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AP photo

Need money? Herald columnist gives it away on Thursday!



"Dad," he said, "how do you expect me to use the pool with all that water out there?"

Connecticut Weather

Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Friday, cloudy with a 30 percent of showers, high around 75, wind southeast 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a low around 70. Fourth of July weekend, mostly sunny warm and humid with a 30 percent chance of afternoon showers each day, high in the mid 80s with overnight lows in the upper 60s.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Friday, cloudy with a 40 percent of showers, high 75 to 80, wind south 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a low around 70. Fourth of July weekend, mostly sunny warm and humid with a 30 percent chance of afternoon showers each day, high in the mid 80s with overnight lows in the upper 60s.

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A refused collect call leads to parents' murder in Darien

By Linda Stowell
The Associated Press

DARIEN — A 20-year-old Darien man confessed Thursday to killing his adoptive parents because they refused to pay minor hospital bills and accept a collect call from him, police said.

Patrick Campbell was charged with two counts of felony murder in the bludgeoning deaths of Kenneth Campbell, 56, and Anna May Campbell, 59, whose bodies were found Wednesday dragged into the backyard of their Darien home and set on fire, police said.

Campbell confessed several hours after his arrest Thursday morning following a 15-mile car chase with state police through several western Connecticut towns, Darien police Chief John Jordan said.

He was held on \$250,000 bond pending arraignment Monday in Stamford Superior Court. He also faces charges of burglary, arson and larceny.

Jordan said Campbell "has given a statement admitting to the crimes."

State police spokesman Sgt. Robert Slattery said Campbell was arrested after a car chase in Kent around 11:30 a.m.

The bodies of Campbell's adoptive parents were discovered about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday by their natural daughter in the backyard of their home, Jordan said.

He said the daughter, Jill Campbell, 23, picked up a hose to douse the bodies, which were at the edge of the woods about 25 feet behind the house, then called the fire department.

A sledgehammer and a hatchet recovered at the home may have been used to murder the couple, Jordan said.

He said police began Wednesday looking for Patrick Campbell and for Mrs. Campbell's car, which was missing.

He said a man was seen speeding from the home in Mrs. Campbell's car about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Jordan said Patrick Campbell hadn't lived with his parents. He



AP photo

Patrick Campbell, 20, is being taken from the Litchfield State Police Barracks Thursday after being captured and charged with the murder of his adoptive parents, Kenneth and Anna May Campbell of Darien.

was staying in Danbury either at a shelter for the homeless or in a tent he pitched near a mall.

Police said Jill Campbell told authorities of a history of strained relations between her parents and their adopted son, and that Campbell was "going downhill and resentful of the family."

Kenneth Campbell was a stockbroker with the brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc., according to a 1986 directory of Darien, a wealthy suburb about 35 miles from New York City.

Police believe the killer entered

the house through a window, although the home hadn't been ransacked and nothing appeared to be missing, Jordan said.

"It's possible it started out as a burglary, but in any event, it turned into a double homicide," he said.

The bodies were set on fire in the basement of the house, then brought outside and set ablaze again, Jordan said.

A neighbor said she didn't know the victims well.

"They were always cheerful, and stopped to talk when I saw them out on the street," Lillian Bein said.

Independence Day 1987

Saturday is the Fourth of July, a state and federal holiday, although the legal Independence Day holiday will be observed by many today.

Government offices: Municipal, state and federal offices will be closed today.

Mail: Regular delivery today. No delivery Saturday. All offices closed today and Saturday.

Garbage: Regular garbage pickup today. The Manchester landfill will be open today but closed Saturday.

Banks: All offices closed today. Some banks will be open Saturday.

Libraries: Manchester, Bolton and Coventry libraries will be closed today and Saturday. Andover's library will be open today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and will be closed Saturday.

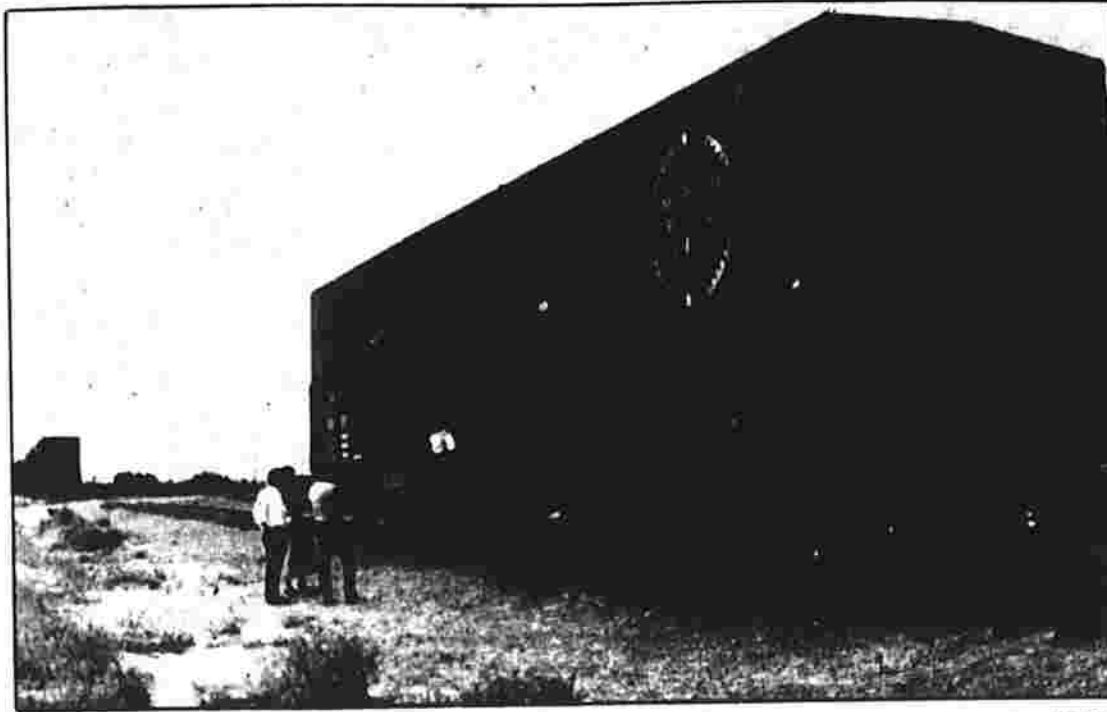
Alcoholic beverages: Package stores will be open today and Saturday.

Manchester Herald: There will be no Saturday edition. Herald offices will be closed today and Saturday.

Celebrate today at the band shell

Manchester's Independence Day celebration will be held today in the area of the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell at Manchester Community College. Events include a chicken barbecue from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.; a concert by the group, Time Was at 5 p.m.; a performance by the Governor's Foot Guard Band at 7 p.m.; children's activities from 7:30 p.m. and fireworks at about 9:30 p.m.

If it rains, the barbecue will be at Manchester High School and other events will be postponed until the same time Sunday. The rain date was incorrect in Thursday's Manchester Herald.



AP photo

Members of the media look over a boxcar in Sierra Blanca, Texas, about 90 miles southeast of El Paso, where the bodies of 18 male Mexican aliens were

found early Thursday morning when they apparently died of asphyxiation in the airtight car.

Boxcar becomes death oven for 18 Mexican illegal aliens

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas (AP) — Eighteen illegal aliens trapped in a locked, steel-walled boxcar were found dead in stifling 120-degree temperatures Thursday in what authorities called a botched smuggling effort.

A 19th man survived by using a spike to punch a hole through the floor and breathe through the opening, said Mike Williams, a spokesman for the U.S. Border Patrol in El Paso.

"They appear to have gotten excessively hot. Some appeared to have gone into convulsions, evidenced by nasal bleeding in their mouths, and they were dehydrated," said William Harrington, assistant chief patrol agent for the Border Patrol.

"There's blood on the floor," Williams said. "Some of their tongues are chewed, their mouths are chewed. It's a gruesome sight."

The aliens had boarded an eastbound Missouri Pacific freight train late Wednesday afternoon at El Paso, about 90 miles west of Sierra Blanca on the Texas-Mexico border, Williams said. They apparently were making their way to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, he said.

The freight train apparently stayed on a siding Wednesday night and was delayed for some mechanical problem, he said.

Williams said the temperatures in the boxcar probably exceeded 120 degrees and the victims apparently died from the heat.

The bodies of the aliens were found about 8 a.m. MDT during a routine Border Patrol inspection of boxcars. "It is definitely an organized smuggling effort," Williams said. "Possibly one of the smugglers was planning on riding the train on the outside, in a different boxcar, with the idea of opening it up the first chance they stopped. But we haven't got that far yet."

"Obviously, it was a terrible and tragic mistake to do this, and we are working on trying to find out who that individual was from the survivor," said Williams.

Two guides and a smuggler accompanied the aliens, Williams said. The guides, also believed to be illegal aliens, got into the boxcar and the third man locked it from the outside, he said.

The survivor, Miguel Tostada-Rodriguez, 21, was examined by a doctor in the town of Van Horn and was helping authorities piece together what happened.

"He had no injuries," said Dr. Bill Lipsey. "He had apparent dehydration and oxygen deprivation, but he appeared to be largely recovered. His only complaint was that he felt weak."

Tostada-Rodriguez, probably would spend Friday



AP photo

A hole punched in the floor of a freight-train boxcar in Sierra Blanca, Texas, helped a man survive oven-like temperatures that took the lives of 18 of his comrades earlier Thursday.

night in a shelter for illegal aliens in El Paso, said James Selbe, associate chief of the El Paso Border Patrol.

"He's very worn out and as the day passes on, it will sink in what he's been through," Selbe said.

Tostada-Rodriguez and six other victims who were acquaintances apparently came from either Aguilas or Zacatecas, both states in central Mexico, Selbe said.

Liquor stores count on 3rd

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Herald Reporter

Those who can sell a fifth on the Fourth say the third will be the first for thirst.

For the first time, liquor stores in the state will be open on July 4, a state and federal holiday which falls on Saturday this year. But most Manchester area liquor stores surveyed Thursday reported that they expect that Friday will be a bigger day for selling booze.

Gary Rounsville, president of M & R Liquors on Tolland Turnpike, said business will probably be slow on Saturday because most consumers are unaware that package stores will be open for July Fourth.

Under a law passed in 1982, liquor stores are allowed to be open for business when July Fourth falls on a Saturday. That means liquor can be sold on July Fourth every seven years.

Rounsville said he expects sales to be good on Thursday and Friday. He said Saturday's opening probably won't affect overall sales.

"The pie is so big, it's just a matter of how it's cut up," he said. "Consumption isn't going to go up just because we're open the extra day."

The Saturday opening is an optional one for package store owners. While some stores will keep regular hours that day, others will open later or close earlier than usual. For instance, Shop Rite Liquor Store on Spencer Street will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., while M & R Liquors will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An employee at the Shop Rite Liquor Store on Spencer Street echoed Rounsville's prediction that Friday's sales will be greater than Saturday's. But July Fourth should be a better-than-average Saturday, he said.

Ross Burba, a worker at Six & Forty Four Package Store in Bolton, said he, too, expects business to be good on Friday.

Burba, who will be working on Saturday, was asked if he expected a busy day. "Hopefully not," he answered.

The store may close at 6 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. if business is slow, Burba said.

Milton K. Adams, the owner of Adam's Big Country Liquors in Coventry, said predicting sales on July Fourth would be difficult. "I don't have the faintest idea," he said.

Adams said, however, that overall sales for this Independence Day weekend might be greater than usual because Saturday's opening will give consumers a chance to buy items they forgot to get on Friday.

Daniel Contreras, owner of the Oak Street Package Store, was optimistic about the weekend's business, but he said that sales depend on the weather.

Some package store workers said they would prefer not to work on Saturday, but Adams said that being a businessman means doing business.

"I don't mind a bit. I think it's foolish if you don't work on the Fourth."

Stark's crew returns home

MAYPORT NAVAL STATION, Fla. (AP) — The families of 44 sailors from the USS Stark greeted the crewmen with hugs, kisses, tears and homemade signs on their arrival home Thursday, six weeks after the frigate was attacked in the Persian Gulf.

The C-141 Air Force cargo plane lumbered into Mayport Naval Station about 4:40 p.m. EDT and was immediately boarded by several Navy officers who went aboard the windowless aircraft to brief the men about leave.

"It's like having my own children back after I lost them for awhile," Rear Adm. Michael Kalleres, commander of Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12, said after their arrival.

Kalleres said the 42 crewmen and two officers, whom he described as tired but happy to be home, would be on leave until early August when the Stark returns to its home port at Mayport.

The crewmen were flown to this northeast Florida base from the U.S. Naval Station at Rota, Spain, to a homecoming of about 50 family members, including a pregnant woman in the early stages of labor who left a hospital to greet her husband, Kalleres said.

Local Chrysler dealers keep stiff upper lip

By George Layno
Herald Reporter

Some of the now-infamous Chrysler cars that were damaged but sold as new or driven with their odometers disconnected might have been bought at Manchester Plymouth, Inc.

"I would imagine there must have been one or two," said Gary S. Cutler, general manager of the dealership on Route 63, just over the border in Vernon. Cutler said on Thursday that he has not had any complaints so far. Of course, he said, "there's always those customers that will pick up on every little thing" wrong with a new car.

No, he said, he's not worried that the scandal will hurt future sales.

The company, under its chairman, Lee Iacocca, has developed a positive image in the last few years. And Cutler

said he's confident the company will overcome the negative publicity.

"If he never admitted it, it probably would be worse," Cutler said. On Wednesday, Iacocca apologized for the practices that affected at least 60,000 vehicles over the last two years. According to federal investigators, new cars with disconnected odometers were driven by Chrysler executives before the autos were sold to the public. In some cases, cars were badly damaged, then repaired and sold as new.

After the disclosures last week, the company offered to extend warranties on cars that had disconnected odometers, and replace those vehicles that were damaged.

Chorches Motors Inc. on Oakland Street, which sells Chrysler and Dodge vehicles, declined comment when con-

tacted Thursday.

Other car dealers in the area said they did not think the news of Chrysler's problems is going to have much of an effect on their sales or image.

"It's not been a big issue," said William Vatsie, vice president of Lynch Toyota-Pontiac on West Center Street. He said there has been no comment from customers he has dealt with, and little talk about dealers and wholesalers.

One reason why may be that the same sort of practices may have also been occurring at other manufacturers, he said. "I'm sure they'll dig up dirt on everyone."

He said Lynch is strict about not tampering with the odometers. "Our cars are plugged in from the day they arrive until the day they go on the road,"

said Vatsie.

George DeCormier, owner of DeCormier Motor Sales Inc. on Broad Street, said he thinks Chrysler will be able to overcome any harm it has suffered.

"I think Lee Iacocca can overcome anything like that," said DeCormier. "He's got moxie and the reputation of being straightforward."

DeCormier said that damaged cars should not have been sold, but the practice of disconnected odometers was common when he began his business more than 40 years ago. He said vehicles used to be delivered with the odometers unhooked.

