

Fake newspapers criticize Central America coverage

By Peter Viles
The Associated Press

Connecticut's two largest newspapers, The Hartford Courant and the New Haven Register, are the latest victims of what appears to be a nationwide effort to use unscrupulous newspapers to focus attention on human rights violations in Central America.

Thousands of fake front pages, covered with stories about Central America, were inserted into Wednesday's editions of The Courant and the Register.

A Hartford group called the ad hoc Committee for Truth in Reporting claimed responsibility for the stunt. Committee members said they printed 10,000 fake papers and inserted them into vending boxes early Wednesday in an effort to highlight several Central American issues they feel the United States press is not adequately covering.

Similar stunts have hit newspapers in New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Arizona and Minnesota. In each case, the fake papers contained stories critical of U.S. policies in Central America, and were inserted into newspapers in vending boxes.

The two-page insert into The Courant bore the banner "The Hartford Current." The lead story, entitled "U.S. Wages War on El Salvador," accused the Reagan and Bush administration of waging an undeclared war in the Central American country. Another story detailed the rise of right-wing death

Torn ticket wins \$39 million for 3 Connecticut residents

By Karen Schwartz
The Associated Press

CRANSTON, R.I. — Days after the Lotto America numbers were drawn for its record \$39 million jackpot, three Connecticut residents knew they had the winning ticket but thought it was so badly damaged it might not be accepted.

Two of the three tickets purchased by Sheila E. Phillips, her boyfriend, George H. Brown, and George Magas, were destroyed when a can of whipped cream exploded in the cooler the ticket was sitting in. Only the winning ticket survived.

"The ticket was mangled and

Cotter accused friend of fake shotgun plan

HARTFORD (AP) — In a letter written shortly before he allegedly killed his family and then himself, John Cotter Jr. accused a close friend and business partner of being involved in the production of fake antique shotguns as well as defrauding a state agency, according to a published report.

The Hartford Courant newspaper reported that Cotter's June 28 letter accused Anthony Galazan, 29, of Farmington of the shotgun scheme and being involved in a plan to defraud the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

Authorities found the letter in Cotter's Hartford home July 10, when they discovered the bodies of Cotter's wife and two children. Authorities have refused to make the letter public, but portions of it dealing with state loans for two building projects became public in the past week.

The letter states that Galazan made "fraudulent fake Parker shotguns by taking parts and upgrading the entire gun."

The letter also says Galazan recently made a 410-gauge shotgun that is being sold through a Maine gun dealer, whom Cotter identified only by his last name.

That "fraudulent gun" is being sold for \$55,000, the letter states. Galazan has declined to comment on the letter.

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600 pack Dempsey funeral

'Everybody liked him'

By Judd Everhart
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PUTNAM — Former Gov. Abraham Ribicoff walked down through St. Mary's Cemetery and remembered his friend, former Gov. John N. Dempsey, who was being buried near the top of the hill.

"Everybody liked him," Ribicoff mused Wednesday. "He was just a natural."

Dempsey had run for lieutenant governor in 1954 on the Democratic ticket headed by Ribicoff. Ribicoff won, Dempsey lost. Four years later, they both won. And three years after that, Ribicoff resigned to join the new Kennedy administration, making Dempsey governor, a post to which he was later re-elected twice.

Dempsey, Connecticut's 79th governor, died Sunday at his home in Killingly at the age of 74. Although his family never released the cause of death, it was widely reported that he had lung cancer.

"I don't think he ever did anything that was wrong, ever had a very outgoing and likeable personality. He always had time for everybody. He liked people and people liked him," Ribicoff said as he walked down the hill from the gravesite after funeral services. Dempsey's son, the Rev. Edward Dempsey, presided.

Outside about 100 local residents listened to the service on loudspeakers.

Dempsey served as governor from 1961 to 1971. He also served in the state House of Representatives and spent 12 years as mayor of Putnam, beginning his political career on the town council when he was 21.

