop, Frisbee
and other fads that became
classics, has died. He was 82.

Knerr, who started Wham-
O in 1948 with his childhood
friend Arthur "Spud" Melin,
died Monday at Methodist Hos-
pital after suffering a stroke
earlier in the day at his Arcadia
home, his wife, Dorothy, told
the Los Angeles Times.

Knerr and Melin got their
start in business peddling
slingshots. They named their
enterprise Wham-O after the
sound a slingshot made when it
hit its target.

They branched into other
sporting goods, including boomerangs
and crossbows, then
added toys that often bore such
playful names as the Superball,
Slip 'N Slide and Silly String.

When a friend told them in
1958 about a large ring used
for exercise in Australia, they
devised their own version and
called it the Hula Hoop.

Around the same time, they
bought the rights to a plastic
flying disc invented by Walter
"Fred" Morrison, who called
it the Pluto Platter. Wham-O
bought the rights and renamed
it the Frisbee.

The rest is amusement his-
tory.

"If Spud and I had to say what
we contributed, it was fun,"
Knerr told the Times in 1994.
"But I think this country gave
us more than we gave it. It gave
us the opportunity to do it."

Melin died in 2002 at age 77.

Besides his wife, Knerr is
survived by three children
from a first marriage that en-
ded in divorce, two stepchildren,
and eight grandchildren.

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House OKs constitutional amendment for larger possible tax cuts

BY MARK SCOLFORD
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — A constitutional amendment to permit elimination of homeowners' property taxes advanced out of the state House of Representatives on Thursday, but it still faces a long road ahead.

The proposal would expand a provision in the state constitution that allows a 50 percent cut in property taxes for people's primary homes. The amendment would let the Legislature eliminate such taxes, while keeping taxes in place for businesses and other commercial properties.

The bill was one of two items to emerge from the House as

members searched this week for ways to cut school taxes. The other, which also passed unanimously Thursday, would give tax breaks to working poor while cutting the state's personal income tax by about \$1 billion a year.

The constitutional amendment would need to pass the Senate this year and then get another round of approval by the Legislature in the 2009-10 session before going to state voters for a referendum.

Despite its unanimous passage, some Republicans criticized the bill for not requiring — rather than simply allowing — larger property-tax cuts or for not eliminating property taxes of all kinds.

"It's a borderline joke is what it is," said Rep. Will Gabig, R-Cumberland. "It will do nothing. It will not reduce property taxes by one dollar. It will not change the system at all."

The sponsor, Rep. David Levdansky, D-Allegheny, said it will cost the state \$5.5 billion to eliminate property taxes for primary residences or farms, and an additional \$5 billion to get rid of the tax entirely, including businesses and commercial properties.

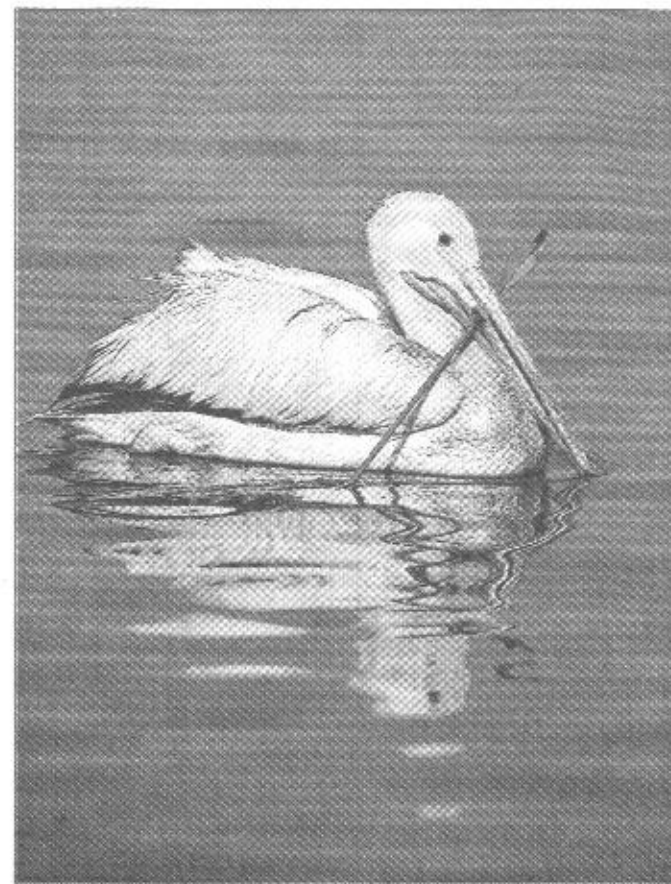
"If you can put up the votes to raise 10-and-a-half billion dollars, we could do it today," Levdansky said. "But if you can't do that, then we've got to amend the constitution under the process that I've laid out."