The odometers would not be hooked up until they were test driven and purchased, DeCormier said. The practice no longer occurs, he said.

Route 44 fixes may take up to 2 years to do

By Jacqueline Bennett
Herald Correspondent

COVENTRY — Though representatives from area towns were told this week that improvements to Route 44 could take as long as two years, Town Council Chairman Joan Lewis was optimistic after the meeting with an official from the state Department of Transportation.

"We're satisfied. We now recognize some action, direction we can take and have some encouragement," Lewis said Thursday.

Traffic along Route 44 has increased considerably in recent months. As a result, officials say, residents are having a difficult time entering and exiting from the road. In addition, the prevailing speed limit of 50 mph is too high for some of the congested areas, they say.

Richard Martinez, a DOT official, said during the meeting that a survey to determine possible changes to Route 44 — including signal lights, slow-traffic lanes and road-widening — could take as long as two years to complete.

Traffic in the state has increased an average of 5 to 6 percent in the past few years, and other areas in the state are more in need of limited state funds, Martinez said.

Martinez said that about \$400 million of state funds has been made available for similar road projects, and Route 44 may be eligible for some of that money.

"I can imagine it's like a magic act, sneaking in and out onto the road, but these things have to be documented," Martinez told town officials during the meeting in the Town Office Building.

"Our frustration is that there are places we feel we need lights," Lewis said. "People can't get in and out of their roads. We can't wait two or three years. Is there a way to expedite things?"

Bolton Selectman Larry Converse was concerned, too. "I've heard complaints of a tie-up of 10 to 15 minutes at the light near the shopping plaza in Bolton Notch," he said.

Ashford First Selectman Steven Reviczky said that while the DOT wants to speed up traffic and keep it moving, the towns are interested in slowing it down.

"Our first concern is safety," Martinez replied. "But yes, we do want to keep the traffic flowing. It's obvious, though, some kind of control is going to be needed."

Coventry Councilman Blanche Strater said that installing an excessive number of signals along Route 44 would turn it into a stop-and-go headache, similar to the current situation on Silver Lane in East Hartford.

Increasing commercial development on Route 44 was cited as a factor contributing to traffic problems. Greg Padick, Mansfield's town planner, suggested that planning and zoning commissions tighten zoning regulations and request traffic studies before granting permits to developers.

Padick estimated that ConnTech, the new industrial park under construction in Mansfield, will generate about 3,500 jobs in the next 10 years.



Herald photo by Pinto

Card party

Marcie Birchfield, left, and Michelle Smith play cards behind Smith's home at 127 Wellman Road Friday afternoon.

Smith's brother, Jason, and Jack Smith, a neighbor, look on. Birchfield is a friend of Michelle's visiting from West Virginia.

Water companies' buyer receives the third degree from the DPUC

By Bruce Matzkin
Herald Reporter

All the water in Manchester couldn't cool off John Wittenzellner after the grilling he took on Thursday.

Wittenzellner, who wants to buy two local water companies, underwent more than two hours of questioning during a public hearing at Lincoln Center by the state's Department of Public Utility Control.

The transfer to Wittenzellner of the L&M Water Co. in Manchester, and the Elm Water Co. in Coventry was approved in February by West Hartford Probate Court, which was handling the dissolution of the estate of George Koppleman, the previous owner of the two companies.

Wittenzellner needs the DPUC's final approval before he can buy the companies. Thursday's public hearing was part of the DPUC's approval process.

The DPUC had appointed Wittenzellner, who owns the Aqua Treatment and Services Co. in Stafford and operates 11 other water systems in the area, to operate the two companies after Koppleman became ill in early 1983.

Several issues were raised at Thursday's hearing, which at times became heated.

Edward A. Moehring, the DPUC's senior adjudicator, asked Wittenzellner to find out whether a \$2,800 lien against a small piece of land owned by Elm, for work done while Koppleman still owned the company, is still enforceable.

Leonard Slitt, a DPUC accountant, asked Wittenzellner to come up with a plan of payment of the liabilities of L&M and Elm. Slitt also asked for financial information on Aqua Treatment and Services.

Roscoe Samuel, another DPUC accountant, asked that Wittenzellner have a cost study done of the two companies.

Wittenzellner balked at doing the cost analysis. "It would cost \$2,500 to \$3,000 to hire an accountant to do a cost study. The costs to me are becoming unbearable," he said.

Moehring, in response, told Wittenzellner: "We appreciate your services, and you are needed — there's no doubt about that. But we're not going to listen to you tell us that you're not going to obey our rules and regulations should you take over the companies."

William O'Brien, the DPUC's senior utility engineer, asked Wittenzellner what plans he had for improving the systems of the two companies. Wittenzellner said that he planned to install a new filtration system, which would cost about \$85,000.

O'Brien also asked that Wittenzellner become familiar with the rules and regulations of small water companies.

The hearing will be continued July 16 at 8:30 p.m. at Lincoln Center.

Local News in Brief

Extra police officers on duty

Manchester police will have an additional 30 patrol officers on duty to handle traffic and crowds during the festivities at the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell today. Sgt. Richard K. White said Thursday.

The department ordinarily has about 10 patrolmen on duty at any given time, he said. There will be no additional patrolmen on duty on July 4.

Besides a few arrests related to fireworks use, White does not expect any unusual activity during the holiday weekend.

"Usually, it's very low-key. We don't make many arrests," he said.

Cheney roof to be fixed

A bid of \$429,000 from a West Haven firm was the lowest of three bids to repair a portion of the roof at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School, according to the state Department of Administrative Services.

The bid was from Premier Roofing Co., said DAS spokesman Lawrence VanBenthuyzen. The other bids were from F. J. Dahill of New Haven for \$517,000 and from Hartford Roofing Co. for \$595,694, he said.

Part of the roof work will cover the school's gymnasium, where in January a basketball game had to be canceled because of leaking, he said.

Calendars

Manchester

Monday
Planning and Zoning Commission, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Board of Directors, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Hillstown Road Cemetery Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 3 p.m.
Cheney Hall Foundation, Probate Court building, 5 p.m.

Thursday
Democratic Town Committee subcommittee, Municipal Building coffee room, 7:30 p.m.

Friday
Judge's hours, Probate Court building, 6:30 p.m.
Emergency Medical Services Council, Lincoln Center gold room, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Town of Manchester-Eighth Utilities District negotiating session, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.

Andover

Monday
Board of Selectmen, Community Hall, 3 p.m.

Bolton

Wednesday
Zoning Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission, Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Coventry

Monday
Finance Committee, Town Office Building, 7 p.m.
Steering-Liaison Committee, Town Office Building, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Town Council, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Human Services Committee, Town Office Building, 9 a.m.

Thursday
Town Fields Committee, Town Office Building, 7 p.m.

Friday
Housing Authority, on site, 7 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, Town Office Building, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Board of Education, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.
Public hearing on removing trees on Swamp Road, Town Office Building, 10 a.m.



Herald photo by Pinto

Getting the brush off

Marian Lizowski has his work cut out for him Friday afternoon as he clears the brush behind 8 Regent St. in preparation

for planting a garden. It began raining shortly after he started working, but it didn't appear to faze him.

Man held on bad-check charges

A Manchester man was charged Wednesday in connection with the withdrawal of more than \$1,000 from his parents' bank accounts by forging checks made out to himself, police said.

Joseph Bell, 25, of 474 E. Middle Turnpike, was charged with five counts of second-degree forgery, one count of third-degree larceny,

three counts of fifth-degree larceny and one count of sixth-degree larceny.

Bell's mother told police that she and her husband had discovered in April that several checks had been drawn in their son's name when they received a bank statement, police said. According to an affidavit for Bell's arrest, four checks,

drawn by Bell between March 5 and April 19, totaled \$1,050.

In addition, Bell's mother told police, Bell had withdrawn \$1,500 from his father's savings account in February.

Bell was held on \$1,000 bond. He was to appear Thursday in Manchester Superior Court.

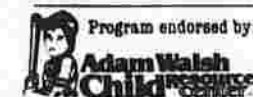
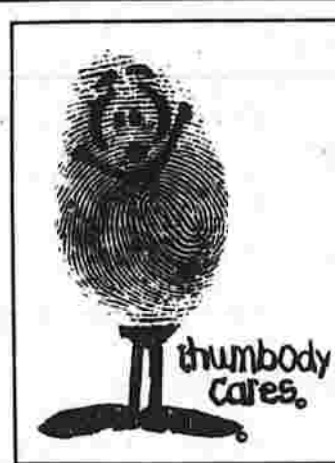
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Obituaries

Eleanor Freelove

Eleanor (Graham) Freelove, 86, of 167 E. Center St., died Thursday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Boyd W. Freelove.

Born in Rockville Aug. 7, 1906, she had lived in Manchester most of her life. Before she retired, she was a teller at the Main Street office of the Savings Bank of Manchester.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the church's guild.

She is survived by four nieces, Katherine G. Fagan of Manchester, Elaine Colon of Willimantic, Ruth Kraft of Ellington and Eleanor Duhaime of Gales Ferry; two nephews, John A. Smythe of Bolton and T.W. Graham of Hickory, N.C.; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Book of Remembrance.

Robert Thomas Brown

Robert Thomas Brown, 32, of 45 Magnolia Drive, East Hartford, formerly of Manchester, died Wednesday at Hartford Hospital from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Route 15 Wednesday night.

He was born in Manchester Oct. 30, 1954, and was the son of Richard B. and Beulah (Thomas) Brown Sr., with whom he lived. He worked as a crew leader with the Department of Transportation for the past 10 years. Before that, he worked at Sealtest Corp.

He went to East Hartford elementary schools, Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School, and George J. Penney High School in East Hartford.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Charlotte Elaine Brown and Sheery Rhea Brown, both of East Hartford; a twin brother, Richard B. Brown Jr. of East Hartford; his paternal grandmother, Esther Wood of Manchester; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral will be Monday at the Holmes Funeral Home at a time to be announced. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford. Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Ekins, Communist sculptor

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Robert C. Ekins, a sculptor and Communist Party member who successfully appealed a 1950s conviction of advocating the violent overthrow of the government, has died at age 79.

Ekins died Tuesday after a brief illness in the Hospital of St. Raphael.

He was one of seven Connecticut Communist Party members arrested in 1955 and charged under the Smith Act, was convicted and sentenced to four years in prison. But a federal appeals court overturned the convictions of Ekins and five other party members, and the indictments were dismissed.

Ekins had served 100 days of a six-month federal prison sentence on charges of contempt of court for refusing to give names during testimony.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Later he established an arts and crafts rehabilitation program for wounded soldiers and organized a military exhibition to raise money for war bonds.

Ekins opened a sculpture studio in Burlington and later exhibited his works around the country. He had lived in New Haven since 1973.

He is survived by his wife and a sister. Services will be private.

Vaclav Cerny, Czech scholar

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Vaclav Cerny, a Czech scholar and early signer of the Charter 77 human rights manifesto who had published underground, died Thursday at age 82.

Cerny published literary journals and wrote books on literature and historical subjects. Charter 77 is the Soviet bloc's senior independent human rights monitoring group. It takes its name from a manifesto signed in 1977 by the founding members, who urged the Czechoslovak communist government to abide by international human rights standards.



AP photo

Members of the cast of Michael Bennett's hit musical "A Chorus Line" perform in a dress rehearsal in September 1983. Bennett, director and choreographer, died Thursday of lymphoma caused by AIDS.

Broadway dims lights in Bennett's memory

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Bennett, who turned an all-night dancers' bull session into "A Chorus Line," the longest-running show in Broadway history, died Thursday of cancer caused by AIDS. He was 44.

Bennett started his own stage career in the chorus line, but stepped forward as a choreographer, director and producer to capture seven Tony awards for "Chorus Line," "Company," "Follies," and his last big hit, "Dreamgirls."

"I went from dancer to choreographer to director to producer to sometime writer," he once said. "But I never had to deviate from my ambition, which was to work in theater."

Broadway theaters dimmed their lights for one minute at 8 p.m. in Bennett's memory, and his colleagues extolled his talents.

AIDS, said producer Joseph Papp, has "decimated some of the ranks of some of our most talented people." In a reference to the growing influence of imported British plays, he termed Bennett's death "an enormous loss, particularly at this time, when we're fighting, just like the auto industry is fighting against Japanese cars."

"He cared a lot ... about the fact that when you left the theater, that you thought about not just what you saw visually, but what you experienced emotionally," Marvin Hamlisch, who wrote the music for "A Chorus Line," said Thursday.

"The work lives forever," said Hamlisch, who stood with Papp outside the Shubert theater before Thursday night's performance of "A Chorus Line." The company

met before the performance and decided not to refer to Bennett's death onstage.

"Not only Broadway but the rest of the world has lost one of the most brilliant and original talents of the modern musical theater," said Cameron Mackintosh, producer of "Les Miserables" and a current London revival of "Follies." "He is quite simply irreplaceable."

Bennett's lawyer, John F. Breglio, said Bennett died around dawn at his home in Tucson, Ariz., from lymphoma caused by AIDS. Bennett moved to Arizona from New York in December, 11 months after he was diagnosed as having acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Bennett's experience in the chorus gave him the idea for "A Chorus Line," which won the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for drama. The musical opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater on July 25, 1975, and runs there still.

The musical grew out of a marathon talk session Bennett held in January 1974 with a group of dancers he had worked with over the years. Out of hours of tape-recorded discussions of careers, lifestyles and childhoods, "A Chorus Line" was born, with about half the members of its cast drawn from the rap session.

"I never got the pleasure working a show that I had in 'Chorus Line,'" he said. On another occasion, he added: "'Chorus Line' changed everybody's life. ... I always thought I was prepared for success. No one is."

Bennett is survived by his mother, Helen DiFiglia, and his brother Frank.

Poultry safe, say producers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poultry producers urged consumers Thursday to choose chicken, countering a consumer group that said Americans should broil a burger or fry a frank this Fourth of July rather than risk food poisoning.

"American chicken lovers can enjoy their Independence Day cookouts with the assurance that the chicken they eat is nutritious and safe when cooked and handled properly," said George B. Watts, president of the National Broiler Council.

But Rodney E. Leonard, executive director of the private, non-profit Community Nutrition Institute, called Thursday for a boycott of poultry until the industry and Department of Agriculture improve processing and inspection of chickens, ducks, turkeys and other fowl.

"American consumers are at greater risk of food poisoning from poultry today than from any other widely available food source," he said. "One of every three birds produced in federally inspected plants today is contaminated with salmonella and that's according to the Department of Agriculture's own data."

Concern about contaminated chicken already is translating into falling poultry prices, he said. Even though beef and pork prices have increased 10.5 percent and 15.8 percent respectively from a year ago, poultry prices have declined for nine consecutive months, according to Department of Labor statistics.

However, Mahlon Burnette, a food scientist with the National Broiler Council, said Americans purchased more than 100 million chickens in a week for the first time two weeks ago, with chicken consumption running 7 percent to 8 percent ahead of last year.