He was born in Ireland in 1915 and moved with his family to Putnam when he was 10. He liked to recall how he came to America "in short pants."

The service included 43 white-robed priests, including the younger Dempsey.

The former governor's heavy oak casket was carried out of the church by pallbearers representing the governor's Foot Guard, Horse Guard and other military organizations, and into a hearse and driven five blocks down Providence Street to the cemetery.

Hundreds of state political leaders and friends marched the brief route with the hearse

with the red- and blue-suited foot and horse guards, as well as state police troopers in dress uniforms lining the roadway.

At the close of the brief graveside service, Gov. William A. O'Neill presented the triangle-folded Connecticut flag that had draped Dempsey's coffin to the former governor's widow.

"Mary on behalf of the people of Connecticut, whom he served so well, I present to you this token of their esteem," O'Neill said bending over to kiss Mrs. Dempsey on the cheek.

Inside the steamy church filled with 600 mourners, Edward Dempsey gave a 15-minute homily that described how his father liked to think of life as a long pleasant walk, meeting and talking to people along the way.

"He loved life and he lived it fully and well," the younger Dempsey said. "He had his faults and failings and he knew

them. He shared life freely, gladly, graciously, and people seemed genuinely glad to share life with him," Edward Dempsey said.

Later near the end of the service, the younger Dempsey recalled how the family occasionally kidded Dempsey about his epitaph.

"We suggested in a more serious moment that at the bottom of it all we would put, 'He did good.'"

"With a raised index finger, he said, 'No, no, no.' He tried to do good." We believe his effort has been successful," Edward Dempsey said.

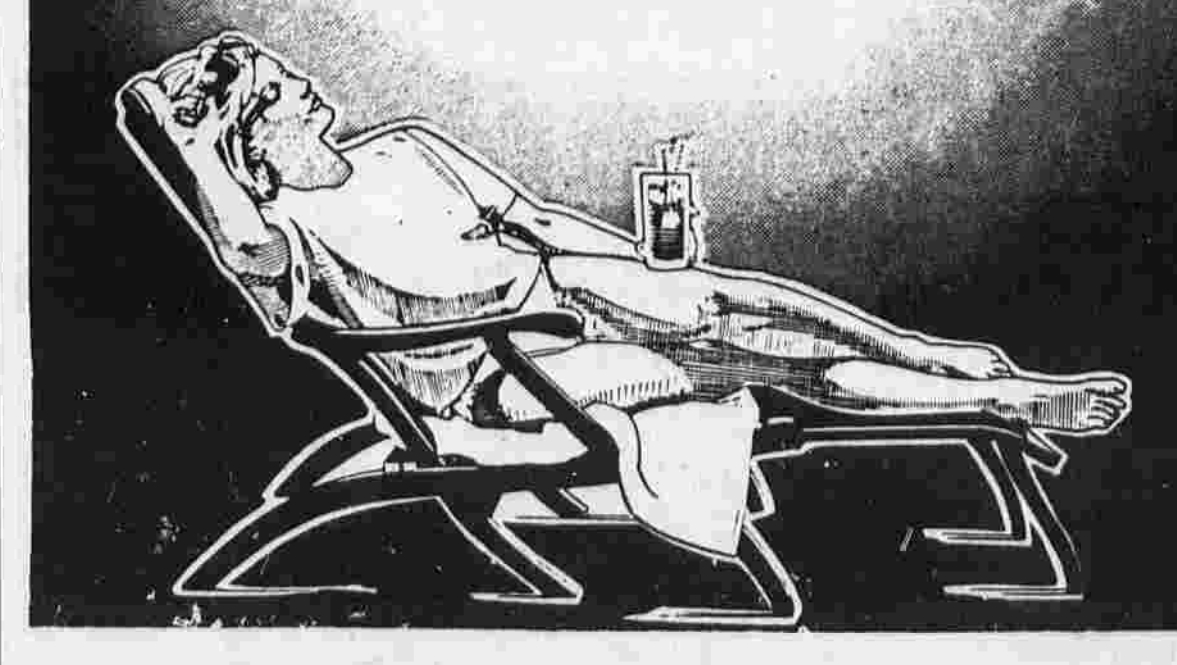
In addition to Ribicoff, Connecticut's only other living former governor, Thomas J. Meskill, also attended the services. Meskill is now a federal judge.