The House also approved a bill to establish an earned income-tax credit, legislation that was amended on the floor Wednesday to cut a myriad of other taxes, including those on income, cell phones, business profits, inheritances and pet adoptions.

Both bills were sent to the Senate.

The House adjourned until the week of Jan. 28, when it is expected to take up bills that would reduce property taxes but make up the revenues with increased sales or income taxes.

Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene, said there were "tens and tens and tens" of amendments to be considered.



Associated Press

A pelican shot through the beak with an arrow swims in Lake Balboa in Los Angeles last week. For the past week, Los Angeles city and wildlife officials have tried in vain to catch the bird. Officials believe the bird was deliberately shot and now can not open its mouth to eat.

Nurses face criminal charges after quitting jobs caring for terminally ill children

BY FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. — For months, the nurses complained that they were subject to demeaning and unfair working conditions — not what they were promised when they came to America from the Philippines in search of a better life. So they abruptly quit.

But in doing so, they put more than their careers at risk: Prosecutors hit them with criminal charges for allegedly jeopardizing the lives of terminally ill children they were in charge of watching.

The 10 nurses and the attorney who advised them were charged with conspiracy and child endangerment in what defense attorneys say is an unprecedented use of criminal law in a labor dispute. If convicted of the misdemeanor offenses, they face up to a year in jail on each of 13 counts, and could lose their nursing licenses



Associated Press

Maria Theresa Ramos is among 10 nurses from the Philippines who now face trials.

es and be deported.

The case has unfolded against the backdrop of a chronic nursing shortage in the United States. All of the defendants were from the Philippines, which exported 120,000 nurses last year.

One defendant was a doctor back home and a top scorer on the country's medical board exams, but decided it was more lucrative to be a nurse in the United States. Others had respectable

medical jobs back home and viewed their work in New York as a dream come true.

"Coming to the United States is like the fulfillment of your nursing career," said Maria Theresa Ramos, who arrived on Long Island in 2004.

The nurses are backed by several Filipino organizations in the U.S., as well as both the New York and California state nurses associations, which fear prosecuting nurses who quit their jobs could set a bad precedent.

Prosecutors say the nurses' resignations — without notice — on April 7, 2006, jeopardized the lives of children at Avalon Gardens in Smithtown, where some of the patients are on ventilators and required constant monitoring.

None of the patients suffered ill effects, but an indictment alleges that the nurses knew their sudden resignations would make it difficult to find replacements. Their trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 28.

The nurses say they were

sent to work at facilities they never signed up for, and made to perform tasks they deemed demeaning and below their job descriptions. There were also disputes about scheduling and pay. Sixteen other nurses and one physical therapist also walked off the job at other facilities, but they were not charged because they did not care for terminally ill children.

Attorneys for the 10 nurses say one of the nurses remained on-duty when resignation letters were submitted. They insist that the nurse — Ramos — stayed four hours past the scheduled end of her shift to ensure that the patients received proper care.

The nurses contend that they are facing prosecution because influential Democratic officials — Sen. Charles Schumer and Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota — took interest in the case at the behest of an attorney for Sentosa Health Care, which operates Avalon Gardens.

Ag. Dept. loosens rule for 'hormone free' milk labels

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Pennsylvania Agriculture Department announced Thursday that it was loosening a rule that would have prevented dairies from labeling milk as free from artificial growth hormones.

The labeling rule drew a backlash from producers and marketers who said they wanted to give customers a choice, and the state agency responded by allowing such claims as long as a disclaimer accompanies it.

The disclaimer must say that no significant difference has been shown between milk derived from cows treated with artificial growth hormones and other milk.

The state also will require milk producers who use the

Rendell spokesman Chuck Ardo said.

The ban was scheduled to start Feb. 1, but now producers will have until March 1 to submit their new labels to the Agriculture Department, after which the state has a month to determine whether they are appropriate.