"Beef and pork prices have been firm because the number of cattle and hogs have been down. ... Either Mr. Leonard is trying to mislead people or he doesn't understand simple economics. ... Simple economics say that prices fall when the supply goes up," Burnette said.

Karen Stuck, a spokeswoman for the USDA's Food and Inspection Service, said salmonella contamination of poultry is "not a new problem and it's not getting worse."

About 35 percent of broilers across the country carry salmonella bacteria, she said, and that proportion has not changed between 1967 and 1984, the last year for which figures are available. Salmonella can cause stomach pain and diarrhea, or even death among the elderly, babies or people with depressed immune systems.

However, Ms. Stuck stressed, "cooking will kill salmonella as well as any other food poisoning bacteria."

The USDA opposes the poultry boycott, but it has been more receptive to a call from a coalition of 21 other consumer organizations, which did not include Leonard's group, that fresh poultry be labeled with cooking and handling instructions, Ms. Stuck said.

Reagan coming to explain economic proposals

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — President Reagan will explain his economic proposals next week to an industrial city that was on the last notch of its economic belt not long ago.

Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, R-Conn., and Democratic Mayor William J. McNamara confirmed the visit in a news conference outside City Hall in New Britain on Thursday.

"The president is coming to Connecticut as part of his campaign to help citizens of our country understand the seriousness of the decisions that must be made in Washington for our economic well-being," Mrs. Johnson said.

New Britain, a city of about 75,000

mostly working class people who have traditionally voted Democratic, has struggled through dire economic straits for more than a decade.

The city is slowly rebounding from problems caused by the closing of factories in its aging tool-and-die and ball-bearing industries, which have been its main employers.

"It's a city that's experiencing a renaissance after seeing hard times," said McNamara, who is in his fifth term.

"New Britain has turned that corner and will be a city that continues to make tremendous strides as it seeks to regain its place among the leading cities of the state of Connecticut," he said.

"The president has singled out New Britain as a place to give a message, a place that can serve as an example to other cities suffering similar hard times."

More than 25,000 people are expected to jam the center of town on Wednesday. Tickets, available in advance for free, will be required to enter the area where Reagan will speak.

The president is scheduled to arrive in mid-morning and leave early in the afternoon.

Mrs. Johnson said she will accompany Reagan on Air Force One, the presidential jetliner, for the trip from Washington to Bradley International Airport.

There, they are scheduled to be joined by McNamara to fly by helicopter to a city park.

Then there will be a motorcade to the center of town.

Reagan will have lunch at the Elks Club before giving his main address in the early afternoon.

"The most serious message the president received when he was in Italy with the leaders of the other nations of the free world was that all nations are deeply concerned about America's deficit and the implications of that deficit for economic growth for the United States and worldwide," Mrs. Johnson said.

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Connecticut in Brief

Cassin takes over public works

HARTFORD — Donald Cassin was sworn in Thursday as commissioner of the new state Department of Public Works.

Gov. William A. O'Neill said Wednesday that Cassin was his choice to head the department, which had previously been a bureau within the state Department of Administrative Services.

His appointment is subject to confirmation by the 1988 General Assembly.

Cassin, 56, of Bristol, spent 3½ years as deputy commissioner for the bureau. He will earn \$71,063 annually.

Public Works became a separate department under a bill that became effective on Wednesday. Early in the day, the finance advisory committee met to transfer \$25.9 million from the administrative services budget to the new department.

State widens war against drugs

HARTFORD — Five bills aimed at stopping illicit drug use and stiffening penalties for drug dealers have been signed into law by Gov. William A. O'Neill.

Four of the five new laws became effective immediately with O'Neill's signature Wednesday.

One new law specifies that money laundering, drug sales to minors and drug sales within 1,000 feet of public schools are crimes. It also establishes penalties for the sale and possession of controlled substances and money laundering.

The new law raised maximum fines for repeat offenders convicted of selling narcotics or hallucinogens other than marijuana from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The law also defines crack as cocaine in free-base form and imposes mandatory sentences for those convicted of seeing at least a half-gram of the drug.

Greenwich to get weigh station

HARTFORD — A permanent truck weigh station will be built at the former site of a Greenwich toll plaza on Interstate 95, the state transportation commissioner announced Thursday.

"It is my judgment that the state-owned property in Greenwich is the best and safest site for conducting truck weighing and inspection operations," Commissioner J. William Burns said.

Burns had considered one other site in Greenwich and two each in Darien, Norwalk and Westport for the station.

The Department of Transportation said a station is needed in Fairfield County along I-95 to check whether trucks entering Connecticut from New York are overweight or otherwise violate state truck safety standards.

Exhibit shows women's history

HARTFORD — A 335-year history of women in Connecticut is coming to light through an exhibit of material from such diverse places as museum collections, ethnic club attics and church basements.

"Coming of Age: Women and Their Choices" will chronicle the daily lives as well as the political and social struggles of Connecticut women from 1650 to 1985, according to the state Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission, which announced the \$81,450 project this week, said a matching grant of \$18,575 from the Connecticut Humanities Council would be used to finance the research and preparation of the exhibit of more than 150 historical items.

Middletown may expand leaves

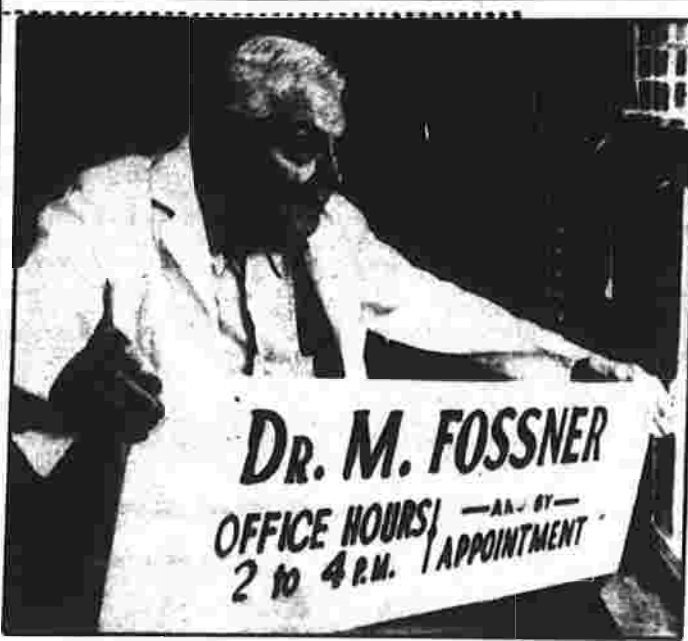
MIDDLETOWN — City officials are considering a plan where all city employees would receive up to six months of unpaid leave to care for newborn children or seriously ill family members.

The plan, announced Wednesday by the personnel department, still needs approval of the common council and would have to be negotiated with the city's four labor unions, according to Ann M. Young, personnel director.

If the plan is approved, Middletown would become the first municipality in the state to extend unpaid leaves to all municipal employees, local officials said.

"It will make Middletown a true trailblazer," Young said Wednesday.

Although workers would not be paid during the six-month leave, Young said many city employees would take advantage of the policy, especially when they become parents.



Dr. Mervin Fossner takes down the sign from the front window of his office after 64 years of practice in Worcester, Mass.

Doc, 92, says insurance cost drove him out

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A 92-year-old doctor who has practiced in the city since 1923, looking after thousands of patients for free, says he's being driven into retirement by malpractice insurance.

"It doesn't pay for me to take out malpractice insurance for the sum of \$6,000," said Dr. Mervin Fossner, who took down the sign advertising his office hours Wednesday, the day that a state law requiring malpractice insurance went into effect.

"I never had it. There was no need of it," Fossner said. "I don't do any surgery and when I did surgery and obstetrics, you didn't have to have it."

Fossner described himself as a throwback to the days when "you'd deliver the babies and take care of them until they went to the grave."

He said he delivered more than 3,000 babies until he stopped in 1963, the year his wife died.

CL&P seeking 2 percent boost in home gas and electric rates

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — Connecticut Light & Power Co. informed state utility regulators Thursday that it will seek about a 2 percent increase in residential electric and natural gas rates.

At the same time, CL&P wants to cut commercial rates to offset the proposed residential boost and leave annual revenues at their present level, the company said in a letter to the Department of Public Utility Control.

CL&P said the proposal marks the first time in at least 16 years that it has filed for a rate case without seeking to raise revenues. CL&P said it could make such an offer provided it receives \$100 million from a special ratepayer fund established last year.

The Berlin-based company, a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities, last received a rate increase in 1983.

The letter from CL&P senior vice president Walter F. Torrance Sr. is the first step in the rate case. CL&P now has 30 days in which to file a formal application. The DPUC will then set formal hearings, and a decision is likely to be rendered by the end of the year.

Any changes in the rates would most likely become effective in 1988.

State Consumer Counsel James Meehan, who represents consumers in rate cases, was not in the state Thursday and couldn't be reached for comment.

Under the CL&P proposal, its residential electric customers would see their bills increase just under 2 percent, while gas residential gas customers would see their bills increase slightly more than 2 percent. It didn't reveal proposed rates for commercial and industrial customers.

The company said it hasn't finalized its proposed rate schedules, but said the adjustment upward for residents and downward for businesses was necessary to

reflect the true cost of providing service to customers.

"Bringing our rates more in line with the true costs of providing service is in everyone's best interest," said William B. Ellis, NU chairman and chief executive officer.

A typical residential electric customer using 500 kilowatts now pays \$47.50 a month. A residential gas customer faces higher bills in the winter, but over the year, pays an average of about \$85 a month, according to NU.

CL&P also said in its letter that its operating costs have risen in the year since its last rate case was decided, but that those increases have been offset by increased sales and a special ratepayer fund established July 1, 1986. All CL&P earnings in excess of its state-mandated 14.5 percent profit level are deposited in the fund.

The company said in its letter

that it assumes that it will receive \$100 million from that fund and another \$30 million will be credited to customers at the end of the year.

The company also noted that 8 percent more of Millstone 3 costs will be added to the rate base in 1988. CL&P rates already reflect 40 percent of Millstone 3 costs. The 1,150-megawatt nuclear power plant, built at a cost of \$3.54 billion in Waterford, began operating in 1986.

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Nimue shows a friendly side of the pit bull

KILLINGWORTH (AP) — Nimue, a friendly American Staffordshire terrier that's also classified as a pit bull, has been getting more visits than usual lately, her owner says.

The animal, obedient and well-trained, is the public relations dog for the Canine Defense Fund, which is fighting legislation against the pit bull terriers outside of Connecticut.

"They're not born nasty," says Nimue's owner, Ruth Teeter of Killingworth, who owns four American Staffordshire terriers.

"They're born normal puppies," she says. "There are people who raise pit bulls who think to have a nasty dog is the thing... It isn't just the pit bulls. It's the macho idiot that owns a mean dog."

PIT BULLS ARE GAINING a reputation as vicious dogs that can maim and kill. They were responsible for seven of the 13 dog-attack fatalities in the United States last year.

There have been 31 pit bull-related dog attacks in Connecticut since January. None was fatal.

But in early June, a pit bull killed a 2½-year-old boy in California who had wandered into its yard. In Cambridge, Mass., a 5-year-old girl recently underwent facial surgery after being attacked by her aunt's pit bull.

Teeter claims her stocky, brown-and-white dog is loving, playful and loyal and has never bitten anyone. But to a public that hears often about pit bulls that bite and maim, even a dog like Nimue can be frightening.

"It's a time bomb," said Frank Intino, chief of the state Department of Agriculture's Canine Control Division. "You can use a time bomb as a paperweight, and it will work fine until it goes off. But God help you should you be sitting at your desk when it goes off."

INTINO SAYS he hasn't heard of any plans to ban the dogs in Connecticut. But towns elsewhere in the country are looking for a legal response, ranging from outright bans on the breed to ordinances carrying heavy fines for irresponsible owners.

The Humane Society of the United States estimates some 40 communities have passed laws or are considering legislation.

Passing and enforcing such laws is difficult, however. Laws aimed at one breed nearly always bring well-organized challenges from owners' groups and kennel clubs.

"We would consider it unconstitutional to outlaw a specific breed of dogs," Intino said. He shares the Canine Defense Fund's goal of passing laws that ban vicious dogs based on incident, not breed.

SINCE FORMING three years ago, the Canine Defense Fund, based in Castleton, N.Y., successfully has fought anti-pit bull legislation in five U.S. cities, while at least two cities have adopted such legislation.

The defense fund says those laws are unrealistic because pit bulls do not constitute an official breed of dogs.

American Staffordshire terriers, American pit bull terriers, Staffordshire bull terriers and bull terriers are among the breeds that can be classified as pit bulls. They weigh 28 to 55 pounds, have short legs, stocky bodies, short-hair and strong jaws.

"The term 'pit bull' has become a generic term for any bulldog or dog that has bulldog blood," said Charles Lloyd of Atlanta, the president of the American Staffordshire Terrier Club.

"IT SEEMS the more (negative) publicity they get, the more the demand grows," he said. "There's a tremendous demand for pit bull puppies today. Some people who shouldn't own dogs are breeding indiscriminately, and producing some dogs that are vicious."

Last year the American Kennel Club registered 1,183 American Staffordshire terriers, 1,060 bull terriers and 217 Staffordshire bull terriers. The United States Kennel Club, which registers American Staffordshire terriers as American pit bull terriers, lists between 20,000 and 30,000 American pit bull terriers a year.

The dogs may have been bred to fight, but Lloyd says that breeders have taken pains to instill pleasant dispositions in American Staffordshires.



AP photo

Could it be a prince?

Twelve-year-old Eve Gilbert of Seattle gets a close look at a new summer friend she found in the grass. Is she wondering if a kiss would bring a prince?

Jump in cocaine-heroin deaths alarms health officials in state

HARTFORD (AP) — Thirteen intravenous drug users died during June after using a mixture of cocaine and extremely potent heroin, prompting alarmed state officials to call a news conference Thursday to warn the public.

Two street samples of heroin taken from New Haven found them to be 51 percent and 46 percent pure. On average, heroin purity typically ranges from 5 percent to 10 percent, state officials said.

Dr. Wayne A. Carver, the state's deputy chief medical examiner, said preliminary results indicate that the victims may be recreational drug abusers, since the deaths have been bunched on weekends.

"This is not proof but it is an indication that we may be seeing the excess deaths among occasional users or sometimes referred as recreational users. This is something that needs to be further explored and we are working on it," Carver said.

All the victims but one ranged in age from 25-35 and were from the state's major urban areas, Carver said.

Other state officials said neighboring states have not reported a similar jump in deaths, but Rhode Island and New York authorities had been in contact with Connecticut.

The cocaine-heroin mixture, known as a "speedball," led to 20 deaths in Connecticut during the first six months of this year, four times more than the first half of 1986, according to state records.

A total of 17 people died from drug-related causes during June

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Teachers vow war for 'education president'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The president of the nation's largest teacher's union said Thursday that teachers are "going to war" to replace the Reagan administration with "the first education president."

