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MR. PATRICELLI AWARDED CHARTER OAK LEADER MEDAL

President Patricelli was the recipient of a 1970 Charter Oak Leadership medal, awarded annually to distinguished citizens by the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

The medal was presented at the annual business meeting of the Chamber on May 28. The citation was as follows:

"For his leadership in such organizations as the American Cancer Society, Hartford Rehabilitation Center, Connecticut Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Hartford Red Cross, Hartford Symphony; for his activity on behalf of the Greater Hartford Open, and for his active leadership as an officer of Chamber, and most particularly for his persuasive and powerful use of the spoken word in responsible editorials on issues of great importance to his community, the Chamber is pleased to present a Charter Oak Leadership Medal to Leonard J. Patricelli."

NEW HAVEN GROUP'S CHARGES TERMED 'LUDICROUS' BY BPI

Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. has rejected as "ludicrous," a New Haven group's contention that WTIC-TV has failed to provide a fair amount of time for the expression of views by those opposed to the Nixon Administration's war policies.

The Broadcast-Plaza reply was filed June 22 with the Federal Communications Commission in response to a May 25 complaint and petition asking the FCC to direct WTIC-TV and WCBS-TV of New York to cause why they should not be required to cease and desist from their alleged "failure" to provide antiwar spokesmen with a fair amount to time to reply to President Nixon's speeches on the war.

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EDITORIAL IS JUDGED BEST IN NORTHEAST

A WTIC Radio editorial that was broadcast after Hartford's Labor Day weekend riot has received an award from the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

The editorial by President Patricelli was selected as the outstanding radio editorial broadcast in the organization's Northeast Region during 1969. The region includes stations in New York, New England, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Also honored were New York's WCBS for its spot news coverage of Senator Edward Kennedy's automobile accident on Cape Cod last July, and Boston's WEEI for a documentary on an airlift of food and medical supplies to Biafra.

The three winners from the northeast will compete with winners from the south, middle west and far west for the RTNDA's top national wards at the organization's national convention in Denver in the fall.

In the September 4 editorial, Mr. Patricelli pointed out that only 400 of the city's 60,000 black and Puerto Rican citizens were arrested as a result of their part in the Labor Day riot. He warned that the riot should not be allowed to be used as an excuse by those who would want to inflame the community against all the black and Puerto Rican citizens of Hartford. The editorial was also translated into Spanish and broadcast by the Rev. Segundo Las Heras of Hartford's Sacred Heart Church.

Robert H. Farson, professor of journalism at Penn State University and chief judge in the RTNDA competition, said the judges felt the WTIC editorial made a significant contribution toward calming the Hartford community following the riot.

ATWOODS GIVE \$1,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Frank and Barbara Atwood made a gift of \$1,000 to the Future Farmers of America Foundation to start a college scholarship fund for graduates of Connecticut high schools who have taken the agricultural course.

The money is to be permanently invested and other donors invited to add to the fund. Proceeds only will be available for scholarship aid, and the Atwoods said they realize that it will take several times a thousand dollars to provide a fund that will yield significant sums.

The money was given to Frank at the appreciation dinner for him in May.

Trustees of the FFA Foundation have established a "Connecticut FFA Scholarship" and appointed a committee,
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CHERYL SMITH'S DANCE CLASSES
HELP INNER CITY YOUNGSTERS

When many of us wind up another workday, our time is our own to just relax or devote to a favorite hobby. When Cheryl Smith calls it a day, three to four hours of her time voluntarily belong to her 150 dance students.

Monday through Friday, Cheryl teaches boy and girls from Hartford's inner city modern jazz, tap and Afro-American dancing as a form of self-expression.

"The purpose of our Bellevue Square Inner City Dance Ensemble," Cheryl said, "is to give the inner city children in the North Hartford area some means of identification, and to prove to the people that they can and will do something constructive if given the chance."

Cheryl has been teaching dance classes for the past two years, ever since a friend recommended her for the job. Her classes range from a small three-student session to a group of 35. The ages run from 4 to 22. And since Cheryl is the only instructor in the ensemble, one can appreciate the drive and devotion necessary to succeed.

The ensemble springs from the combined efforts of the Inner City Exchange and Bellevue Square Tenant Association.

"The two groups offer all types of activities for children," Cheryl said. "They have all types of arts and crafts, tutorial programs, judo--things like that."

"I think we've been very successful, but like anything else, there's always room for improvement."

On June 28, the ensemble gave a recital at the Annie Fisher Elementary School. Some 150 students performed before an audience of 300.

Ever the perfectionist, Cheryl feels the recital could've been more successful.

"I think we could've had a better turn-out. It was through our own neglect, though. There wasn't enough publicity. We hope to do another recital in the future, and this time we'll have a publicity campaign for it."

DORSCHUG-GIDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Dorschug of Spring Lane, West Hartford announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Janet Dorschug, to Mr. Jeffrey Maxwell Giddings, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dale Giddings of Longlane Road, West Hartford.

Miss Dorschug was a honor graduate of Conard High School in 1968, and is a senior at Cornell University, where she is majoring in linguistics.

Mr. Giddings was also an honor graduate of Conard High School in 1968, and is a senior ecology major at Cornell University.

A late August wedding is planned.

NOTES FROM

Nancy

"A funny thing happened on the way to the...morgue!" Maybe you've already heard...about OTTAVIO FERRO and GERRY WEED...on May 27 the door to the film morgue slammed and locked behind the boys...they turned off the air conditioning and began hollering through the vents...the next films weren't needed until June 15...several anxious hours spent waiting and sneezing and they were rescued.