Numerous other past and present political and labor leaders were there, including most of the state's congressional delegation.

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Connecticut firms linked to HUD lobbying effort

HARTFORD (AP) — Two major Connecticut developers paid a high-powered Washington lobbying firm criticized for influence peddling to represent them before the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to a published report.

Colonial Realty Co. of West Hartford and Devoen Enterprises Inc. of Hartford paid fees to principals of Black, Manafort, Stone & Kelly in connection with the HUD business, the report said.

The activities of the firm and its

principals have been increasingly scrutinized by a congressional panel investigating influence peddling and abuses at HUD during the Reagan administration.

The panel has found that well-connected Republicans and former HUD officials reaped huge fees for getting lucrative rental subsidies for developers who rehabilitate housing for poor families.

Frank M. Shuch, one of three Colonial Realty partners, said Colonial paid Black, Manafort, Stone & Kelly annual fees of \$5,000 for three years beginning in 1984 or 1985.

"They're one of many law firms we use on different types of matters all over the country," Shuch said.

"We knew them as a law firm expert in interpreting HUD regulatory requirements," he said.

Black, Manafort operates as a lobbying firm, not a law firm. Sources told the Hartford Courant that Paul J. Manafort Jr., a principal in the firm, may have represented Colonial before HUD and received fees for his work.

Neither Manafort nor Kelly could be reached for comment.

Roger Stone, a principal in the firm, said he did not know if the firm or its principals had done work for the companies.

But Manafort, a Bush campaign adviser and son of a former New Britain mayor, told a congressional panel last month that his firm engaged in influence peddling when it was paid \$326,000 to obtain subsidies for a 326-unit New Jersey project he partly owns.

The newspaper has reported that the firm tried to obtain federal subsidies for a Georgia project. Manafort then sent a list

last week adding more clients, including the Atlantic City Casino Association, Capital Associates of Chicago, the government of Puerto Rico, and other projects in Florida and New Jersey.

Last week the firm acknowledged that it had done work for a Waterbury developer.

But Roland G. LaBonte, a partner in Devoen and Bianca's son-in-law, said he thought Kelly was hired in his role as a partner with Uptake, Kelly & Spellacy, a large Hartford law firm.

"We never hired Black, Manafort, Stone & Kelly," he said.

Submarine production cuts profit

GROTON (AP) — Electric Boat's 688 fast-attack submarine program, which has carried a history of marginal profitability, will likely die a financial loser in the 1990s, an analyst said.

"I can't see it making any money for them," said Theodore Newcomb, who follows General Dynamics for the A. G. Edwards & Sons investment firm. "I'd say they're stuck with the ship until the ast one is out the door."

General Dynamics, EB's parent company, reported Tuesday that EB's 688 program cost the division \$50 million after taxes during the second quarter of this year. Gains in other areas — primarily the financially successful Trident program — provided a moderating effect, reducing the quarterly loss in its submarine sector to \$3.4 million.

GD, citing a shrinking pool of skilled workers and reduced productivity, stated that eight 688s will be delivered anywhere from three months to two years late to the Navy. GD identified those subs Wednesday as the Miami, Alexandria, Annapolis, Springfield, Columbus, Santa Fe, Hartford and the SSN7, which has not been named.

Jerry Cantwell, an analyst for the brokerage Wertheim Schroder Inc., said EB may record a profit for 1989 despite its disappointing second-quarter performance. He noted the division, thanks to a profitable first quarter, is only \$7.5 million in the red for the first half of the year. EB survived a \$23.4 million loss in the second quarter of 1988 by recording a \$36 million profit for the full year.