Mary Hatwood Futrell, in a punchy keynote address to nearly 8,000 teachers at the start of the National Education Association's 125th annual convention, vowed that the union would build the biggest political action committee for the 1988 campaign.

She also challenged the members of her 1.84 million-member union to drive its largest rival, the American Federation of Teachers, out of business and to launch a 5-year, \$10 million-drive to beef up its school reform foundation.

The union's executive director, Don Cameron, released an NEA-sponsored Gallup poll that he said showed "an overwhelming majority of the U.S. public — 80 percent — believes teachers should be paid more for the work they do."

But the percentage of people willing to pay higher taxes to raise teachers' salaries dropped sharply, from 54 to 43

percent, from a similar poll last year. Cameron said he was at a loss to explain the erosion of support.

U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett issued a statement blasting the NEA, saying, "The NEA leadership has long since lost any legitimacy to speak on behalf of the quality of American education."

Futrell left little doubt that the NEA's ideal candidate looks nothing like Ronald Reagan as she spelled out the union's specifications for the next occupant of the White House.

"In 1988, the voters of America finally rejected voodoo economics. In 1988 they will reject voodoo education. ..." she said. "In 1988 we will elect the first education president."

She said Americans have watched the world "becoming more complex, more competitive and more dangerous as their leaders become more confused and more reactionary."

She said the NEA's political action committee ranked third behind the American Medical Association and the

National Realtors Association in political contributions in 1986, when it took in \$1.7 million.

"In 1988 we will be No. 1. We will have the biggest campaign war chest because we are going to war — a war for a better future for the children of America," Futrell said.

Several Democratic presidential hopefuls planned to journey here to court the teachers. The NEA plans to make its endorsements in December. Futrell said she invited the Republican candidates, but none accepted.

She predicted all the candidates will "try to pose as our best friends. But we can't let any of them generalize or temporize about the tough issues we face. ... What are their specific programs to deal with student pregnancy, student failure, student despair?"

Setting the stage for a debate over education to fight acquired immune deficiency syndrome, she said educators must "show courage and commitment in the fight against AIDS."



MARY H. FUTRELL
... punchy keynoter

Soviets deny missile accord

MOSCOW (AP) — A government spokesman on Thursday denied Western news reports that the superpowers have ironed out differences on the elimination of medium-range missiles from Europe.

Until agreement in principle is reached, there will be no reason for Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze to go to Washington, ministry spokesman Boris D. Pyadyshyev told journalists at a regular news briefing.

Pyadyshyev also disclosed that U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock met with Shevardnadze on Tuesday and delivered a letter from President Reagan to Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev. He declined to discuss its contents.

Soviet and U.S. negotiators at the Geneva arms talks reportedly have been near agreement for months on eliminating medium-range missiles from Europe.

But the talks have bogged down recently, and U.S. officials disclosed last week that Shevardnadze was expected in Washington in mid-July for talks with Secretary of State George Shultz to spur the arms control process.

Pyadyshyev repeatedly denied reports by Western news agencies which, quoting unidentified U.S. sources, said Soviet Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov had proposed a compromise two weeks ago in Geneva to U.S. negotiator Maynard Glitman.

According to the reports, the Soviets would agree to dismantle their 462 missiles in Europe with a range of 315 to 3,125 miles, and 221 additional missiles in their Asian territory.

In return, the United States would remove its 316 missiles from Europe, agree not to deploy shorter-range rockets and accept two basic restraints: that the 208 ground-launched Cruise missiles and the 108 Pershing 2 rockets could not be modified into shorter-range Pershing 1b weapons.

"I would like to declare that there is no understanding between Gen. Chervov and the American representative," Pyadyshyev said. "Nothing which can be construed as a proposal, or something near a proposal, was made on the side of the general."

Chervov is a familiar figure at Moscow news briefings on the subject of arms control, but his exact role in the Soviet military is not known. He is described only as "the head of a department of the general staff." Pyadyshyev said "newer and newer obstacles" are being put in the path of agreement by U.S. negotiators, whom he accused of frustrating the talks on medium-range rockets.

"The American delegation puts forth new conditions, new restrictions, which create new hindrances in moving forward," Pyadyshyev said.

Soviet President Andrei A. Gromyko, who served as foreign minister for 28 years, received former U.S. President Jimmy Carter in the Kremlin on Thursday and made similar complaints.



AP Photo

The Virgin Atlantic Flyer hot-air balloon is prepared for a pre-dawn lift-off Thursday from Carrabassett Valley, Maine. On board, two English balloonists are trying a record trans-Atlantic flight.

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Balloon sets distance record

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine (AP) — A British tycoon and a Swedish-born balloonist broke a distance record Thursday and sped along at up to 142 mph in 40-below weather as they attempted the first Atlantic crossing in a hot-air balloon.

Traveling far faster than expected, Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand covered the first 1,000 miles of their 3,400-mile journey in a little more than 10 hours. They broke the distance mark for hot-air balloons at 907 miles while passing about 140 miles southeast of St. John's, Newfoundland, at 27,900 feet.

"It has been the most spectacular and magnificent flight," Branson said by radio. "When we arrived at 27,000 feet we hit the very cold weather (about 40 below zero). There was an enormous cloud behind us that created a massive vapor trail. For a moment I thought the balloon was on fire."

If the balloonists maintain their early speed, they would reach their destination — Great Britain — in about 49 hours, said Jim Mitchell, a spokesman for

the flight. But the balloonists are prepared to stay aloft more than three days, expecting to land Saturday night.

"You never feel comfortable," Mitchell said. "You're always relying on the wind and they're only about one-quarter or one-third of the way. A lot of things can happen in between."

Branson, 36, the head of an entertainment conglomerate and chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways, and Lindstrand, 38, who now lives in Britain, lifted off at 4:12 a.m. Thursday from a Maine ski resort. Their 21-story-high balloon had never before been inflated or flown. Only smaller prototypes had been tested in the \$500,000 project.

"It's looking exceedingly good," said flight spokesman Crispin Williams. Hot-air balloons use fuel to heat air that is trapped inside the balloon, giving it lift, and it was thought that a hot-air balloon could not carry enough fuel to cross the Atlantic.

Indictment says fringe candidate hampered probe

BOSTON (AP) — Extremist presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche conspired to stymie federal investigations into an alleged \$1 million credit card scam used to finance his 1984 campaign, the government charged in an indictment unsealed Thursday.

The indictment said LaRouche tried to obstruct a grand jury investigation by ordering his followers to flee the country, to shred documents and to stall federal agents through a variety of tactics, including making false statements.

LaRouche, who returned to West Germany after testifying before the grand jury Monday, was not available for comment. But spokeswoman Dana Scanlon quoted him as calling the case a "malicious and fraudulent concoction," triggered by "a faction inside the Reagan Department of Justice (that) has rushed to the aid of Moscow once again."

The charge of obstruction of justice adds LaRouche to a case in which 13 of his aides and five of his organizations had been charged in the alleged credit card fraud and obstruction scheme.

The indictment was secretly handed up here Tuesday by a federal grand jury that for nearly three years has been investigating the alleged bilking of more than 2,000 credit card holders.

LaRouche, who has said he is seeking the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination, faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted at a trial, scheduled to begin Sept. 21.

U.S. Attorney Frank L. McNamara Jr. in Boston said the indictment was sealed until Thursday while prosecutors made arrangements for LaRouche, 64, to surrender for arraignment. He is expected to appear before a federal magistrate Wednesday.

The government will seek extradition if LaRouche fails to appear, McNamara said.

LaRouche attorney Odin P. Anderson did not immediately return several messages left at his office in Boston on Thursday.

The indictment concluded the Boston end of the investigation, but a related tax investigation of LaRouche in Virginia will continue, McNamara said. In addition, Virginia and New York authorities have filed charges against 30 LaRouche followers in connection with an alleged scheme to fraudulently solicit \$30 million in loans from people around the



EXTREMIST LYNDON LaROUCHE
... indicted by grand jury

country. LaRouche has called the case against his aides and organizations "a political hatch job" designed to discredit his candidacy.

"Politics play no role in our investigations," McNamara retorted. "Mr. LaRouche was indicted because he allegedly ordered followers out of the country so they could not be questioned and allegedly took other steps designed to block the investigation."

The indictment said LaRouche and his followers burned and shredded campaign finance records subpoenaed by the grand jury, refused to produce subpoenaed records and witnesses, and made false statements to federal agents. LaRouche also is alleged to have ordered his aides to leave the country to prevent them from being questioned and to have plotted with others to stall the investigation through frivolous legal maneuvers.

Ex-guard charged with infractions while at embassy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps said Thursday it has charged a former security guard at U.S. embassies in Bern, Switzerland, and Moscow with copying classified documents, failing to report contacts with Soviets and dealing on the black market.

Sgt. Kenneth J. Kelliher, 32, of the Chicago suburb of Hinsdale, Ill., was not charged with espionage. But he has been reassigned to the Marine Security Guard Battalion at Quantico, Va., and faces a hearing Monday to review the charges against him, the announcement said.

The investigation against Kelliher is continuing, the announcement said. It said he is "not confined or on restriction," and Marine spokeswoman Maj. Kathy Robbes said he was not technically under arrest.

Kelliher was assigned to the Moscow embassy from September 1984 to March 1986, and to Bern from March 1986 to March 1987.

While in Moscow, the charges said, he failed to report contacts with "Oleg," "Sasha" and "Ina," identified only as "citizens of a communist-controlled country." It was not clear whether Sasha was the same as "Uncle Sasha," identified as the KGB handler of another Marine guard from the Moscow embassy, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, who faces espionage charges.

Kelliher is also charged with engaging in black-market currency and goods transactions with Anna Novikoff during his stay in Moscow, but officials did not further identify her.

In Bern, the charges said, Kelliher allowed Swiss citizen Regula Sommerhalder "to enter U.S. Embassy spaces after hours where he knew she was not supposed to be." It did not further identify Sommerhalder or indicate the purpose of her visit.

Also in Bern, the charges said, Kelliher allegedly copied classified documents and sent them to an unspecified address in Grayslake, Ill., another Chicago suburb. The charges did not indicate the purpose of the mailings.

Kelliher is the latest in a string of Marines charged with failing to report contacts with Soviet women or passing classified information to unauthorized persons.

Lonetree, 25, has been ordered to stand trial on espionage charges involving his alleged passing of classified documents and other information to Soviet agents. But in May, prosecutors were forced to set aside the most sensational charges against him, that he had escorted Soviet KGB intelligence agents into the embassy.

TV blackouts protest Florida's tax on ads

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — In protest of a new state sales tax on advertising, two major television networks have asked their Florida affiliates to black out some nationally broadcast commercials.

CBS and NBC have asked local television stations to run, in place of the targeted commercials, either public-service announcements or the stations' own advertisements.

The blackouts were requested by three advertisers — Kimberly Clark, Johnson & Johnson and Rustoleum. Bob Foss, head of the Florida Association of Broadcasters, said Thursday.

In addition, ABC has agreed to advise affiliates of requested blackouts as long as advertisers tell the company two weeks before the ads are to be aired, according to Bruce Haggerty of that network's affiliate relations staff.

The two-week notice will give the stations time to sell the spots locally or to line up public-service announcements, he said.

Foss said the practice of blacking out commercials at the advertisers' requests was not unusual.

"It is unusual that they are asking commercials to be covered in Florida when they are being shown everywhere else," Foss said.

A law signed by Gov. Bob Martinez on April 23 extends Florida's 5 percent sales tax to dozens of previously untaxed items and to services such as construction, advertising, pest control and lawyers' fees.

Business owners and professionals, many of them grumbling, began collecting the tax on Wednesday.

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U.S./World in Brief

Iran denies hostages moved

ROME — The Iranian foreign minister on Thursday denied a report that Iranian Revolutionary Guards smuggled two American hostages into Iran from Lebanon.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was asked about the report during a news conference at the Iranian Embassy in Rome.

A Shiite Moslem source in Beirut, Lebanon, said on Tuesday that the two Americans were taken alive in coffins via Syria and Turkey to Iran.

The source told The Associated Press that the two American captives were probably Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associate Press, kidnapped in Moslem west Beirut in March 1985, and Thomas Sutherland, an official from the American University of Beirut kidnapped three months later.

The report "is categorically denied," Velayati told the news conference.

East Coast directors talk strike

NEW YORK — The East Coast contingent of the Directors Guild of America called a meeting Thursday to vote whether to authorize a strike against film and television producers.

The results of the closed meeting were expected to be announced Friday morning.

West Coast directors voted Wednesday night. Official results were not released, but it was apparent from comments of the crowd at the Beverly Hills Hotel that an overwhelming majority favored authorizing a strike.

Talks between the 8,420-member DGA and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers have snagged over the issue of "residual" payments that directors receive from television reruns, video-cassettes, pay TV sales, in-flight movies and rentals.

GM recalls Cadillacs, trucks

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said Thursday it is recalling 37,000 Cadillacs for sliding driver's side floor mats and 4,800 heavy-duty trucks for possible replacement of steering shaft bolts.

A bolt securing the upper and lower halves of the steering shaft on the 1985 and 1986 GMC General heavy-duty trucks may be loose and could allow the shaft to separate, destroying steering control.

On the 1986 Cadillac Eldorado and Seville models, the driver's side floor mats can slip beneath the accelerator pedal, preventing it from returning to the idle position.

Contras receive staying power

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Contra rebels say new U.S. aid enables them to make more resupply flights to units fighting inside neighboring Nicaragua, giving guerrillas the staying power they had lacked.

Western diplomats monitoring the war agree. They say the flights are so much more frequent that a major contra air-supply base in Honduras is being moved to a less obvious location.

Contra spokeswoman Adela Icaza said in a recent interview: "We need much more, of course. For instance, we need more planes, but we have been getting sufficient supplies to do the job."

Icaza said DC-3 and DC-6 aircraft are used to drop supplies to the estimated 14,000 rebels now in Nicaragua's isolated mountain jungles. She would not give details of the operation.

Soviet air chief identified

MOSCOW — The general believed to be in charge of the Soviet military in the Far East when a Korean airliner was shot down in 1983 was identified Thursday as the new chief of Soviet air defense forces.

Gen. Ivan M. Tretyak replaces Chief Marshal Alexander I. Koldunov, who was fired after a West German teen-ager entered Soviet airspace in a Cessna on May 28 and flew unimpeded all the way to Red Square.

The unauthorized flight of Mathias Rust, 19, touched off a wide-ranging shakeup in Soviet military ranks, the replacement of the defense minister and harsh criticism from the ruling Politburo.

Tretyak, 64, was named commander of the Far Eastern military district in May 1976. Western military attaches in Moscow said Tretyak apparently was in that post when a Soviet fighter shot down a Korean Airlines jumbo jet that strayed into Soviet airspace.



Jeff Cook, 13, of Indianapolis, checks for mail at his home Thursday after a rainstorm drenched central and southern Indiana, leaving 5.09 inches re-

ported at Indianapolis International Airport. The rain was blamed for two deaths in the city.

