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AP photo

Marie Lorenz, onetime girlfriend of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, says the reason she agreed to poison Castro for the CIA was that she had had a son by him and the child was slain. She later changed her mind about avenging the child's death, she said on a television interview yesterday. She confirmed that her poison pills melted when she hid them in her cold cream.

Hays to leave hospital

BARNESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Rep. Wayne Hays, recovering from an overdose of sleeping pills, probably will be discharged from the Barnesville Hospital Friday or Saturday, hospital officials say. The 65-year-old Democratic congressman, a key figure in the congressional payroll-sex scandal, was reported in satisfactory condition. But he was said to have lost 15 to 20 pounds in the past three weeks.

'Kojak' gets tougher

LONDON (AP) — Television's top cop, Telly "Kojak" Savalas, is suing Associated Newspapers, publishers of the London Daily Mail. The newspaper in a story last year called him a "bit-part actor" who could not cope with fame, saying Savalas spent his nights carousing while working on a film in Berlin and kept costars waiting on the set, unable to remember his lines. "This article had as much effect on you as a paper dart would have on an express train," a defense lawyer told Savalas in court.

Francis trial gag lifted

NEW YORK (AP) — Declaring that a courtroom is a "public facility from which the public may not be excluded" under most circumstances, the U.S. Court of Appeals on Monday lifted a gag order in the trial of a \$5-million lawsuit by singer Connie Francis. The Appeals Court order overturned the gag order imposed on press coverage of the proceedings by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas C. Platt, who had closed the trial to the public and reporters last week. The appeals court ruled that Platt's gag rule directly contravened federal law. It said the court is "a public facility, a public instrumentality from which the public may not be excluded" except for a compelling reasons



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involving a witness's safety or some other reason "outweighing the public interest."

'I never heard much' . . . Ervin

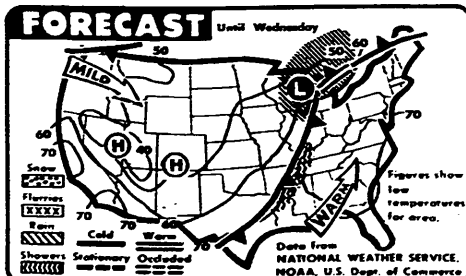
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ex-Senator Sam Ervin, who gained fame heading the probe into Watergate corruption, says he never heard much about sexual hanky-panky on Capitol Hill during his 20 years there. "Well, I guess that kind of sin has been going on for a long time in this world," the 79-year-old North Carolinian said Monday on his way to deliver a commencement address in Anderson, Ind. "That just shows that people tend to succumb to temptations of the flesh. But I never heard much about it while I was there." Ervin said he wasn't worried about anyone trying to dig up dirt on him: "The statute of limitations has already run out on all my past indiscretions. And more unfortunately, I have lost all capacity to commit them any more."

Happy night for Happy

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller attended "My Fair Lady" on Broadway Monday evening, went backstage afterwards to greet the cast and was herself unexpectedly met by reporters and photographers. Mrs. Rockefeller, who is known as "Happy," said she was happy with the evening, which she called "most unforgettable," and the members of the press said they were happy to see her anyway.

Weather Outlook

Above-normal temperatures are forecast today for the East. Rain is forecast for the Great Lakes.



Heat, humidity, thunder

A chance of thundershowers will hover over the area tonight and tomorrow, with temperatures and humidity remaining high.

The weatherman foresees clouds in the skies today and tomorrow but temperatures remaining in the upper 80's with overnight lows in the upper 60's.

Precipitation probability is 30 per cent today, tonight and tomorrow.

The extended forecast, for Thursday through Saturday, calls for partly sunny skies with temperatures in

the high 80's. Yesterday's high of 77 and low of 63 combined for an average of 70 degrees, one degree below normal.

High rainfall over the central portion of the nation, especially Iowa and South Dakota, resulted in flash flood warnings for most of the area.

Yesterday's thundershowers produced 15 tornadoes, eight in Minnesota alone. Iowa had four and Kansas, South Dakota, and New York each had one. In California the weather was over the 100 degree mark in much of the state.

State may fund towns for Bicen

By RAMONA SMITH
Staff Writer

Some legislative logrolling may mean Mercer County communities will get state money to help handle Bicentennial visitors.

For months, Hopewell Township officials have been complaining about the costs of handling tourists at Washington Crossing, and even Trenton has fretted about crowds.

But the state legislature wasn't about to pick up the crowd control tab — until a batch of North Jersey lawmakers found out their hometowns would be full of people watching the July 4 parade of sailing ships in New York harbor.

NOW, IT SEEMS, there's a need for state aid for tourist control not only in Hopewell and North Jersey — but also in the rest of the state as well.

In all, the bills could add \$650,000 to the state's overloaded budget.

Hopewell Township, where officials have repeatedly voiced horror at the influx of visitors expected at Washington Crossing later this year, could be expected to be among the first of the municipalities to stand in line.

