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Cloudy

TODAY: Mostly cloudy; High in the lower 30s, low in the upper 20s.
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Walker signs track bill

Racing on Sunday, 10c local tax OKd

By KURT BARR
Gov. Daniel Walker has approved a new state racing law that for the first time permits local communities with race tracks to pass a 10 cents per person admission tax.

The new law replaces the state admission tax, allows water through-lead racing throughout the state and permits Sunday racing at tracks where people in the community approve the idea.

Walker announced his approval of the new horse racing law this week. But the Illinois Racing Board still has not announced the 1976 horse racing schedule.

The racing board has held up awarding 1976 racing dates until it receives assurances from the Illinois General Assembly that \$2.1 million will be appropriated to operate the board for the year.

A N. ARLINGTON PARK Race Track official has complained that the

board's delay will hamper efforts to recruit quality racing stables to Arlington Park this summer.

The racing board is scheduled to meet again Jan. 17 to take up the awarding of dates.

Walker used his amendatory veto powers this fall to necessitate changes in the new state racing law, including the restoration of the current prohibition against political contributions and gifts from racing interests.

"Some of the worst political scandals in Illinois history have been connected with horse racing," Walker said. "Many involved self-enriching schemes for politicians."

THE NEW LAW, called the Illinois Racing Act, consolidates three separate existing statutes. Its main provisions are:

• Reduction of the state's admission tax from 40 to 10 cents per person, adding the authority for local

governments to exact a 10 cents per person admission tax.

Arlington Heights officials have discussed the possibility of a local admission tax at Arlington Park, but no formal attempt has been made to

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\$1 million suit filed; Ms. Santa says image hurt

By BILL HILL
An attorney for Palatine's lady Santa, Jeanette Gschelke, filed suit in Circuit Court on Christmas Eve against Robert Venti, owner of the Golden Delphi Bath Boutique, 206 E. Reed St., Arlington Heights.

In the suit, which seeks \$1 million in damages, Mrs. Gschelke, 400 W. Colfax St., Palatine, charges Venti with publicly calling her "a disreputable person."

Mrs. Gschelke recently received publicity for her performance as Santa Claus, including a Dec. 8 appearance on Tom Snyder's Tomorrow Show in New York.

Then, on Dec. 12, she pleaded guilty to charges of writing a check for \$22.20 at Venti's store in October 1974, shortly after closing her bank account.

MRS. GSCHELKE also said she was scheduled to appear on the Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson this month; according to her attorney, Joel Chernoff of Palatine, she was told last week that her appearance had been canceled.

A spokeswoman for the show told The Herald Friday she had "never heard of her."

The suit alleges Venti called various newspapers as well as merchants

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Julia Greenberg offers service with a smile.

'Mom and Pop' markets keep old traditions alive

By JOE FRANE

Bil's Dairy, Des Plaines, is a small, clean, simple and unpretentious store like many that flourished in this country before the age of supermarkets.

Every neighborhood had such a store — a place to shop, to meet and talk with neighbors, to pick up a newspaper. It was a rendezvous for small boys and their pals, a place to buy soda pop, ice cream and penny candy.

Bil's Dairy, 8320 E. Galum St., is one of a dying breed. A scattering of stores like it still exist in certain areas, but no longer are businesses of this type as commonplace as they were 40, 50 or 60 years ago.

THE STORE, typical of those commonly referred to as "mom and pop stores," has been owned and operated for the past eight years by Bill Greenberg

Saturday

"We have a nice trade here," Mrs. Greenberg said. "It's a very convenient store and we try to accommodate and provide service with a smile."

FROM THE STANDPOINT of convenience, Bil's Dairy is typical of thousands of small stores that have recently been opened throughout the country by large corporations.

But Greenberg believes his store offers an atmosphere, flavor and friendliness that is missing in

Ford launches attack on drugs

By HELEN THOMAS
VANL. Colo. (UPI) — President Ford Friday launched a major new attack on the flow of heroin and other drugs into the United States, and appealed to leaders of Mexico, Turkey and Colombia to strengthen their enforcement efforts.

In a statement, Ford described drug abuse as "a tragic national problem" and "a major contributor to our growing crime rate," and said "all of us must redouble our efforts to combat this problem."

The President said that in January he will submit a budget request for sufficient funds to implement all the major recommendations in a task force white paper on drug abuse which he endorsed.

In addition, Ford urged Congress to enact his proposal for mandatory minimum sentences for drug traffickers "so those who are spreading this evil throughout our communities will be put behind bars where they belong."

THE PRESIDENT, dividing his time between the ski slopes and official business, also signed into law a public works appropriations bill in excess of \$6 billion dollars for water, power and energy research projects.

He also signed an executive order designating John Bolton as chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, and promoted John G. Carlson from assistant press secretary to deputy, succeeding William Groomer who has been named the third press spokesman for the President.

control of drug traffic along the north-west border with Mexico.

the Vail ski patrol at the ski's headquarters on Vail Mountain.

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- Old movies on TV

In Sports:

- Holiday basketball tournament results

"TRAFFIC STAYS UP AND OVER most shopping centers," he said. "The majority come in here for one, two or three items. Many times for things they forget to get at the chain stores."

The latest-moving items in the store are bread, milk, cigars and newspapers, he said.

Prices at the store are "in line" with the chain stores, Greenberg said, but he readily admits he cannot compete with the large stores because of his limited inventory.

Despite that drawback, the Greenbergs say business is good, adding they see many bright years ahead for their small store.



Bill's Dairy, Des Plaines.

Clues sought in coed's beating death

NORMAL, Ill. (UPI) — Police Friday checked alibis and talked with friends and acquaintances of Carol Rofstad, an "easy-going, well-liked" Illinois State University student from Elk Grove Village who died after she was apparently clubbed with a railroad tie.

Miss Rofstad, 21, of 522 Lindbergh Rd., died Wednesday following brain surgery at St. Francis Hospital, Peoria.

Police Sgt. Don Sadler said police were talking to her friends and any enemies she might have.

"We've got a few names we have to check out for alibis," he said.

POLICE RULED out robbery as a motive, saying the woman's purse and wallet were intact, lying next to her body when it was discovered at about noon Tuesday in front of the Delta Zeta sorority house where she lived.

A railroad tie with blood on it was found near the body and Sadler said it "would be logical" to assume it was the weapon used to kill her.

He said police traced Miss Rofstad's activities until about 8:45 p.m. Monday night, when she was seen walking home.

Police had no suspects.

Sadler said friends described Miss

Rofstad, a senior at ISU, as an "easy-going, well-liked girl."

"SHE GOT ALONG with about everybody she was around," he said. "She wasn't the type to go out and socialize a lot. She was a little bit of a loner, but of the people she knew she got along with them real well."

He also said Miss Rofstad was hit in the face in July 1974, when a man entered the sorority house and she awoke and saw him.

Sadler said the incident was an apparent burglary attempt and police do not think that incident and the beating are related.