Production of the 688s is nearing an end with the last of the line included in the 1990 federal budget. The 688 will be replaced by the Seawolf, the first of which will be built at EB.

Electric Boat officials said the 688s have not turned large profits because contract awards are sporadic which has created scheduling problems within the work force and for materials. EB won all four bid contracts in 1986, lost all four to Newport News in 1987, and the competitors split four contracts last year.

Officials said the 688s have also been constantly redesigned and improved which has cut into savings.

The 688 submarine was at the center of a cost overrun controversy in the 1970s. Between 1972 and 1977, EB filed an \$843 million cost overrun claim. The government insisted EB had bid unrealistically low for eleven 688s, assuming it could recoup the money by filing the claims.

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Brian Alden hit by losses

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Brian Alden, a home furnishings retailer, has filed for reorganization and protection from his creditors under the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

Alden closed stores in New Haven and West Hartford earlier this year, but he said Tuesday his five other retail stores, in Hamden, Stamford, Westport, Branford and Waterford, will remain open.

In fact, Alden said he hopes to open two new stores, one in the Hartford area and the other at his warehouse in Old Saybrook, as he moves to build a more efficient, streamlined company.

"We will not skip a beat. As far as the public is concerned, it will not affect the public one iota," he said.

He also said no employees would be laid off.

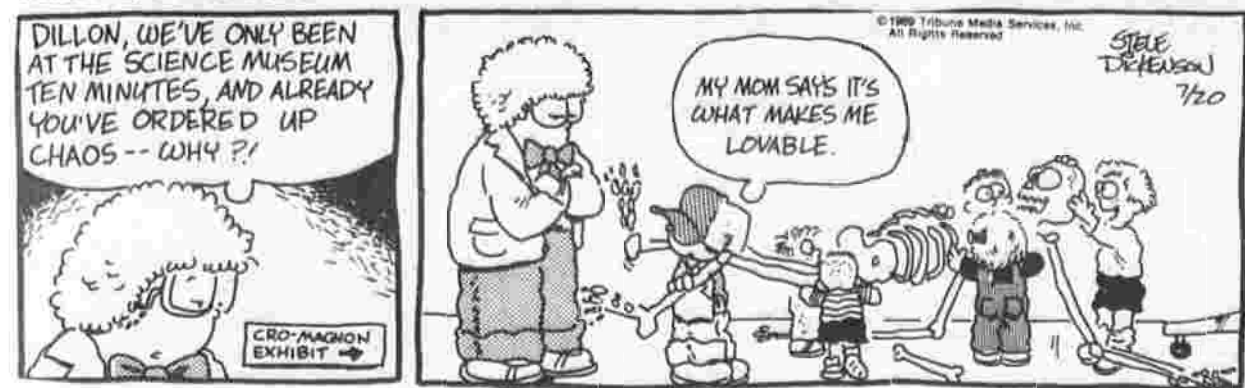
Brian Alden Inc.'s petition for reorganization was brought under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act. Under that chapter, a company seeks protection from its creditors until it can put its finances in order. The reorganization must be accepted by a majority of creditors.