Synthetic hormones have boosted production in U.S. cows for more than a decade, and Agriculture Secretary Dennis C. Wolff had argued that calling milk free from artificial hormones inaccurately implied that other milk was unsafe.

"We allow those labels all the time," said Michael Hansen, a senior scientist with Consumers Union in Yonkers, N.Y. "No

Nobel winner's speech canceled over global warming flap

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The disclaimer must say that no significant difference has been shown between milk derived from cows treated with artificial growth hormones and other milk.

The state also will require milk producers who use the label to certify that artificial growth hormones were not used so the claims can be checked by the Agriculture Department.

A spokesman for Gov. Ed Rendell said the new rule aims for a balance.

"The governor had a broader perspective than the Department of Agriculture and wanted to be sure that the labels were accurate and informative and served the needs of both consumers and producers,"

Dennis C. Wolff had argued that calling milk free from artificial hormones inaccurately implied that other milk was unsafe.

"We allow those labels all the time," said Michael Hansen, a senior scientist with Consumers Union in Yonkers, N.Y. "No artificial colors," for example, "no artificial flavors." Those are not considered misleading."

The product rBST, or recombinant bovine somatotropin, is sold by St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. under the brand name Posilac. A company spokesman did not return a phone message seeking comment.

Consumer demand has fueled increasing use of the "rBST-free" or "artificial growth hormone free" labels on milk.

Nobel winner's speech canceled over global warming flap

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A climate scientist's speech to high school students was canceled because members of the rural community were concerned that the Nobel Peace Prize laureate's message on climate change would be "anti-agriculture," the superintendent said Thursday.

Choteau schools Superintendent Kevin St. John said school board members pressured him to bring in someone with an opposing viewpoint to speak

to the school's 130 students, and he thought canceling the speech was the reasonable and neutral option.

"Nobody wants to believe in science and promote science more than we do," said St. John, who is in his first year running the school district. "It was my decision to bring him in, and it was my decision" to cancel him.

University of Montana scientist Steve Running said he had never before been canceled in any venue, by any organiza-

tion. "I think there's a faction of society that is willfully ignorant, that they just don't want to know the facts about this," he said.

Running is a member of the U.N. science panel that shared last year's Nobel with former Vice President Al Gore for raising awareness of global warming and its effect on the Earth.

Some critics are concerned that whatever steps are taken to combat global warming will harm the agriculture industry.

Choteau is a ranching and farming community of about 1,800 at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in central Montana. Members of the school board declined to comment, referring questions to St. John.

The evening of the canceled school speech, Jan. 10, Running spoke in Choteau at the invitation of an environmental group, mostly to a crowd of adults. St. John said many students were attending a basketball game at that time.

Local students named to PCT dean's list

The following area students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, a mission affiliate of Penn State University.

Akron — Jacob N. Chapman, bachelor of science, electronics engineering technology.

Annville — Chad E. Hoffer, bachelor of science, building automation technology.

Francis D. Nevill, bachelor of science, electronics engineering technology; Phillip H. Rose, bachelor of science, business administration: management concentration.

Cleona — Adam E. Hartman, bachelor of science, building automation technology.

Columbia — Christopher M. Gayman, bachelor of science, aviation maintenance technology.

Denver — Brandon L. Stoner, associate of applied science, computer aided drafting technology.

Elizabethtown — James A. Carbaugh, associate of applied science, automotive technology; Marc A. Cutaiar, bachelor of science, information technology: network specialist concentration; Phillip E. Heath, Elizabethtown, bachelor of science, technology management; Jessica L. Morton, associate of applied science, pre-dental hygiene; Megan M. Newcomer, bachelor of science, pre-dental hygiene; Cameron A. Sweigart, bachelor of science, physician assistant.

Ephrata — Jonathan L. Martin, bachelor of science, information technology: network specialist concentration; Tyler A. Reber, bachelor of science,

information technology: information technology security specialist concentration.

Gap — Douglas B. Martin, bachelor of science, electronics engineering technology.

Kleinfeltersville — Heidi E. Hostetter, associate of applied science, pre-surgical technology.

Lancaster — Justin A. Alleman, associate of applied science, collision repair technology; Matthew T. Krupa, bachelor of science, residential construction technology and management; Eric D. Lefever, associate of applied science, heavy construction equipment technology; caterpillar equipment emphasis; Travis M. Liebig, bachelor of science, manufacturing engineering technology; Winfield H. Mapes, bachelor of science, aviation maintenance technology; Allison L. Reese, associate of applied science, pre-surgical technology; James E. Rottmund, Lancaster, bachelor of science, computer-aided product design; Brad A. Shulenberg, Lancaster, bachelor of science, construction management; Joseph J. Wysock, bachelor of science, residential construction technology and management.