Storms hammer parts of U.S.

Rain-swollen rivers spilled over their banks in Ohio on Thursday, forcing hundreds of people out of their homes, while thunderstorms and lightning bolts hammered parts of the nation and sent a river of flaming oil across an Oklahoma City street.

Rescue teams in Shelby, Ohio, used cherry pickers and boats to help stranded residents as the Black Fork River surged through the city. Officials said 400 homes were flooded, and the downtown area was badly hit.

"They told me a (clothes) dryer came out of the fire department over there and went through my windows," said June Hartland, surveying damage to her silkscreening business.

Two teen-agers died Wednesday in Indiana as storms and flooding hit much of the middle of the country.

More than 500 people were evacuated throughout Ohio due to flooding. In Richland County, where more than 6 inches of rain has fallen so far this week, the storm sent the several rivers out of their banks.

Many roads were reported closed and major flooding was predicted on the Scioto River, and minor flooding was expected on the Cuyahoga.

The severe weather rumbling through Oklahoma knocked out power at a hospital in Lawton, shattered windows in a furniture store in Duncan, blew over a mobile home and knocked down trees. Some roads were closed because of downed power lines or overturned trailer rigs.

The National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., issued a thunderstorm warning for parts of Arkansas and Louisiana as the storms moved east. Large hail, dangerous lightning and damaging winds were predicted.

Lightning blew the top off an oil storage tank in Oklahoma City, sending burning crude oil and natural gas into the street. The fuel flowed into a nearby creek and firefighters fought the blaze there, said Jon Hansen, spokesman for the Oklahoma City fire department.

"It kind of looked like a bomb exploded," Hansen said. Metal rained down around the intersection, nearby store windows were shattered and heat from the fire damaged the back wall of a convenience store.

Lightning strikes were blamed for four house fires in Oklahoma City, but no extensive damage was reported.

In Maryland, Baltimore fire officials said a rowhouse collapsed at 6 a.m., killing two occupants. Witnesses said the house was hit by lightning and officials were trying to determine if weather was a factor in the deaths.

In Nevada, lightning sparked a 75-acre fire near homes in southwest Carson City and a 3,600-acre blaze south of the Idaho border, along with scores of smaller fires. Rain washed boulders across Interstate 80 in Northern California, blocking the highway for several hours.

In Carson City, a man who took shelter under a tree was hospitalized in satisfactory condition after being hit by lightning Wednesday. The charge entered Brad Wunsch's body at his waist and left through his ankles, melting his polyester socks.

Two minor injuries were reported in Shelby, where Richland County sheriff Richard Petty said the Black Fork's current was swift and hazardous.

Weekend road toll: 400 to 500

CHICAGO (AP) — Four hundred to 500 people may lose their lives on the nation's roadways during the three-day Independence Day weekend, the National Safety Council said Thursday.

Last year, 450 people died during the holiday period, said spokeswoman Carole A. Unterberg. On a non-holiday weekend this time of year, deaths could be expected to total about 400, she said.

For counting purposes, the holiday weekend begins at 6 p.m. local

time Thursday and ends midnight Sunday local time. The Chicago-based Safety Council estimates Americans will travel 22.7 billion miles during the weekend, up from the 20.6 billion miles they traveled during the last July 4 weekend.

The estimated increase is largely because of lower gasoline prices this year, Mrs. Unterberg said.

Americans could be expected to travel 20.4 billion miles during a similar non-holiday period, she

said. In addition to urging motorists to refrain from drinking and driving, the council is asking that they pay special attention to speed limits, raised recently to 65 mph on some rural Interstate highways, she said. "Safety belts become even more important with increasing speed," she added. The council also suggests motorists drive no more than eight hours a day and that on long trips, they pull off for rest stops every two hours.

Israel says Soviets offer gulf initiative

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union, its Mideast policy in disarray, has offered to hold a peace conference in Moscow to try to settle the Persian Gulf war between Iran and Iraq, the Israeli defense minister said Thursday.

The offer was made during a "red-carpet" visit to Tehran by Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli M. Vorontsov early last month, Yitzhak Rabin told reporters as he wound up three days of talks here on the Lavi jet fighter project.

"The Iranians refused," Rabin said. "Their demand is the head of Saddam Hussein," the Iraqi president.

Iraq, on the other hand, realizes it cannot defeat Iran and would end the seven-year-old conflict under pre-war conditions, Rabin said.

After repelling an initial Iraqi invasion, Iranian forces now hold some Iraqi territory. Vorontsov also visited Baghdad, which receives much of its weaponry from the Soviets.

Rabin said Iraq has about 6,000 tanks and Iran about 1,000 and that Iraq holds a similar edge of 600 to a little more than 100 in jet fighters.

Some State Department officials seemed unaware of the Soviet overture. Spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley refused to say whether Rabin's report came as a surprise. But another U.S. official, who demanded anonymity, said "I've been told there was an offer and that the Russians were also pushing a cease-fire in the (Persian) Gulf."

The United States for weeks has been working on its own diplomatic initiative in the U.N. Security Council. It seeks to impose a cease-fire and then an arms embargo on Iran if it does not comply.

U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters ended talks Thursday in Moscow and planned to hold meetings with government leaders in China and Japan.

Rabin suggested the Soviets were trying to reverse setbacks to their Middle East policy by offering to host a peace conference.

He said the war has drawn Israel and Egypt closer, isolated Syria in

the Arab world as the sole supporter of Iran, and pushed Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, closer to Egypt and Jordan.

Syria and the Soviets are military allies, while Arafat had strong ties to Moscow in the past.

"The Soviet Union is completely in disarray in its policy," Rabin said.

And yet, he said, "the only outside power that has the capability to end the war is the Soviet Union. They have the capability to talk to both sides."

Rabin said the Soviets have provided Syria with 180 ground-to-air missiles and other modern military equipment. Still, he said, Syria would have to fight Israel alone and would be overmatched.

"It's a unique period in the Middle East, a relaxed one for Israel," he said.

Rabin said that despite Soviet support for Iraq, Vorontsov "received red-carpet treatment" in Tehran.

As for Israel, the defense minister said "we are interested in one thing — there be a no-win situation. Both countries are bitter enemies of Israel."

In reply to a question, Rabin strongly defended Israel's cooperation with the United States in secret arms shipments to Iran. He said Israel wanted to open "lines of communication" with Tehran and possibly help gain the release of American hostages. "I was then for it, and I have not regretted it since," Rabin said.

On another subject, the Israeli official said his government had not decided whether to abandon the troubled Lavi jet-fighter project.

The United States has contributed about \$1.5 billion toward its development, but the Pentagon has concluded that the plane costs too much and should be scrapped.

Rabin told reporters at the White House the Israeli government had to make a major decision, "basically either to go on with the Lavi or put an end under certain conditions."



Tires burn in a street in downtown Port-Au-Prince as protests continue Thursday against Haiti's ruling military-civilian council. A general strike shut down four major cities for a third time this week.

Haiti calls off election; strike shuts cities again

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The government Thursday night revoked an election decree which triggered a general strike that shut down Haitian cities for the third time this week.

Four people died in clashes with soldiers on Thursday and at least 17 others were injured, witnesses and hospital officials said. That raised the count since Monday to at least 11 reported killed and scores wounded.

In the evening, the government announced on television that the June 23 election decree had been revoked and that the independent Provisional Electoral Council is drafting a new law to administer local and national elections.

The government decree had taken control of elections away from the independent board, which was established

by a new constitution that was approved overwhelmingly in a March 29 referendum.

That sparked Haiti's worst crisis since the flight of President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier on Feb. 7, 1986, which ended 29 years of Duvalier dictatorship. Duvalier left the country amid growing demonstrations against him.

Thursday's reversal came after a meeting between Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy, leader of the three-man National Governing Council, and the nine-member electoral board.

In a four-paragraph, handwritten note handed to reporters, the electoral board said "tangible progress" had been made, but it did not elaborate.

Mayors and rural councils are to be elected Aug. 23 and an election for president and a National Assembly has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27.

South Korea leaders pledge quick reforms

'Situation normal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department declared Thursday that "the situation in Seoul has returned to normal" and canceled a warning to American travelers about violent demonstrations in South Korea.

The June 19 advisory had urged American visitors to avoid large public gatherings and areas where demonstrations were raging.

South Korea's political crisis was defused and calm restored after President Chun Doo-hwan agreed this week to demands for direct popular election of his successor, release of political prisoners and expansion of civil rights including free speech, press and assembly.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Leaders of the governing and opposition parties declared jointly Thursday that work on democratic reform must begin at once, and the government freed nearly 30 political prisoners.

Officials said hundreds more would go free in coming days to meet President Chun Doo-hwan's pledge. Chun announced Wednesday that he accepted opposition demands, including direct presidential elections and the release of political prisoners.

Roh Tae-woo, head of the governing Democratic Justice Party, made a surprise call Thursday at the headquarters of the main opposition Reunification Democratic Party to meet with party president Kim Young-sam.

The gesture by Roh, who is Chun's personal choice to succeed him in February, was astonishing in light of the traditional bitter hostility in South Korea between government and opposition parties.

"I've already opened my heart," Roh said after the meeting. "What happens today is the will and victory of the people. Politicians should conduct dialogue on all matters of concern in a frank matter."

Kim said: "Negotiations must begin soon on the political timetable and an amendment to the constitution."

Chun declared April 13 that all discussion of democratic reform would be postponed until after the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

He capitulated after weeks of street protest that attracted an unusual degree of support and participation from businessmen, housewives, shop workers and others who normally avoid political turmoil.

Roh stunned the nation by demanding Monday that the president give in, threatening to quit all his posts and the candidacy otherwise.

Officials of both sides said Thursday they want talks on reforms to begin by

mid-July so the National Assembly can consider the results by August. Spokesmen for the governing party said privately they might have draft proposals ready by Friday.

Opposition spokesman Kim, Tae-ryong said a direct presidential election should be held no later than November. The governing party also said it wants a quick election.

In his April declaration, Chun had said his successor would be chosen by the current electoral college system, which the opposition claims favors the government.

Kim Dae-jung, the other principal leader of South Korea's opposition, did not attend the meeting with Roh.

Speculation is growing about which of the two Kims, who have been rivals in the past, will be the opposition presidential candidate. Kim Young-sam declined to answer questions on the matter Thursday.

OPINION

Symbolism of liberty is eloquent

What do the stars and stripes, the rose, "In God We Trust," the bald eagle and the great seal have in common?

These, of course, are some of the symbols of the United States of America — symbols worth considering on this Independence Day.

The flag is the oldest of these symbols. It was on June 14, 1777, 210 years ago, that the Stars and Stripes was adopted as the national emblem.

The rose is the newest symbol. For many years, source books listed the goldenrod as the unofficial national flower. But now the rose, long a symbol of happiness, beauty and love, has been elevated to national flower status.

It's easy to imagine the national motto "In God We Trust," which is inscribed on walls in chambers of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as dating back to very early times.

However, it wasn't until July 30, 1956, that Congress adopted "In God We Trust" as the motto. It first appeared on an American coin during the Civil War. More than 90 years later paper money began to bear the inscription.

The bald eagle was chosen by Congress June 20, 1782, as the national bird. It appears with wings spread or in other postures on coins, currency, military insignia and other devices.

The great seal — you can examine it on a \$1 bill — was adopted at the same time the bald eagle was chosen. Its shield represents Congress and the states. The eagle is emblematic of the authority of Congress.

A large American flag flying over Fort Mifflin near Baltimore during the War of 1812. The flag had 15 stars at the time inspired young lawyer Francis Scott Key to write the words of "The Star-Spangled Banner," which became our national anthem.

Key watched as the British bombarded the fort Sept. 13 and 14, 1814. Though torn by the shells, the flag survived the night. Key captured the drama of the artillery attack in his lyrics for the anthem.

We are lucky to live in a country where symbols stand for more than simply rhetoric, where freedom is jealously guarded, and where every man and woman has the right to happiness.

MANY WEAPONS ARE PASSING UNDETECTED THROUGH SECURITY IN AMERICA'S AIRPORTS...



Washington Wire

Another duel with Congress

By Merrill Hartson

WASHINGTON — At 76, and in the seventh year of his presidency, Ronald Reagan shows no reluctance to do battle with Congress.

What boggles some people's minds is not that Reagan has set himself up for another duel with liberal Democrats by nominating conservative jurist Robert H. Bork to the Supreme Court or that he committed himself to an enervating fight over tax-and-spend policies in the 1988 budget process.

What seems more astonishing is that Reagan, facing lingering Iran-Contra questions and enmeshed in these budgetary and foreign policy fights, already has poised himself for his consummate political battle: helping to keep the White House under Republican Party control in 1988.

"Let me just say, I don't plan to sit on the sidelines," Reagan told political activists gathered at the White House on Monday. "I plan to campaign for our party's nominee next time around."

Two other moments in Reagan's week spoke even louder of his determination to remain vigorous.

To that audience of political activists, he boasted that many battles already had been won, but acknowledged that "our brows are covered with sweat, our bodies have wounds."

"But let our hearts remain full and strong. We have more battles yet to win, and standing shoulder-to-shoulder, we will win them," Reagan said.

Last Friday, Reagan had another in a series of exams as a follow-up to his colon cancer surgery in July 1985, and doctors found and removed two benign polyps. As he headed toward his helicopter for a trip to Camp David, Md., Reagan, asked how he felt, did a skip, and then resumed a slow and measured gait.

A crucial question remains: Why does Reagan prefer the collision course at an age when many men find the golf course too taxing?

Thomas C. Griscom, White House communications director, said the president simply cannot dodge confrontation.

"I think you have to pick and choose" which fights to wage, Griscom said. "But how to you sidestep the budget battle, for example?"

Asked whether Reagan should be preserving energy for that 1988 campaign fight, Griscom replied, "I don't think you should look for a fight unnecessarily. I think this president has a lot more stamina than people give him credit for. I'm not worried about his ability to rise to the occasion."

Lyn Nofziger, a longtime Reagan associate and one-time White House aide who runs a consulting business, said, "In all honesty,

he's got to take on battles for the next year until we move into that heavy presidential stuff or people are going to say he is too old, he's coasting."

"You don't have to win them all, but you have to join the battle," Nofziger said.

Of Reagan's decision to nominate Bork as Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell's successor, Nofziger said, if Reagan had not selected a conservative, "then people would say he is getting too old, he doesn't want the fight."

Griscom said Reagan must be an active participant in the 1988 presidential sweepstakes, no matter what battles loom in the more immediate future.

If Reagan did not immerse himself in contentious issues, his aide said, some could question whether the president was "walking away from the party he helped to shape.... I think they're looking for someone to frame what the issues will be."

Even if the president seems to have committed himself to a confrontational course with Congress on many subjects, Griscom said, "There are other issues out there that might never come to fruition... and there will be some items on the agenda that are left unfinished."

Merrill Hartson covers the White House for The Associated Press.