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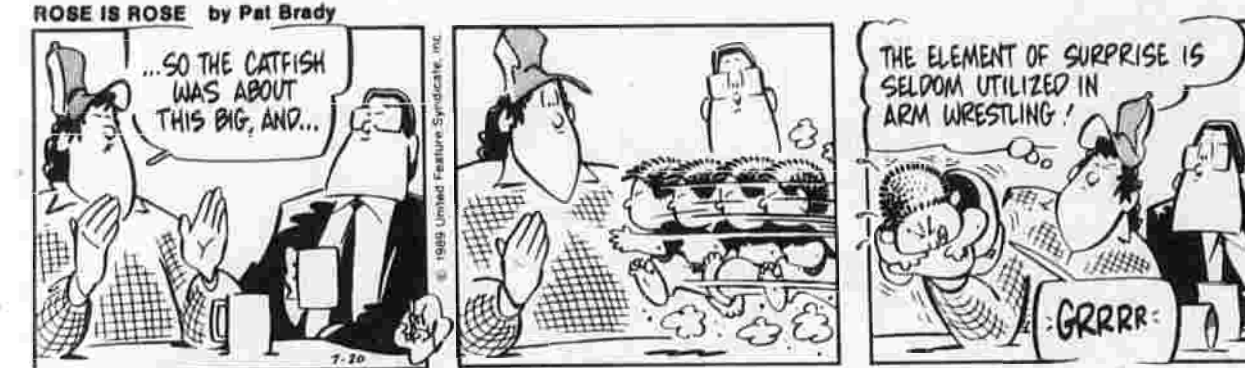
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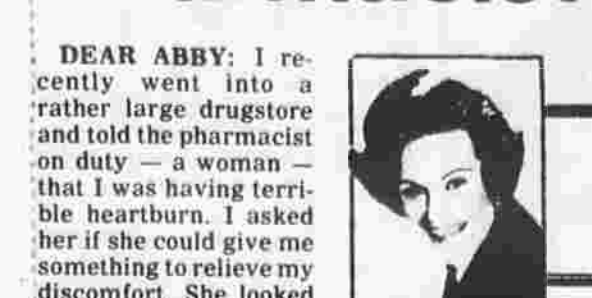
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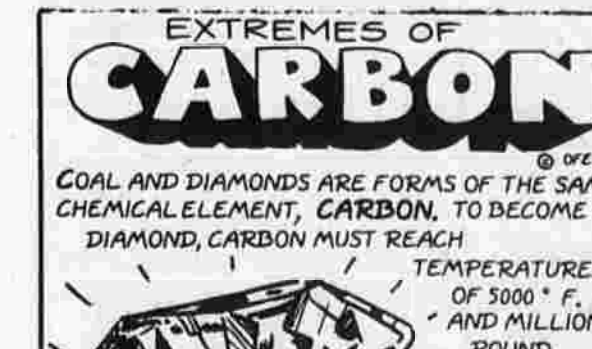


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Dr. Gott: Peter Gott, M.D. Potassium loss bothers friend

DEAR DR. GOTT: A good friend of mine has Bartter's syndrome. All I know is that she has trouble keeping potassium in her body...

DEAR READER: Bartter's syndrome is a complex metabolic disturbance, resulting from a person's inability to handle certain minerals...

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DEAR NOT PREGNANT: The pharmacist acted in an unprofessional manner, but I think you overreacted.

DEAR ABBY: I was very distressed when I read that a small child was lost in the woods near his parents' cabin...

'Clipped' cars pose danger if not repaired properly

By Peter Bohr: I stopped by my favorite auto repair shop the other day...

Brad's resurrected Alfa would be as good as new. In a body-shop parlance, splicing parts of various cars together is called "clipping."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I know the same old story. I recognized the red front half of the car. The rear was blue.

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PEOPLE

Stallone gets to talk

CINCINNATI (AP) - Actor Sylvester Stallone says he really isn't a macho, monosyllabic guy, although he admits he's played that role in so many films that he'd almost forgotten how to talk.

Forbes takes journey

VICKSBURG Miss (AP) - Multitasking publisher John H. Johnson's son, Malcolm S. Forbes, is taking a journey down the Mississippi River town on a seven-day journey down the Great River Road, which follows the river.

Prince thanks crowd

HULL, Quebec (AP) - The Duke and Duchess of York thanked a crowd for a warm welcome after getting a rough reception a few days earlier on their Canadian tour.

Marshall sues Reynolds

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Former 'Hollywood Squares' host Peter Marshall has sued actor Bert Reynolds and game show host Bert Convy, contending they broke a contract to hire him as host of a new quiz show.

Baez sings protest song

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) - Folk singer Joan Baez sang a new song protesting the recent violence in China. The performance was at a charity concert attended by Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

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