Lititz — Derek Richards, associate of applied science, culinary arts technology; Rachel C. Ruhl, associate of applied science, pre-dental hygiene; Matthew R. Scheid, bachelor of science, civil engineering technology; Nathaniel A. Seacat, bachelor of science, aviation maintenance technology.

Manheim — Steven R. Bull- ock, bachelor of science, auto-

motive technology manage- ment.

Middletown — Danielle R. Baxter, , associate of applied science, legal assistant-paralegal; Sasha N. Deimler, bachelor of science, pre-dental hygiene; Christopher L. Gilbert, bachelor of science, automotive technology management; Matthew J. Moses, associate of applied science, physical fitness specialist.

Mount Joy — Nicholas S. Cummings, bachelor of science, electronics and computer engineering technology; Andrew R. Wagner, associate of applied science, automotive technology: Toyota emphasis.

Mountville — Zachary R. Rineer, bachelor of science, automotive technology manage- ment.

Palmyra — Matthew S. Johnson, bachelor of science, construction management; Marc D. Martin, bachelor of science, aviation maintenance technology; Seth E. Martin, bachelor of science, business administration: banking and finance concentration; Brian J. Stump, associate of applied science, collision repair technology; Katelyn J. Williams, associate of applied science, collision repair technology.

Paradise — Timothy E. Funk, associate of applied science, diesel technology.

Pequea — Justin A. Eshle- man, bachelor of science, aviation maintenance technology.

Willow Street — James V. Feaster, associate of applied science, automotive technol- ogy.

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DEAN'S LIST

◆ Kelly Staskel was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at New York University, where she is a sophomore majoring in English.

A 2006 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School, she is the daughter of Thomas and Leslie Staskel of Lancaster.

◆ Shane R. Benfer was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina, where he is a freshman majoring in psychology.

A 2007 graduate of Mountville Township High School, he is the son of Richard and Jody Benfer of Lancaster.

◆ Jessica R. Wise was named to the dean's list for the fall semester with a 4.0 grade-point average at West Chester University, where she is a junior majoring in elementary education with a minor in mathematics. She also received the Vernon Hilbert Achievement Award for recognition in mathematics for elementary education.

A 2005 graduate of Hempfield High School, she is the daughter of Dave and Sue Wise of Landisville.

◆ Four area students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Coastal Carolina University, Conway, S.C. They are Mallory A. Newcomer of Elizabethtown, Ashley M. Taylor of Mount Joy, Victoria L. Bachman of Mountville and

Christopher R. Shull of Lancaster.

◆ Anna Gillio was named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where she is a senior global public health and pre-med major. A graduate of Conestoga Valley High School, she is the daughter of Robert and Beth Gillio of Lancaster.

◆ Marcy Nesbitt was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Lock Haven University, where she is a sophomore majoring in secondary education mathematics.

A 2006 graduate of Hempfield High School, she is the daughter of Tom and Donna Nesbitt of East Petersburg.

◆ Lindsey Garber was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Messiah College, where she is a senior majoring in international business and Spanish.

A 2004 graduate of Ephrata High School, she is the daughter of Randy and Judy Garber.

◆ Jenna Garber was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at University of Richmond, where she is a sophomore majoring in leadership studies and Spanish.

A 2006 graduate of Ephrata High School, she is the daughter of Randy and Judy Garber.

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Seven area students earn degrees from PCT

Seven area students graduated in December from Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, a special mission affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University. They are:

Jeffrey Paul Brubaker of Lancaster, bachelor of science, information technology: network specialist concentration; Alexander J. Groff of Strasburg, bachelor of science, technology management; Matthew Thomas McGrath of Lititz, bachelor of science, construction management; Aaron Mi-

chael Pannebecker of Denver, associate of applied science, heavy construction equipment technology: operator emphasis; Derek Richards of Lititz, associate of applied science, culinary arts technology; Matthew M. Staub of Millersville, bachelor of science, electronics engineering technology; and Matthew T. Homisak of Palmyra, associate of applied science, information technology: network technology emphasis.