'Roads to nowhere' lead to loss of billions

WASHINGTON — The Forest Service's "roads to nowhere" actually led to the loss of billions of taxpayers' dollars and the destruction of irreplaceable natural resources, two environmental groups have charged.

The Wilderness Society and the National Wildlife Federation have joined forces to ask that Congress call a temporary halt to the Forest Service's widespread construction of roads that make government timberland accessible to loggers.

"We have for the last three years told Congress it should put a moratorium on road construction at least for one year, to get a handle on this thing," said Wildlife Federation lawyer Tom France. "They are building thousands of roads to nowhere."

What particularly galls agency critics is that, in a time of budgetary constraints, it often costs more to build the roads and make other logging preparations than the Forest Service gets from the timber harvests. In other words, the more roads the agency builds, the more money it loses.

A recent Wilderness Society report estimates that the Forest Service's expanding timber program will mean losses of more than \$2 billion over the next 10 years. The society's lawyer, Peter Kirby, told our reporter Lisa Sylvester that the figure is based on the World Resources Institute's finding that 754 national forests consistently lose money on their timber

sales. Yet the Forest Service plans to expand logging operations in 61 of these forests.

Kirby pointed out that the National Forest Management Act of 1976 ordered the Forest Service to identify lands that are uneconomic for logging and remove them from the timber base. Instead, he said, timber sales in those areas have actually increased.

"Under continuation of current policy... annual taxpayer losses on the Forest Service timber program would average at least \$190 million per year in the first decade of the (new) plans," the Wilderness Society report asserts. "This amount climbs to \$270 million per year in the fifth decade. Cumulative taxpayer losses in the first decade alone would exceed \$2 billion."

The Forest Service disagrees with the society's figures. "Based on our cash-flow analysis, the average annual negative cash flow from 1979 to 1983 was \$24.5 million per annum, or about \$246 million for 10 years," said Larry Henson, associate deputy chief of the National Forest System. The agency is trying to bring that loss figure down by "productivity improvements," he said.



Jack Anderson

"The Wilderness Society doesn't count all the benefits," Henson said. "True, most roads are built for timber harvests, but only 8 to 10 percent of the (roads') lifetime is for logging."

Henson said the roads are also used for access to allow fire protection and insect control, berry picking, hunting, camping, fishing and school buses. Asked how many school buses travel in remote forest areas, Henson said he didn't mean that the roads are built for school bus use, only that in some cases the roads could be used by them.

Wildlife Federation official Dave Alberswerth noted that the Forest Service now has some 343,000 miles of roads — more than a mile of road for each square mile of forest. And with an overall agency budget of about \$1 billion a year, he said, road construction eats up \$300 to \$500 million.

Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., is one member of Congress who has been scrutinizing the service's budget and agrees that its road-building program needs to be brought under control. A Sasser aide said the senator feels that the Forest Service is spending too much on roads and that a lot of the roads it is planning will be unnecessary.

Money talks in Arabic

Syria's secret, tentative rapprochement with Iraq is not so much a sign of President Hafez Assad's peace-loving nature as of his empty treasury. Syria owes the Soviet Union alone more than \$9 billion for weapons, and the bill mounts daily as Assad's military buildup continues. He spent \$3.3 billion — 30 percent of the national budget — on his armed forces in 1985,

and probably more last year.

What does this have to do with Syrian-Iraqi detente? Simply this: Syria has secretly accepted an offer from Saudi Arabia of free or cut-rate oil if it will drop its support of Iran and make up with Iraq. Assad had been getting the same deal from Iran.

Syria's huge debt to the Soviets also means that Assad must dance to the Kremlin's tune. And Moscow is a supporter and main arms supplier of Iraq. On his recent trip to Moscow, Assad was pressured to patch things up with the Iraqis. He flew to Jordan the day after his return for a secret meeting with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Adios, Augusto?

Intelligence sources tell us that Chile's iron-fisted dictator, Augusto Pinochet, is considering stepping down in 1989. They say his hand-picked successor will be Gen. Sergio Badola, current chief of army operations.

Guest mini-editorial

Like many media colleagues, we roasted Energy Secretary Donald Hodel for an asinine remark that the ozone-depletion crisis could be solved by wearing sunglasses and skin lotion. Now, in a remarkably good-humored letter, Hodel insists he never said it. "Where such a ludicrous suggestion came from remains a mystery," he writes. Referring to the uproar as "my day in the sun," Hodel adds: "From my viewpoint, it was an excruciatingly long and hot experience. I'm not sure I'd recommend it to anyone else."

South Koreans are fighting for democracy

By Chuck Stone

South Korean students have been forced to take to the streets in Seoul to get something Americans take for granted.

Democracy. President Chun Doo Hwan's attempt to tarbrush the students as violent seditionists makes as much sense as King George III calling all the American revolutionaries thugs.

When Americans celebrate their democracy on the Fourth of July, the most violent thing they do is set off firecrackers.

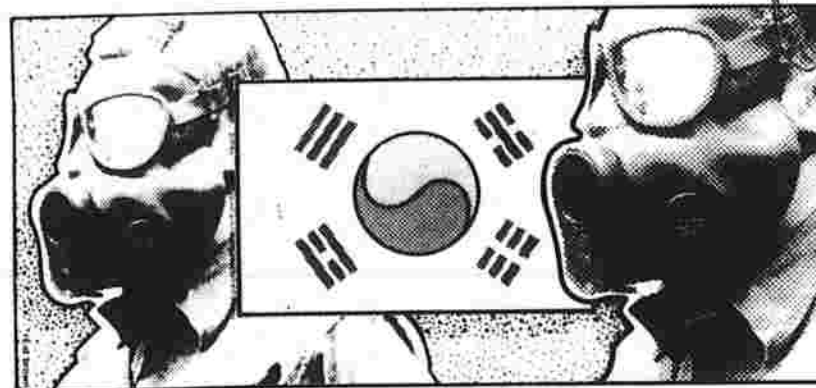
In South Korea, tear gas fired by Darth Vader-garbed police has replaced the firecrackers.

But passions for a two-party democracy are just as intense.

And one way to get it is through revolution.

As Woodrow Wilson once said, "We have forgotten the very principle of our origin if we have forgotten how to object, how to resist, how to agitate, how to pull down and build up, even to the extent of revolutionary practices, if it is necessary to readjust matters."

Readjusting matters to strengthen South Korea's two-party system is what democracy's real allies — the students — have been trying to achieve.



French students achieved a similar readjustment last November when their riots prevented Jacques Chirac's conservative government from overhauling the university system by limiting student admissions.

American students achieved a similar readjustment when their nationwide demonstrations forced a national reassessment of America's military role in Vietnam.

The normally tyrannical President Chun has shown tentative signs of backing down from his policy of massive arrests — not because he has had a change of heart, but because continued military brutality might

cause the relocation of the 1988 Olympics, which are scheduled to take place in Korea.

Meanwhile, South Koreans reveal a remarkably disciplined revolutionary zeal.

A wry New York Times headline expressed their cautions methodology concisely:

South Koreans Riot in Night, Then Go Dutifully to Work

That Spartan ability to simultaneously follow two diametrically opposed patterns of behavior without damaging the economy or the ideals of democracy is part of a unique culture that has built one of the

world's most flourishing economies. South Koreans already lead the good life. They also want a good democracy — without Chun's arrogant pretense.

That's why middle-class, middle-aged, middle-of-the-road adults have joined the student protests with an exhilaration that has astonished even themselves.

Yet, they're baffled by the democratic United States' dogged support for South Korea's undemocratic ways.

"Why do you Americans continue to support President Chun?" middle-aged demonstrators repeatedly ask Americans.

Easy. For the same reason, an anti-communist obsessed, America always has bet on right-wing tyrants (and just a consistently lost), as we did in Cuba, Vietnam, Iran and the Philippines.

The students can help forestall another setback.

Eventually, democracy will come to South Korea — if not through the influence of the U.S.A., then perhaps by the power of the IOC (International Olympic Committee).

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Hot singles

1. "Alone" Heart (Capitol)
2. "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" Whitney Houston (Arista)
3. "Shakedown" Bob Seger (MCA)
4. "Songbird" Kenny G. (Arista)
5. "Don't Disturb This Groove" The System (Atlantic)
6. "Point of No Return" Exposé (Arista)
7. "Funkytown" Pseudo Echo (RCA)
8. "Something So Strong" Crowded House (Capitol)
9. "Head to Toe" Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam (Columbia)
10. "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" U2 (Island)

Top LPs

1. "Whitney" Whitney Houston (Arista)
2. "The Joshua Tree" U2 (Island) — Platinum (More than 1 million units sold.)
3. "Girls, Girls, Girls" Motley Crue (Elektra)
4. "Bad Animals" Heart (Capitol)
5. "Whitesnake" Whitesnake (Geffen) — Gold (More than 500,000 units sold.)
6. "Slippery When Wet" Bon Jovi (Mercury) — Platinum
7. "Duotones" Kenny G. (Arista) — Gold
8. "Bigger and Deffer" L.L. Cool J (Def Jam)
9. "Spanish Fly" Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam (Columbia)
10. "Look What the Cat Dragged In" Poison (Enigma) — Platinum

Country singles

1. "All My Ex's Live in Texas" George Strait (MCA)
2. "I Know Where I'm Going" The Judds (RCA-Curb)
3. "The Weekend" Steve Wariner (MCA)
4. "Another World" Crystal Gayle & Gary Morris (Warner Bros.)
5. "Love Someone Like Me" Holly Dunn (MTM)
6. "Snap Your Fingers" Ronnie Millsap (RCA)
7. "Crime of Passion" Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia)
8. "One Promise Too Late" Reba McEntire (MCA)
9. "Someone" Lee Greenwood (MCA)
10. "That Was A Close One" Earl Thomas Conley (RCA)

Best-Sellers

Fiction

1. "Misery," Stephen King
2. "The Haunted Mesa," Louis L'Amour
3. "Fine Things," Danielle Steel
4. "Windmills of the Gods," Sidney Sheldon
5. "The Timothy Files," Lawrence Sanders
6. "The Eyes of the Dragon," Stephen King
7. "Red Storm Rising," Tom Clancy
8. "Heiress," Janet Dailey
9. "Empire," Gore Vidal
10. "Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency," Douglas Adams

Nonfiction

1. "Everything To Gain," Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter
2. "Hammer," Armand Hammer
3. "The Closing of the American Mind," Allan Bloom
4. "Communion," Whitley Strieber
5. "Women Men Love-Women Men Leave," Connell Cowan and Melvyn Kinder
6. "A Day in the Life of America," Rick Smolan and David Cohen
7. "The Diet Principal," Victoria Principal
8. "Glory Days," Dave Marsh
9. "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" Lucy de Barbin and Gary Maters
10. "The Different Drum," Scott Peck

(Courtesy of Time, the weekly news magazine)

Racial bias hurts friendship



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are 29 years old. We are friendly with a married couple whose company we enjoy, but there is one problem: They are very prejudiced against black people. This hateful attitude seems to come up in conversation at least once every time we're together.

I was raised not to judge people by the color of their skin, and consequently this racist attitude of theirs is very upsetting to me. I am not the type of person to argue my point, as this would be rude, and may jeopardize our friendship.

Should I continue to ignore their comments, or should I tell them how I feel?

OKLAHOMA READER

DEAR READER: Silence implies agreement, so speak up and let them know that their bigotry exposes their ignorance, then try to encourage them to adopt a more enlightened attitude. Of course, it

may jeopardize your friendship, but perhaps you should ask yourselves if these are the kind of people you really want for friends. Speaking up in defiance of prejudice and bigotry is not rude; it's the right thing to do. Those who choose silence are guilty of the sin of omission.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-fiance and I were madly in love. He asked me to marry him, I said yes and he gave me a ring. Then his mother told him she would disown him if he married me. We saw each other behind his mother's back, then he left for Japan (he's a U.S. Marine). Before he left, he said he loved me but he doesn't feel right going against his mother's wishes, and I should

See your gynecologist to obtain some advice



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 19-year-old virgin. I know that one day this will end. Is there any way I can make my first experience of having sexual intercourse less painful? Are there any exercises I could do? What is the best birth control for virgins?

DEAR READER: Your question raises several issues; some are ethical, some medical. The ethical issues are tricky, so I'll deal with them only in abbreviated form.

It's OK to be a virgin. Don't feel that you have to rush into a commitment before you feel comfortable with it. Many young women are manipulated or intimidated into having sexual intercourse before they are ready. This may not be in their best interests. You do not have to be embarrassed to say "no," nor should you believe that you are missing something.

However, you could obtain the necessary practical information from a reputable sex manual; such books can be found in libraries or bookstores.

When you feel that you are ready for the responsibilities of sexual intercourse, you should be examined by a gynecologist. Find one who is gentle, sensitive and understanding. Your family doctor can probably recommend such a person. The gynecologist will examine you to determine if your reproductive tract is healthy and normal. This examination should include a Pap test. During the exam, the doctor will discover whether or not your hymen is intact. This structure is a web of tissue of varying degrees of thickness, at the opening

of the vagina.

Many women don't have hymens. However, if intact, this structure can make first intercourse painful. If the hymen is present, the gynecologist can advise you what to do.

The gynecologist can also advise you about contraception. As a general rule, birth-control pills are the safest and easiest way to avoid unwanted pregnancy. However, some women prefer barrier methods, such as condoms or diaphragms. Remember that if used correctly, the combination of spermicidal jelly (or foam) plus condoms will give a protection rate from pregnancy equal to that of birth-control pills. In addition, condoms will protect you against many types of venereal disease. Unfortunately, this is becoming an urgent priority in the 1980s because of the AIDS epidemic.

Most young women do not need exercises to help them enjoy sexual fulfillment. Of more importance is a caring partner who will be considerate of their feelings. If you have questions about sexual relations and need specific answers, a family doctor or gynecologist is a logical resource. The important factor, in my opinion, is that you feel comfortable about how things are progressing with your partner. When you are ready, make sure that you are protected, and let nature take its course.

forget him.

Well, it's been six months and I haven't heard from him. His close friend, who is a friend of mine, told me that "Neil" is trying to forget me. I've tried to forget Neil, too, but I can't.

I'd like to know who was wrong — Neil, or his mother, who caused my broken engagement, canceled wedding, broken heart and endless tears?

STILL IN LOVE

DEAR STILL: You're hurt, which is understandable. You'd probably feel less hurt if you could blame Neil's mother, but look at it this way: How would you like to be married to a fellow who was old enough to be a Marine but had to date the girl he loves behind his mother's back? Rejoice! And try harder to forget him. He's not a man — he's just a mama's boy in a man's uniform.

DEAR ABBY: I was glad to see that letter from a minister who objected to screaming kids at church weddings. The kids are not at fault; they're tired, bored and cranky, and shouldn't be expected to sit still and be quiet during a long wedding service.

We had our lovely wedding videotaped. One screamer ruined the video because his voice could be heard during the entire service — even above the voice of the minister.

