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John Lennon killed

Former Beatle shot 5 times in front of his Manhattan apartment

From our wire services
NEW YORK — Former Beatle John Ono Lennon died late last night after being shot five times by a man police said was most likely "deranged" and had been stalking Lennon for several days.
A police spokesman said Lennon, 40, was shot shortly before 11 p.m. as he returned to his home in the Dakota, a cooperative building on Manhattan's Upper West Side, from a late-night recording session.
Sources close to the investigation said the gunman walked up to Lennon as he was leaving his limousine.
"Mr. Lennon?" the man said, pulling a gun from under his coat and firing.
Lennon staggered about 5 feet to a small guard's booth in the courtyard of the building.
"Do you know what you just did?" the doorman asked the man.
"I just shot John Lennon," the gunman responded, throwing down a handgun.
Police were questioning the gunman, who sources said was "coherent," and were attempting to interview Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono, who was with him at the time of the shooting.
"Tell me it isn't true," Ono screamed in the police car on the way to the hospital, said a police officer. "Tell me he's all right."
Police said the gunman, identified early today as Mark David Chapman, 25, was a resident of Hawaii whose hometown was not immediately known. Police said Chapman had been in New York City for two weeks, had stayed at a YMCA and then at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.
Chief of Detectives James Sullivan described the suspect as "apparently a wacko."
Authorities said Lennon was shot seven times in the head, chest and arm. He was rushed in a police car to Roosevelt Hospital's emergency room, where he died in surgery with Ono with him.
A hospital spokesman said "it was impossible to resuscitate him by any means."
Jack Douglas, Lennon's producer, said he and the Lennons had been at a studio called the Record Plant in midtown Manhattan earlier in the evening



Former Beatle John Lennon, 40, was shot five times and killed last night in front of his Manhattan apartment. Lennon was taken to Roosevelt Hospital's emergency room where he died shortly after the shooting. He had no last words.

and that Lennon left at 10:30 p.m. Lennon said he was going to get a bite to eat and go home, Douglas said.
A bystander, Sean Strub, said he was walking south near 72nd Street when he heard four shots. He said he came

around the corner to Central Park West and saw Lennon being put into the back of a police car.
"Some people they heard six shots and said John was hit twice," Strub said. "Police said he was hit in the back."

He said others on the street told him the assailant had been "crouching in the archway of the Dakota... Lennon arrived in the company of his wife and the assailant fired."
James Moran, the police officer who

took Lennon to the hospital, said the singer was bleeding badly from the chest.
Moran said he asked him, over and over, "Are you John Lennon?" but Lennon only mumbled and moaned.
"He had no last words," Moran said.
Strub said residents of the apartment building told him the man had been seen in the vestibule for hours before the shooting.
"He just walked out and shot him," Strub said.
He described the man as white, with dark hair and wearing a leather jacket.
He said the suspect, a "pudgy kind of man" 35 to 40 years old with brown hair, was put into another police car.
"He had a smirk on his face" when police took him away, Strub said.
Lennon, who celebrated his and his second son's birthday on Oct. 9, had just released an album, "Double Fantasy," which he made with his wife in what was to be a comeback for the couple.

Local reaction to Lennon's death last night was a mixture of surprise and a sense of loss.
Ten to 15 people called radio station WQWK to find out more about the singer's death, disc jockey Ken Hughes said.
"They simply can't believe it," Hughes said. "We've had a few people crying on the phone. There's a feeling of great loss."
He said the station canceled its mid-night album feature and played Lennon's hit album, "Walden Bridges."
Dan Regan (6th-business administration) said he heard of the singer/songwriter's death on the radio.
"One of my friends got really broken up about it," Regan said. "He was really silent on the way home. It caught my attention, but I can't say I got broken up about it."
Ann Stancavage (9th-biochemistry), who was with Regan last night in West Halls, said she learned of Lennon's death while watching television.
"I was just really surprised," she said. "I guess the fantasy of having the four together again is gone."
A West Halls resident said a group of students played taps and sang a Beatles song in the West Quad.

Lisa Mazzeri (2nd-pre-med) and Connie McGowan (2nd-business administration) were relaxing in McGowan's Thompson Hall room late last night while Lennon's song "Oh Yoko" played on the radio.
Mazzeri said that although she wasn't a big Beatles fan, she was surprised to hear of the death and will miss the singer.
"I was really shocked — even angry," she said. "To think some crazy nut would do that to a human being... that's sick. That kind of stuff always scares me. You can't believe a star is alive one minute and then he's gone just like that."
McGowan also said she was surprised when she heard the news on the radio.
"It's a shame the people who are popular have to be so fearful for their lives," she said.
The two women said they did not believe many other residents on the floor knew about Lennon's death.
Ron Adams, nighttime disk jockey for WMAJ radio, said his station received about 20 calls from people asking if the news was true or to request John Lennon songs on the radio.
"I had one girl talk for about 15 minutes," Adams said. "Most seem pretty bummed out. I'd say about 80 percent have been girls, but some are guys."
Adams said last night he didn't know the station would play tributes of singer today.
"I've been playing (Beatles) songs every 10 songs or so," he said. "The person who comes after me I'm sure will play them too."
Adams said he first became a Beatles fan about 10 years ago when he first began in radio.
"I am really shocked," he said. "Five years in retirement and all of a sudden he goes."
In an interview earlier this year — his first major interview in five years — Lennon said he had wanted to leave the Beatles as early as 1966 but did not make the move until four years later because he "just didn't have the guts."
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Municipal Council decides not to open meetings