ASSEMBLYMEN TOOK no vote yesterday on the potential largesse. But they engaged in some unabashed political dealing, wrapped in the Bicentennial flag.

It all started when Assemblyman Christopher Jackman, D-West New York, outlined his legislation to provide \$150,000 for Hudson River communities during the July 4 celebration.

On July 4, a virtual armada of sailing ships, will sail up the Hudson from the vicinity of Sandy Hook. Jackman's bill would pay municipalities for police and other personnel they are expected to need to help cope with crowds and traffic jams during "Operation Sail."

Immediately, Assemblyman Walter Kozloski, D-Freehold, said Monmouth and Middlesex County communities would feel the impact of "Operation Sail" highway traffic too. He proposed upping the ante to \$200,000 and broadening the eligibility.

IT WAS AT THAT POINT that Karl Weidel, R-Pennington, scolded legislators for ignoring his own long-pending bill — just released from committee — which would provide \$500,000 to help communities across the state cope with Bicentennial crowds.

Weidel said Hopewell Township is expecting a stampede of 26,000 visitors a day later this year, primarily at Washington Crossing Park.

"Why can't we do something about Washington Crossing and the rest of them all at once?" demanded Walter A. Foran, R-Flemington, whose district extends down to Washington Crossing. Both Weidel and Foran said they could not vote for funds just for Operation Sail.

"If you defeat it, then don't expect me to vote for your bills," Jackman returned. "I vote for your bill, you vote for my bill."

A few moments later, Jackman admitted he was "open to compromise — as long as I get my \$150,000."

Weidel computed rapidly, tacking his \$500,000 onto Jackman's \$150,000 and proposing a \$650,000 deal.

"Hold the bill," urged Assemblyman Robert Littell, R-Franklin, "while the parties get together in the back room on something we can vote on."

THE DEALING wasn't completed yesterday, but Weidel later predicted a vote tomorrow on both bits of legislation, totalling \$650,000. Separate legislation, not involved in the horse-trading, would provide another \$108,000 to pay National Guard troops during Operation Sail.

Meanwhile, Assembly Speaker Joseph LeFante, D-Bayonne, stepped down from the podium and declared, "From where I was standing up here today, one could almost vomit."

"We're talking about the United States of America," LeFante proclaimed. "We're not talking about Mercer County, or Monmouth County, or Bergen. We're talking about the United States of America."

For more than a year, some of Hopewell Township's officials have rallied against state construction that is putting up a new visitor center and a toll booth at Washington Crossing Park.

That community has been the most vocal among those in Mercer beleaguered by the Bicentennial. But Weidel said Princeton Township and Trenton, if they apply, also might be in line for grants under his proposed bill.

The legislation, which also would have to pass muster with the Senate and Gov. Brendan T. Byrne, would allow the state to grant money for police, firemen, traffic control, clean-up crews and other needs from the birthday party.

The money, according to Weidel, would probably come from potential surplus funds from the 1976-77 fiscal year.



Staff photo by Herman Loesker

Hamilton Township Deputy Chief George Zimmer raises hastily-borrowed bicentennial flag as former mayors William Steiner, left, Roger Whatley, Thomas Rhodes, Maurice Perilli, Raymond Dwyer and Thomas Warwick look on.

Hamilton raises Bicen flag . . . after frantic banner search

By MARC MORGENSTERN
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Hamilton Township had to raise a borrowed flag for its official Flag Day ceremonies yesterday — the American Bicentennial Commission made a mistake and sent the wrong star spangled banner.

Township Mayor John Rafferty had ordered a Bennington flag — the one with a half moon of 13 stars over the numerals "76" on the blue field — but the commission delivered a flag with its own logo instead.

The township already had two of those.

So when Rafferty read a certificate from President Gerald Ford designating Hamilton as a Bicentennial Community, two police officers hoisted a Bennington flag borrowed from Michael Rovello, the principal of Reynolds Junior High School.

ROVELLO ALSO LOANED 12 other flags from American history — carried by students from the school — to the ceremony that celebrated

Hamilton studies new towing plan

By MARC MORGENSTERN
Staff Writer

Three or four tow-truck operators providing rotating service in each of three of four township zones is the latest proposal for a new Hamilton Township towing ordinance.

The plan, summed up by council member Fred Gmitter from suggestions at an informal hearing last night, may be drafted into the final ordinance.

The township is now divided into three districts with one wrecking operation in each. The rotation system would divide the business among almost all interested tow truck operators in the township — about a dozen.

"The zone system is obviously the most feasible approach," said Council President Donald Tamutus. "And this covered about all the towers there."

But before a consensus was reached among the operators, suggestions ranged from franchising service to maintaining the present arrangement that has been under fire for months.

"If we cut it up too small we won't have professionals doing it," said Joseph Marrazzo, who runs Chamber's Street Auto Body. But he admitted, "It's not a picnic always having someone at my house 24 hours a day."