Please print this to forewarn others. It's too late for us, but not for them.

VIDEO RUINED

DEAR VIDEO: A couple in Ashland, Ore., sent me the card they enclosed with their wedding invitations:

"Because the ceremony will be videotaped, a sitter will be provided for children under 6 years of age in the church nursery. Children are welcome at the reception."

Weekly Health Tip



by Roy D. Katz, R.Ph.

NITROSAMINES

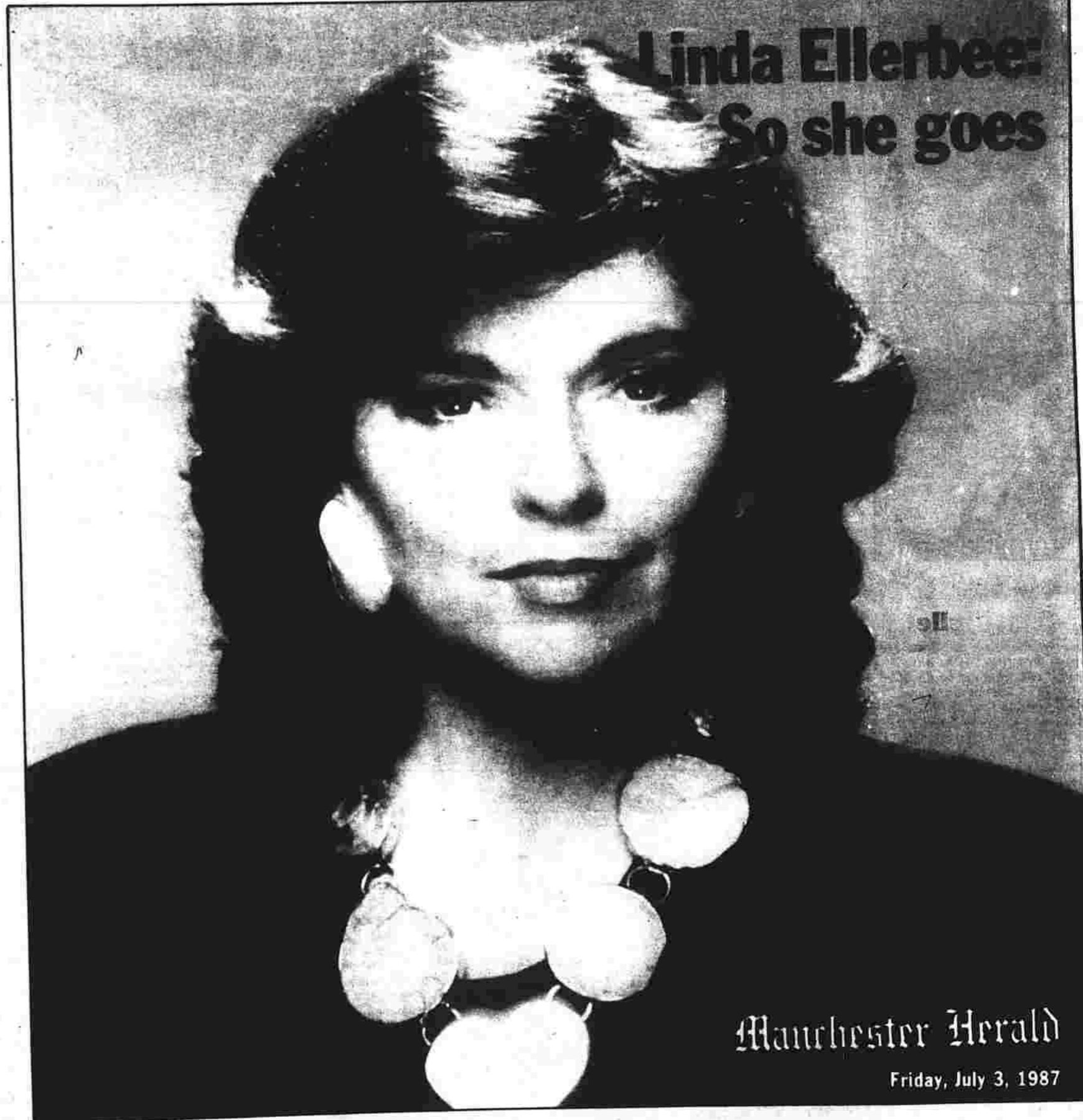
If your diet contains bologna, frankfurters, salami, and other cold-cut type meats containing nitrite preservatives, vitamin C can prevent the nitrite additives from forming cancer-causing nitrosamines in your stomach, reports Dr. S. Mirvish of U. of Nebraska. Some meat processors are adding vitamin C to nitrite-containing meats, however you may protect yourself by taking vitamin C supplements along with any meals that contain nitrite.



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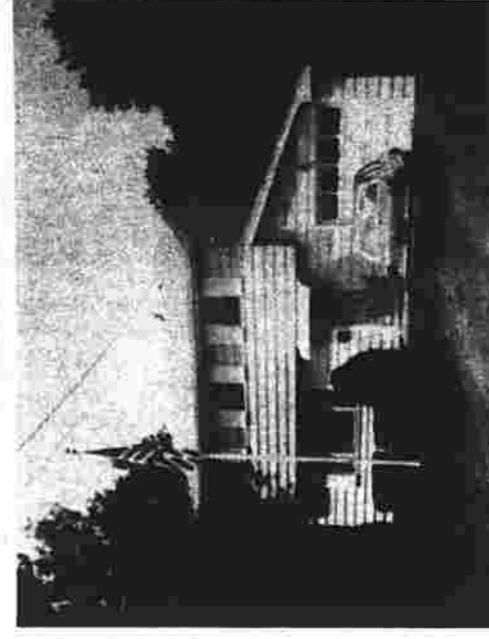
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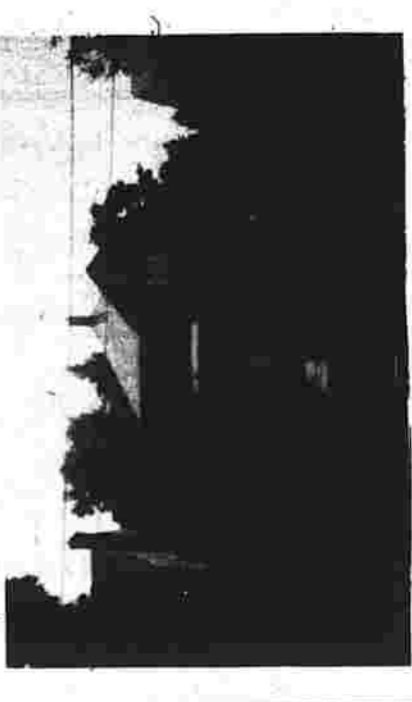


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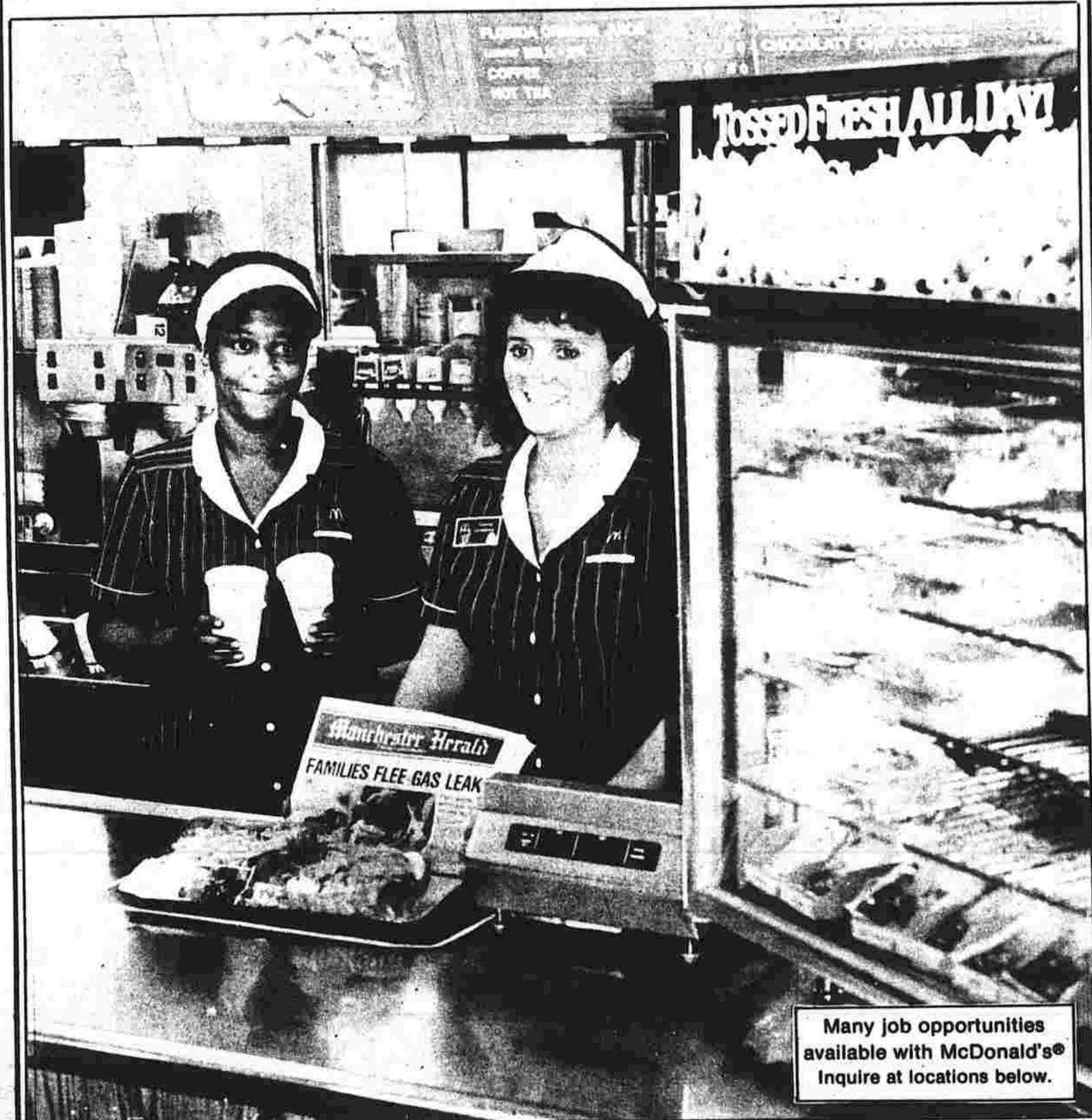
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In movie theaters

The Witches of Eastwick (R) Improbably, this comedy of the sexes from a John Updike novel is turning out to be a good-sized hit — surprising many critics who have noted its very real deficiencies.

The movie is a mess. Whatever Updike was playfully saying about contemporary men, women and witchcraft becomes murky in this film directed by George Miller ("The Road Warrior") that favors stylized action and occasional vomit-spewing. But it's also moderately entertaining — a warm-weather jest for adults starved for a picture with some smartness, an amusing take on sex and attractive and talented stars.

Jack Nicholson offers ham with relish as enigmatic millionaire Daryl Van Horne — a devil of a guy who arrives in a New England town and proceeds to seduce three desirable female citizens.

The women in question are hardly your typical suburban ex-wives and mothers. As played by the raven-tressed Cher, the flaming-redhead Susan Sarandon and the coolly blond Michele Pfeiffer, these post-modern pinups make a dreamy threesome. A sneaky, power-hungry male chauvinist like Van Horne can only regard them as the ultimate challenge. But, alas, Daryl fails to take into account the trio's own powers as witches.

A handful of scenes transcend the genial chaos of much of the film. Foremost are Nicholson's seduction of ladylike cellist Sarandon to the comic-organic crescendo of classical music and his climactic tirade in the local church.

Ironically, the three leading actresses don't have much to do other than look ravishing. But they do create the texture of a credible friendship. People who detect misogyny in Updike's book may regard the movie as a triumph of pandering to half-resolved sexist prejudices in the audience. Let's assume viewers are more savvy than that and simply in the mood for a lightweight frolic on the battle of the sexes. Grade: ★★

Spaceballs (PG) Mel Brooks returns to directing and co-writing film comedy with this parody of the "Star Wars" movies. The result is terribly disappointing, especially to those of us who have missed Brooks' down-and-dirty low-comedy humor the past several years.

With its punning jokes about the Ford Galaxy and Drulish princesses, "Spaceballs" may sound better than it plays. Certainly, seeing funnyman John Candy, Rick Moranis and Brooks himself (in a dual role) on the screen, enacting deliberately clunky variations on the George Lucas films, one is primed for bellylaughs. Yet the movie is flat, even dead — exuding an air of throwaway jokiness and desperation.

As they gleefully ransacked pop culture and old Saturday-afternoon movie serials, the "Star Wars" pictures were already halfway to parody. That was part of their charm. Brooks and company are stuck laboriously debunking a genre that never took itself very seriously to begin with. And their job has already been done better: In 1978, the San Francisco-based independent film-maker Ernie Fosselius skewered the Lucas film in the witty parody "Hardware Wars." And Fosselius' film was only 10 minutes long! Grade: ★½

New home video

Crimes of the Heart (PG-13) Lorimar Home Video, \$89.95. A slow-starting, but soon lively, movie of Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize play about three eccentric sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss. Each sister is, in her own way, deeply frazzled.

The movie's three stars form a juicy ensemble. Jessica Lange is terrifically earthy; Diane Keaton is mesmerizingly high-strung; and Sissy Spacek — as the sister who puts a bullet in her husband and then calmly make a pitcher of lemonade — is zestfully dizzy. It's like a Southern Gothic sitcom with a saving measure of lyricism. Grade: ★★★



Jack Nicholson plays devilish millionaire Daryl Van Horne, who arrives in a sleepy New England town to seduce three of its most desirable women in "The Witches of Eastwick."

18 screens in complex of cinemas

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Step aside, Radio City. A giant 18-screen cinema complex has opened in the heart of filmland, complete with curved marbled staircases, pink and gray terrazzo floors and 200 freshly scrubbed young ushers.

In the Hollywood tradition of splendid excess, the public got its first glimpse Wednesday of the new Cineplex Odeon Universal City Cinemas, billed as the largest cinema complex in the world.

Nestled in the heart of the Universal Studios compound, the \$16 million, 120,000-square-foot Cineplex boasts 18 wide-screen theaters with 5,940 seats on two levels.

In comparison, Radio City Music Hall in New York has 5,874 seats in one auditorium.

"We aim to bring majesty back into the viewing of movies. If the setting in which you actually see a film turns out to be a letdown, the whole complicated enterprise has failed," said Garth Drabinsky, president of Cineplex Odeon Corp. of Toronto, which owns half of the complex.

Classic films were shown at the gala opening of the complex Tuesday night. When Jimmy Stewart walked into the majestic lobby, a hush fell over the 6,000 guests. Applause followed.

Stewart took the escalator to a balcony theater to see "It's A Wonderful Life."

