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ERA: *“Lancaster Mayor Rick Gray on Monday morning ordered flags in the city to be lowered to half-staff to mark the death of philanthropist and community volunteer Caroline Steinman Nunan.*

“Nunan, 85, died Sunday at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She had been stricken Wednesday while visiting her daughter’s home in Norwich, Vt.”

WATCHDOG: This is a fitting tribute to a lady who devoted herself to civic improvements and

the arts, epitomizing the best in the Steinman tradition. The city and county had no greater friend and benefactor. Hers was an example of selfless philanthropy.

In social gatherings, she would rush over to other community benefactors and praise their efforts. To her wealth was a responsibility to improve the lot of others, not for self aggrandizement.

‘May her memory be for a blessing.’

County ordered to accommodate physically challenged

Below is an excerpt from an arrangement agreed to by the County with the federal government under the American’s with Disabilities Act on June 9, 2010. The entire document is available [here](#).

1. Develop a policy about the provision of auxiliary aids and services;
2. Purchase and make available a reasonable number of portable assistive listening systems for use at the Courthouse and each of the Magistrates’ Offices;
3. Have available at least two (2) receivers for the use of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing at the Courthouse and have at least two (2) receivers for use of persons

who are deaf or hard of hearing for the Magistrates’ Offices;

4. Train appropriate court personnel in the set-up, use, and maintenance of the assistive listening system and its receivers; and
5. Post a notice in the Court Clerk’s office and in other conspicuous areas of the Courthouse lobby and each of the Magistrates’ Offices notifying patrons of the availability of the listening system, and distribute the notice to all judges and appropriate staff of the Courthouse and Magistrates’ Offices.

LETTER: We all pay taxes to support CC

“I am SICK and TIRED of the convention center supporters trotting out the ‘local taxpayers pay nothing’ as though the tax dollars spent on this dog a project do not have an diminishing effect. Where do you think the MILLIONS of dollars of state money is coming from – a money tree???”

“Besides, those tax dollars WASTED on this project are tax dollars that could have gone for any number of better projects or left in the pockets of those paying it...”

Chinese philanthropist donates it all

GLOBE AND MAIL: Shenzhen, China - Yu Pengnian's journey from poor street hawker to Hong Kong real-estate magnate was already a remarkable one. Then the 88-year-old did something even rarer that shocked many in increasingly materialistic China: He gave it all away...

"If my children are competent, they don't need my money," Mr. Yu explained. "If they're not, leaving them a lot of money is only doing them harm."...

WATCHDOG: Yu expresses the same sentiment that many wealthy Americans have embraced, including Bill Gates and Warren Buffett.

Many wealthy persons give generously to charities. However, in Lancaster, local charity General Hospital devotes its vast, monopolistic profits to capitalism! Insurers have to pay more; we insured have to pay more; and the profits are plowed back into further expansion and market dominance instead of benefiting the community.

The Healing Of America

In describing the French health care system, considered by many to be the best in the world (including the French!), author T. R. Reid explains:

"The carte vitale – the 'vital card,' or the 'card of life' – contains the patient's entire medical record, back to 1998. Embedded in the gold metallic square just left of center is a digital record of every doctor visit, referral, injection, operation, X-ray, diagnostic test, prescription, warning, etc. together with a report on how much the doctors billed for each visit and how much was paid, by the insurance funds and by the patient." ... "That's why

French doctors and hospitals don't need to maintain file cabinets full of records. It's all digitized. It's all on the card."

WATCHDOG: The French health system's administration costs come to about half those of the United States, 10% of total as compared to 20%.

Three wags of the tail for the French health care system... rated the best in the world. The USA at a third more total cost is rated 37th.

National Commission to Reduce Incarceration and Reform the Criminal Justice System

DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE: The U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation tonight sponsored by Rep. William Delahunt (D-MA) which would create a national commission to study the U.S. criminal justice system and make recommendations for reform. The bill passed under an expedited process that presumes unanimity unless a member of Congress objects. No member objected...

The bill comes at a time that the United State's growing prison population – fueled by the war on drugs – is becoming a political issue. The United States ranks first in the world in per capita incarceration rates, with just five 5 percent of the world's population but 25 percent of the world's prisoners. Roughly 500,000 Americans are behind bars any given night for a drug law violation. That is ten times the total in 1980, and more than all of Western Europe (with a much larger population) incarcerates for all offenses...

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