The Council also agreed informally to hire the law firm of Leon Levy for a maximum of \$5,000 to handle a suit brought against the township by the local Patrolman's Benevolent Association. The police want a five per cent wage increase beyond a recent wage hike, and other benefits.

Township Attorney Renee Ricciardelli will not take the case because she is occupied with a \$4.7 million lawsuit involving the city of Trenton, according to Tamutus.

The council also indicated it would approve a resolution allowing West Windsor Township to dump its wastes into the Hamilton sewerage plant.

Hamilton's first six months with a township council as well as the nation's 200th anniversary.

"Today reflects the birthday of our country and the rebirth, change and growth of Hamilton under a new form of government," Rafferty said.

All of the men who served as mayor of the township before the post acquired its present executive power were invited to the event. Seven attended and received official proclamations of thanks.

Several times, Rafferty left his cement podium at the base of the flag pole beside the municipal building and presented the gold-bordered awards to the former officials who preferred to remain seated.

THE OLDEST RECIPIENT was William Steiner, 85, the township mayor in 1933, 1936, 1939 and 1953. He remembered the depression times when "we collected half our taxes. And when you collect 50 per cent of your taxes," he said, "you're in a lot of trouble."

"You see that stone?" Thomas Rhodes pointed at a cornerstone that

was carved with the year 1959. "That's when I was mayor — I laid that stone." Rhodes, 79, said he was a Whitman's Chocolates salesman for 43 years before he became involved in township government. He carries a silver key chain with the same inscription as the cornerstone.

All the former mayors said that speed of Hamilton's development has amazed them. "It's terrific," Rhodes boasted.

They were not as enthusiastic about the new township administration. "It's too early to tell how it's working out," said Maurice Perilli, mayor in 1962, 1968, 1973 and 1974. "It will take some time before the full effects of the change are felt."

"It's progressing normally," said Roger J. Whatley, who held the post in 1956.

The other former mayors who attended were: Raymond I. Dwyer, mayor in 1966 and 1971; Fred Gmitter, 1974, and Thomas J. Warwick, 1965, and now the township clerk.

Students from Nottingham Junior High School sang some choral selections for the occasion.

Ewing GOP chief shunned at election

By TERRY ANZUR
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The 30-year-old president of Ewing Township's Republican Club was ordered to wait outside while a new municipal party chairman was elected in the dimly-lit, smoker-filled back room of a bar.

"Our last six candidates in a row have lost, and that ought to tell you we're doing something wrong," said Stephen Foster, the exiled club president who sipped his beer along in the main room of the Extension Tavern.

But the party's Old Guard apparently didn't agree as they voted 26-12 to elect Don Cox, a 43-year-old Trenton High School teacher, to its top municipal party post.

Cox's nomination was seconded last night by Mary Kilcoyne, a member of the party executive committee and wife of the outgoing chairman, Larry Kilcoyne. He was the hand-picked successor of Samuel Weinroth, the long-time king-pin of the Ewing GOP.

Publicly, Kilcoyne said he didn't want to appoint his successor. But privately, he endorsed Cox. Foster supported Cox's opponent, Richard Piepszak, a 35-year-old attorney who has run unsuccessful campaigns for county freeholder and township committeeman.

Foster, as head of the party's special arm, had hoped to help Piepszak by addressing the committee on his behalf.

BUT JUST BEFORE the nominations were opened, Kilcoyne announced that anyone who was not a reporter or a voting member of the party committee would have to leave. His statement was clearly pointed at Foster, the only person who stood up. Although he left without protest, he later charged that Cox's election was the result of "arm twisting that occurred in phone calls and in visits to members' homes."

Cox, a former township recreation

commissioner, will be in charge of party campaign tactics in Ewing as municipal chairman of the campaigning arm of the party.

"There was no reason why I was not allowed to address the meeting as club president," Foster said. "It was a personal affront to me."

FOSTER HAS CHARGED that Kilcoyne is preserving the old GOP machine and keeping new faces out of key offices, ever since Kilcoyne began reorganizing the party a year ago.

Foster says he now supports Russell Hedden, the man who edged him out as the party's choice to oppose an incumbent on the all-Democratic township committee in November. "I feel sorry for Hedden because he deserves to be elected," Foster said. "But Cox doesn't have the credentials for party leadership. He represents the kind of politicking that has been going on here for a long time."

Kilcoyne said he was stepping down because he agreed to take the non-paying job for only a year and because his reorganization plan was complete.

Meanwhile, the Ewing Democrats met at Lanutti's bar to reelect Mayor Thomas DeMartin as their municipal chairman. He was unopposed.

THE DEMOCRATIC MEETING broke up early so that the township committee could hold its agenda meeting at 8 p.m.

The committee heard a complaint from the League of Women voters that the township Zoning Board had violated the Sunshine Law, by holding an executive session to confer with its attorney.

The complaint was dropped when the zoning board attorney explained that the board had not passed a formal resolution calling for the executive session because the members didn't understand their responsibilities under the Sunshine law. Kilcoyne is chairman of the zoning board.