In another theater, Charlton Heston watched "Ben-Hur."

Wednesday morning, 200 teenagers wearing burgundy tuxedos received last-minute instructions before assuming their usher duties.

Inside the complex, the theaters are wrapped around a curved staircase flanked by marble columns. A Parisian-style cafe overlooks an illuminated outdoor floral garden.

There are 444 speakers and over 60,000 watts of sound power in the 18 theaters.

If expectations are realized, Cineplex will bring in \$10 million during the center's first year. Drabinsky said that would make it the nation's highest grossing film complex.

Theater Schedule

HARTFORD
Cinema City — Benji the Hunted (G) Fri.-Sun. 1, 3, 6:40. — River's Edge (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:15. — Spaceballs (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 9:35. — My Life as a Dog (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 3:45, 7:10, 9:45. — L'Annee des Meduses Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:10, 9:25.

EAST HARTFORD
Eastwood Pub & Cinema — Fri.-Sun. closed.
Peer Richard's Pub & Cinema — The Secret of My Success (PG-13) Fri. and Sat. 7:30, 9:30, midnight; Sun. 7:30, 9:30. Showcase Cinema 1-9 — The Untouchables (R) Fri. & Sat. 12:20, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10, 12:25; Sun. 12:20, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10. — Roxanne (PG) Fri. & Sat. 12:25, 3:55, 7:50, 10:20, 12:25; Sun. 12:25, 3:55, 7:50, 10:20. — Beverly Hills Cop II (R) Fri. & Sat. 1:10, 3:30, 5:30, 7:55, 10:05, 12:05; Sun. 1:10, 3:30, 5:30, 7:55, 10:05. — Drognet (R) Fri. & Sat. 12:20, 2:40, 7:05, 9:30, 11:40; Sun. 12:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30. — The Witches of Eastwick (R) Fri. & Sat. 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15, 12:30; Sun. 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15. — Predator (R) Fri. & Sat. 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35, 11:45; Sun. 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35. — The Believers (R) Fri. & Sat. 5:05, 9:40, 11:55; Sun. 5:05, 9:40. — Harry and the Hendersons (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:45, 7:30. — Innerspace (PG) Fri. & Sat. 12:25, 4:30, 7:25, 9:55, 12:15; Sun. 12:25, 4:30, 7:25, 9:55. — Adventures in Babysitting (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40, 11:50; Sun. 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40.

MANCHESTER
UA Theaters East — Ernest Goes to Camp (PG) 2, 4. — Raging Arizona (PG-13) 2, 3:50, 7:40, 9:45. — Lethal Weapon (R) 7:15, 9:45. — Secret of My Success (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30. — Heavy Metal (R) Fri. & Sat. midnight. — The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. & Sat. midnight. — Blue Velvet (R) Fri. & Sat. 11:45.

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(PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 2, 7, 9:15; Sun. 2, 4:15, 7, 9:15. — Raging Arizona (PG-13) 9:30. — "Crocodile" Dundee (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 7:10; Sun. 5, 7:10.

WEST HARTFORD
Elm 1 & 2 — The Secret of My Success (PG-13) Fri. 2, 7, 9:30; Sat. & Sun. 2, 4:15, 7, 9:30. — Ploof (R) Fri. 2, 7, 9:30; Sat. & Sun. 2, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

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DRIVE-INS
Mansfield — Spaceballs (PG-13) with Light of Day (PG-13) at dark. — Predator (R) with Jumpin' Jack Flash (R) at dark. — The Untouchables (R) with Critical Condition (R) at dark.

Not canine terminology

ALCOLU, S.C. (AP) — The terms "debarber" and "dog hairs" don't always refer to man's best friend, according to Georgia-Pacific Corp. The forest products firm says a debarber is a machine that removes bark from logs before they are processed for lumber or plywood. Dog hairs refers to protruding fibers on the surface of a sheet of paper.

Upcoming film company is holding auditions for a short film entitled

"A POCKET FULL OF LYE"

Actors of all ages are needed. There are 4 speaking roles and many non-speaking roles. We also need behind the scenes people. The film is about a Salem witch trial. The auditions will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 153 West Vernon Street, July 6th and 7th, from 7-9pm, downstairs. Auditioners will need a resume and a 3 minute monologue.

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THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (R)	THE BELIEVERS (R)
FROM THE UNTOUCHABLES (R)	BEVERLY HILLS COP 2 (R)

Puzzles

- ACROSS**
- Strange (comb. form)
 - Aid in diagnosing (comp. wd.)
 - Type of tuber
 - TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
 - Ireland
 - Your and my
 - Along in years
 - Employer
 - Finarm owners' gp.
 - Term in logic
 - Chairs
 - 22 Spans
 - 23 P. in NYH
 - 24 Boxer
 - Patterson
 - 27 Duck
 - 31 Poopie's friend Olive
 - 32 Pertaining to dawn
 - 34 Twist about
 - 35 Actor, -per
 - 37 Interrogates
 - 39 Navy ship prefix (abbr.)
 - 40 Fiendish
 - 42 Stops
- 44 Baseball player list**
- 45 Not at home
 - 46 Wishes
 - 49 Shrivels up
 - 53 Ear (comb. form)
 - 54 Black
 - 56 Draft animals
 - 57 650, Roman
 - 58 Lean
 - 59 Coal
 - 60 Sideral hour angle (abbr.)
 - 61 Musician
- Answers to Previous Puzzle**
- DOWN**
- 1 December
 - 2 Therefore
 - 3 Never (post.)
 - 4 Rare thing
 - 5 Boat
 - 6 Rivers (Sp.)
 - 7 Art (Lat.)
 - 8 Affirmed
 - 9 Eugene
 - 10 Author's daughter
 - 11 River in Turkey
 - 12 Ebb and flow
 - 13 Ebb and flow
 - 14 Energy units
 - 15 Pale
 - 16 Branch off
 - 17 Actress Sue
 - 18 Earthenware
 - 19 Rare thing
 - 20 Boat
 - 21 Launder
 - 22 Jewish month
 - 23 Eject
 - 24 Lock
 - 25 monster
 - 26 Tobacco kiln
 - 27 Revealer's cry
 - 28 Close
 - 29 Neuter pronoun
 - 30 Ready to receive
 - 31 Pale
 - 32 visitors (2 wds.)
 - 33 Pig sounds
 - 34 Cement
 - 35 Annoying feeling
 - 36 Tropical nut
 - 37 Habit
 - 38 Departure
 - 39 Lesson
 - 40 Large knife
 - 41 Barnyard sound

11 River in Turkey

12 Ebb and flow

13 Ebb and flow

14 Energy units

15 Pale

16 Branch off

17 Actress Sue

18 Earthenware

19 Rare thing

20 Boat

21 Launder

22 Jewish month

23 Eject

24 Lock

25 monster

26 Tobacco kiln

27 Revealer's cry

28 Close

29 Neuter pronoun

30 Ready to receive

31 Pale

32 visitors (2 wds.)

33 Pig sounds

34 Cement

35 Annoying feeling

36 Tropical nut

37 Habit

38 Departure

39 Lesson

40 Large knife

41 Barnyard sound

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NADDY

LUFOR

INPACT

CLOTUC

WHAT THE GUY WHO CONSTANTLY DRANK HOT CHOCOLATE MUST HAVE BEEN.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: A **CHOCOLATE**

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: POISE SUITE HUNTER GHETTO

Answer: Sometimes the real hero of the movie is the one who does this—SITS THROUGH IT

MAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Browne

HEY! LOOK AT THIS!

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S THE WARRANTY ON THIS BOAT—IT SAYS IT EXPIRES TODAY!

POIT!

SNAP!

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry

I SPEAK FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS... WAMBUUTO OF WAMBESI... LLIONTO OF LLONGO...

WE CAN NOT PERMIT THIS WAR.

YOU ARE THE MOST POWERFUL TRIBES... YOUR WAR WILL DESTROY ALL OF US.

WE SAY... LET OUR GOOD FRIEND THE PHANTOM FIND TRUTH... TO PREVENT THIS WAR.

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake

IS YOUR FAMILY CELEBRATING THE 4th, ELMO?

YES, MA'AM

COMPLETE WITH FIREWORKS?

WHEN MOM FINDS OUT THAT DAD IS GOING TO PLAY POKER ALL DAY...

WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FIREWORKS

ON THE FASTTRACK by Bill Holtzbock

THIS CRYSTAL BALL SHOULD PUT US IN TOUCH WITH THE WELLSPRING OF ECONOMIC WISDOM!

GREAT SPIRITS OF MONETARY ADVICE, WHAT IS YOUR DECREE?

THE SKY IS FALLING! THE SKY IS FALLING!

UNFORTUNATELY, I SHARE A PARTY LINE WITH DAVID STOCKMAN.

U.S. ACRES by Jim Davis

LOOK, ELMO, WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT IS?

I DONNO. LOOKS LIKE AN ALIEN SPACESHIP OR SOMETHING.

ALIEN SPACESHIP...

STUPID WORMS

CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks & Casale

THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL WHAT?

HORSES! WHO WANTED THEM TO KILL THE HORSES?

THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL PEOPLE!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

I COULD NEVER REPLACE YOU WITH A MACHINE, GRIMSBY. A HOUSEPLANT, MAYBE, BUT NOT A MACHINE.

WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli

AS I LIVE AND BREATHE, HERE COMES THE HANDSOME, DISTINGUISHED NASTY MCWARR!

ANYBODY EVER TELL YOU WHAT A FEATHERHEAD YOU ARE?

THAT'S THE LAST TIME I TRY TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY!

ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue

LOOK! WETBACKS!

GADFRY! THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'EM COMIN' OUTA THAT PLACE!

WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE GOIN'?

I DON'T KNOW! LET'S FOLLOW ALONG AND FIND OUT!

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

WHY DON'T YOU JUST ONCE THANK MAMA FOR ALL SHE'S DONE FOR US!

I HAVE, GLADYS!

WHEN? LAST HALLOWEEN, WHEN I FORGOT TO CARVE A JACK-O-LANTERN FOR WILBERFORCE, REMEMBER?

I THANKED HER WHEN SHE AGREED TO STAND IN THE WINDOW ALL EVENING.

Bridge

Age is no barrier

By James Jacoby

Competitive bridge has no real age barriers, although younger players certainly have more stamina. Von Zedwitz won the World Mixed Pairs at 76, my father won a North American Team Championship at 80, and a couple of years ago Jack Denny and Tom Mahaffey won the Summer North American Team Championship. They are now both in their mid-70s, but today's deal demonstrates that they know how to bid the right slam. Denny was South and Mahaffey was North.

The king of hearts was led and declarer ruffed in dummy. The play then went ace of clubs (South pitching a heart), club ruff, heart ruff, and a diamond to the king. Now came the ace and queen of spades. The defenders

could take only the spade king. A nice hand, but could West have done better? West should know that the dummy is likely to be void in hearts, and might well lead a diamond. With a diamond lead, there are certainly variations on the play, which I will leave to you enterprising readers, but very likely the contract is set. Of course, then, this article would be about West. Who among us with the guarded king of trumps behind the slam bidder would not lead that heart king?

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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WANT ADS GET RESULTS

PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

I COULDN'T DECIDE IF I WANTED MARBLE FUDGE, CHOCOLATE, ROCKY ROAD, VANILLA OR BUTTER PECAN.

I FINALLY DECIDED TO TRY MARBLE FUDGE. THEN I HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A PLAIN CONE OR A SUGAR CONE...

I DECIDED ON THE SUGAR CONE... SO WHAT HAPPENED? I WENT OUT THE DOOR AND DROPPED THE WHOLE THING ON THE SIDEWALK!

DON'T TELL ME MY LIFE ISN'T A SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY... I WON'T!

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

YOUR FIELDING IS VERY WHAT?!

YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD AND SOMETIMES IT'S REAL BAD!

OH, YOU MEAN "ERRATIC"...

OH, YOU MEAN "ERRATIC"...

NOT "EROTIC"!

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: O equals Q

C Q Z X H X Q H K X ,
 P Y X O I V X T Y X V M
 V O X D Y Q , I Y G O W
 I Y X T Q M G E G O V I X L
 I Y X C Q J O L .
 X M O X C I Y X Z G O E P V T .

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A diplomat's life is made up of three ingredients: protocol, Geritol and alcohol." — Adlai E. Stevenson.

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MARTINA IS 'FLYING NOW'



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Martina Navratilova clenches her fist after beating Chris Evert in their women's semifinals Thursday at Wim-

bledon by the scores of 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. She'll meet Steffi Graf for the championship Saturday.

By Bob Greene
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Martina Navratilova struggled past old rival Chris Evert in a classic Centre Court confrontation at Wimbledon Thursday and set up a showdown with new rival Steffi Graf to determine who is No. 1 in women's tennis.

Navratilova, who has held the top ranking since November 1985, defeated Chris Evert 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in her drive for a record sixth straight crown and a record-tying eighth singles title at Wimbledon.

"I'm flying now," Navratilova said after the two-hour, three-minute match that she said "might be the best match we ever played" in 73 career meetings with Evert.

Graf, the West German teen-ager who can displace Navratilova as No. 1 in the world by winning Saturday's final, had no problem zipping past fifth-seeded Pam Shriver 6-0, 6-2.

"She's got to wake up one day and realize what she's doing," Shriver said of Graf, who has yet to lose in 1987 and has won 45 consecutive matches.

It will be the second straight Grand Slam tournament in which the 30-year-old Navratilova and the 18-year-old Graf have met for the title. Graf beat her in the French Open last month 6-4, 4-6, 8-6.

"It's possible Martina fears me, but I don't know what goes into her mind," Graf said. "I think she's more confident than in Paris, she's won it so many times."

On Friday, the men's semifinals will pit second-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia against No. 4 Stefan Edberg of Sweden, while 34-year-old American Jimmy Connors, the No. 7 seed who has won Wimbledon twice in his long career, faces No. 11 Pat Cash of Australia.

Navratilova has led the Women's International Tennis Association computer rankings for 20 consecutive months, but has yet to win a tournament this year. Graf has won seven in a row since losing to Navratilova in the finals of the Virginia Slims Championships last November.

Navratilova likes the Wimbledon grass and the history that surrounds it, and said that gives her an edge.

"I've been confident the whole tournament and now I'm in the finals," she said. "Wimbledon is it. You don't need any other incentive."

She needed to play her best game to survive the semifinals.

"This was the best match the two of us ever played on grass," Evert said.

"It might have been the best match we ever played. The highest quality," Navratilova said.

They battled from the baseline. They battled from the net. They criss-crossed the court over and over, many times on just one point.

Twice Navratilova launched herself into the air to hit winning shots.

It was dramatic theater, and it came on Centre Court of the world's most prestigious grass-court tournament before a packed audience that included Princess Diana and world middleweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard.

"That was as high as anything, if not the best, because there were just so few unforced errors," Navratilova said. "It was incredible."

"It was winners, just winners or forced errors. Chris never served better against me or hit the ball deeper or

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