By LORRAINE ORLANDI
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The State College Municipal Council last night rejected a resolution to open more council meetings to the public.
The council also dropped a proposal to prohibit the sale of smoking accessories to minors.
The open meetings resolution, proposed by council member Joseph Wakeley Jr., would have opened to the public all meetings of the council and the council's committees, authorities, boards and commissions, except those specifically designated by the resolution, such as meetings concerning personnel or real estate purchase price.
Wakeley and council members Dorothy Lennig and Fred Honsberger voted in favor of the resolution.
Before rejecting the proposed resolution entirely, council members debated considerably over whether to amend the proposal.
Council President Mary Ann Haas proposed an amendment to allow committee meetings to remain closed, stressing the need for "flexibility."
"Government is cumbersome enough," Haas said. "A committee meeting is a research tool that the council uses to move toward a decision."
But Wakeley said he felt the discussion that occurs at council meetings is as important as what takes place at a meeting where a formal decision is made.
"It appears to me that the ideas we vote on here in council are formed very strongly in committee meetings," Wakeley said.
Council member Ronald Abler said he did not favor public participation at committee meetings. He said public participation sometimes turns regular council meetings into "public spectacles."
"I don't think the real issues come up at committee meetings," Abler said. "This (the council meeting) isn't a

charade we go through to bless or anoint decisions made in secret committee meetings."
Abler said the resolution would amount to a "gag rule," preventing any conversation about council business between two or more members.
Wakeley also cited a lack of communication among council members as a reason for the resolution, saying he is often uninformed about what goes on at committee meetings.
"If we, who are supposed to be actively involved, don't understand what is going on, how is the public going to get the word," Wakeley said.
But Chaffee argued it is not necessary, and would be impossible, for a council member to know everything that is going on in the municipality. He said a member only needs to know where to find the information if a citizen requests it.
Under the Pennsylvania Open Meetings Act, or the "Sunshine Law," any meeting where a formal decision is made must be open to the public. The council's three-member committees make recommendations, but not final decisions, to the council.
The proposed ordinance to ban the sale of smoking paraphernalia to minors would have prohibited the sale of smoking substances, such as tobacco, and items for use with smoking substances, such as pipes and rolling papers, to minors.
Chaffee, who proposed the ordinance, made the motion that it be dropped by the council because of recently enacted state legislation banning the sale of drug paraphernalia and pending court cases, including one involving the State College ordinance, challenging the constitutionality of such laws.
In other business, the council held a public hearing on its proposed 1981 budget.



The State College Municipal Council last night rejected a resolution sponsored by council member Joseph Wakeley Jr., right, that would have opened more meetings to the public. Speaking with Wakeley after the resolution was defeated is State College Mayor Arnold Addison.

Tumbling dice

Cloudy and cooler today with periods of rain or drizzle and a high temperature early in the day of 48. Temperatures will slowly tumble during the afternoon.
Cloudy and colder tonight with rain continuing and possibly changing to snow before ending as the low reaches 32. Variable cloudiness, becoming windy and much colder on Wednesday with flurries likely. Temperatures tomorrow will tumble from the mid 30s in the morning to the 20s by nightfall.

Haas said the 12.6 percent increase in this year's budget is caused by inflation. No new services or staff have been added, she said.
Some citizens offered suggestion to the council about how to trim the budget.
To meet the costs of the proposed budget, Municipal Manager Carl B. Fairbanks has proposed an earned income tax increase from 1 percent to 1.5 percent and a real estate tax increase.
The final decision on the proposed budget will be made at a public meeting Dec. 17.

Ohio drug paraphernalia law struck down

By LORRAINE ORLANDI
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An Ohio drug paraphernalia law which was the basis of the State College drug paraphernalia ordinance was struck down yesterday by the U.S. Court of Appeals.
The court reversed an opinion of a judge in Parma, Ohio, upholding a drug paraphernalia ordinance in Parma. The recently enacted State College paraphernalia ordinance follows the lower court's opinion.
Robert Kistler, State College municipal solicitor, said he did not know whether the decision by the court of appeals to grant a permanent injunction

against the Parma ordinance would affect the pending decision by Judge Richard Conaboy of the U.S. District Court in Scranton on whether to grant a permanent injunction against the State College ordinance.
Conaboy's decision was expected to come yesterday or today, but a law clerk in Conaboy's office said yesterday the judge's decision would be delayed because of the Ohio decision.
Bill Cluck, adviser to the University chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said he thinks that because the appeals court is the highest court so far to rule on the drug paraphernalia ordinance, the Ohio

decision will be important in the State College case.
Jurisdictionally, the Ohio ruling will not affect the State College ordinance, but the Ohio decision is a "precedent-setting" decision, Cluck said.
Kistler said the State College ordinance could be a moot case now that the state has enacted a statewide drug paraphernalia ordinance, which could supersede the State College ordinance.
The State College ordinance is based on a model act drawn up by the U.S. Justice Department and follows the opinion of the Parma judge upholding a similar ordinance. Similar ordinances, including a state law in Maryland, have

been upheld recently in courts around the country.
The State College ordinance prohibits the advertising or sale of items for use with illegal drugs, with a penalty of \$10 to \$300.
The constitutionality of the ordinance has been challenged by David Talmas, president of Lazy J Ltd., 232 E. College Av., and James Bauer, president of Quickdraw Accessories Inc., 137 N. Patterson St.
Council member Joseph Wakeley Jr. said he expects to see the drug paraphernalia issue reach the U.S. Supreme Court.