Warm goodbyes, hugs, lipstick traces, firm hand shakes...RON BENNETT left for the West Coast to study law...to fill in his spare time earning money instead of spending it, he hopes to be bartending at "Chez Jays" in Santa Monica...stop by and say "Hi!"

Getting to know you...BERNARD PROVOST, Lab technician...JEANNE RIVALDI, TV Traffic...DON TUTTLE, Farm Director...RAPHAEL PAGAN, Mail Room.

Anything Coes? Not anymore...RUFUS and SUZY COES have named their new addition Cornelia..she'll be called Nell. Just a sweet old fashioned girl.

School days...school days...a 15th Class Reunion...NANCY HANNON thoroughly enjoyed the party, but the highlight of the evening was a small booklet presented to everyone attending just filled with facts and gossip about the entire class...the cover was the same one used for the class yearbook. Nancy hasn't missed a reunion yet and hopes to keep the record in tact.

They went to the same school...and never knew each other until about 3 years ago...BOB and ANDREA SCHLENKER left for Barbados and Granada after their wedding reception Saturday, June 27. It's a wonder BOB LEPORE wasn't snatched up by an available female...he was quite "dapper" with his brown shirt and white tie as he followed Bob Schlenker down the aisle.

BILL MARKS and his tuba will take you back to "the good old days" of generations ago, at the Sunday band concerts held in Elizabeth Park.

STEELE WILL BE
FRUSTRATED VOTER

The most frustrated voter in November will be Bob Steele.

A resident of Wethersfield in the First Congressional District, Robert's heart will be in the Second District where his son, Robert, is the Republican candidate for Congress. His vote, however, has to remain in the First.

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including Frank, to draw up regulations.

Frank did his last program on June 26, but he will be back to work on a part-time basis soon as he has been signed to be host of the upcoming "Places and People" tour of Elizabeth Park's Rose Gardens.

DON'T WATCH THE POT

Editor's Note: Bob Steele of WTIC Radio offered this long-awaited cooking formula for brides on his radio program June 12. It was reprinted in The Hartford Times.

How to boil water, advice for new brides and other novices:

Take a pan, just about any size will do, but let's use, say, a 2-quart pan, if this is the first time for you.

If you've never boiled water before you won't want to over do it and yet you'll want to boil enough to make it worthwhile, to have a feeling of accomplishment.

Now, with the pan in your left hand, so you'll have the right hand free to turn the faucet handle (I presume you are right-handed, if you're left-handed, just reverse this), turn on the hot water. (This is a little trick that I stumbled on to some years ago and found hot water will boil quicker than cold water, no matter what day of the week it is.)

Now fill the pan to within an inch and a half of the top. No need to get tape measure, just use your judgment.

Place the pan of water over any burner that is not in use (careful, don't spill). Now turn on the heat. Whether you use gas or electricity you will need heat. If you have a lid for the pan, that will help speed up the boiling. (To be continued next month.)

NEW HAVEN GROUP'S CHARGES
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In support of its view that WTIC-TV has "fully complied" with the FCC's fairness doctrine requirements, Broadcast-Plaza submitted a 46-page summary of hundreds of anti-Administration speeches, programs and news items that have been broadcast on WTIC-TV since Mr. Nixon made the first in a series of nationally televised speeches on the war on November 3, 1969.

"On the basis of this overall record," said the Broadcast-Plaza reply, "it is ludicrous even to suggest that WTIC-TV 'made no reasonable attempt to comply with elementary requirements of the fairness doctrine,'" as the New Haven petitioners had charged.

The New Haven group, composed of Yale University professors and law students and members of the New Haven Black Coalition and known as the Committee for the Fair Broadcasting of Controversial Issues, had also asked that replies to the President by antiwar spokesmen be given access "to the same wide audience during a substantial bloc of uninterrupted time." In doing so, Broadcast-Plaza argued that the petitioners went beyond the fairness doctrine and confused it with the equal time rule.

The fairness doctrine deals with issues; the equal time rule applies only to candidates for public office.

Under the fairness doctrine, stations must provide a reasonable opportunity for the presentation of opposing viewpoints on controversial issues, such as the Administration's war policies. The FCC, according to Broadcast-Plaza, has consistently held that there is "no mechanical requirement or formula for achieving fairness" under the fairness doctrine.

The equal time rule is more specific. It requires a station to give Candidate A and Candidate B, seeking the same office, the same amount of time on the air during the same time period in the course of an election campaign.

In its reply to the FCC, Broadcast-Plaza said the New Haven group was seeking equal time, rather than fairness, for those taking issue with President Nixon on the war. Broadcast-Plaza said this constituted "a radical extension of the fairness doctrine," that would place an "unusual limitation" on the station's discretion and news judgment. It would also place "the government in the position of dictating to the news media how they are to perform their journalistic functions. The inevitable result would be a diminution of the flow of news and information.

"A legally dubious extension of the (fairness) doctrine," said Broadcast-Plaza, "particularly in today's polarized political climate, would thus be impolitic, unnecessary and unwise.

Broadcast-Plaza also charged that "clearly, it is inequitable to involve WTIC-TV in a costly, highly publicized proceeding where the dispute is as a practical matter between the petitioners and the CBS Television Network.

The reply was submitted on behalf of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. by its Washington attorneys, Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz, Masters and Rowe.