

Reagan nominates Bork for high court

Court choice riles liberals; conservatives offer praise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Liberal lawmakers and organizations unleashed a well-prepared torrent of criticism Wednesday against conservative Judge Robert H. Bork, releasing their statements only moments after President Reagan announced plans to nominate him to the Supreme Court.

Conservatives jumped on his bandwagon just as quickly.

The comments set the stage for what Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., said would be the "most complete

and exhaustive investigation of any nominee ever nominated for the Supreme Court."

While most of those commenting took a stand on the appellate judge's nomination, Heflin — a key swing vote on the Senate Judiciary Committee that will start the confirmation process — said he remained open-minded.

Ironically, the ranking Republican on the committee, Strom



Robert H. Bork

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Tough nomination fight expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan picked Robert H. Bork, a staunchly conservative appeals court judge, for the Supreme Court Wednesday, risking a bruising showdown with the Democratic-ruled Senate over his confirmation.

If seated, Bork could be instrumental in helping alter some of the court's landmark decisions, such as a woman's right to an abortion and the principle of affirmative action.

Announcing Bork's selection, Reagan praised him as "a premier constitutional authority"

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and said, "His outstanding intellect and unrivaled scholarly credentials are reflected in his thoughtful examination of the broad, fundamental issues of our times."

Bork, 60, was the top choice of hard-line conservatives to succeed Justice Lewis F. Powell, 79, who announced Friday he was leaving the bench because of health problems and his age.

Bork is the third person Reagan has chosen for the court in 6½ years. Reagan also elevated William H. Rehnquist to chief justice.

Bork is best known nationally for carrying out President Nixon's order in 1973 to fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox after two higher officials refused. At the time, he was Nixon's solicitor general.

Despite his part in the so-called Saturday Night Massacre, Bork won confirmation as a member of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

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Plane crashes at Bragg

5 killed, 2 hurt during exercise

By MARTHA QULLIN
Staff Writer

FORT BRAGG — An Air Force C-130 cargo plane performing a low-altitude drill before thousands of spectators crashed and burned on a dirt runway at Fort Bragg Wednesday, killing four of six crewmen and a soldier on the ground.

Two of the Air Force crewmen were airlifted from the crash site and were transferred late Wednesday to the burn center at Brooke Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, an Air Force spokesman said. Hospital officials would say only that the victims had been "stabilized."

"The last I heard, it was serious but stable," said Airman Larry J. Lehw at Pope Air Force Base, next to Fort Bragg.

The Air Force identified the dead as Capt. Garry M. Bardo Jr., 31, pilot; 1st Lt. John B. Keiser III, 28, navigator; Tech. Sgt. Timothy J. Matar, 32, loadmaster; Airman 1st Class Albert G. Duse, 23, additional loadmaster. The wounded were identified as 1st Lt. Marc A. Lenke, 26, co-pilot; and Sgt. Tony P. Holmes, flight engineer.

The name of the dead soldier was withheld pending notification of his family.



Rescue workers survey the remains of the C-130 cargo plane, which was performing a low-altitude drill

Staff photo by Chris Seward

The crash occurred at 10:15 a.m. during a joint Army-Air Force exercise witnessed by as many as 4,000 military and civilian onlookers — many of them families of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division troops. No spectators were injured.

"It was a low-altitude exercise where the plane comes in low and drops off its cargo," said Maj. Mike Nason, spokesman for the 82nd Airborne Division, who witnessed the crash at the Sicily Drop Zone. "This one hit the

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The plane approaches runway seconds before the accident

The Associated Press

New I-40 link called boon to commuters, counties

By NASH HERNDON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A motorcade of more than 150 cars led by the governor christened a new link of Interstate 40 between Chapel Hill and Research Triangle Park Wednesday evening, completing the highway across the Triangle to Raleigh.

The 7.7 miles of interstate from N.C. 55 to U.S. 15-501 between Chapel Hill and Durham will help commuters immediately and fuel long-term prosperity for Orange and Durham counties, Gov. James G. Martin said during a

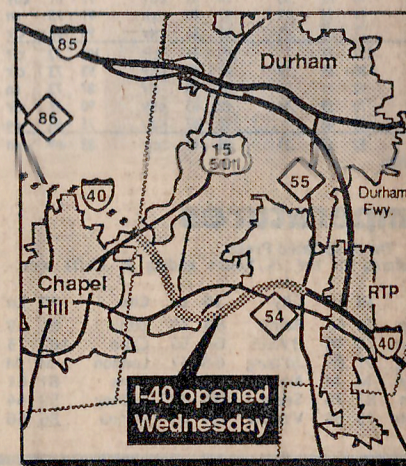
ribbon cutting.

"It will truly unite the Triangle," Martin told more than 30 dignitaries and 200 spectators who gathered in the west-bound lanes at the U.S. 15-501 interchange.

"Starting tomorrow morning, it will begin to benefit the commuters who travel to and from Chapel Hill each day," Martin said.

"Later this month, it will make a world of difference to the U.S. Olympic Festival. In the near future, it will do much to allow Durham and Orange Counties to grow and prosper," he said.

People who attended the open-



ing packed an entrance ramp three cars abreast and lined a side of U.S. 15-501 before the motor-

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Triangle phone options proposed

Southern Bell seeks state approval of experiment in local services

By VAN DENTON
Staff Writer

Raleigh residents soon may be able to make as many local telephone calls as they please to Durham, Chapel Hill and anywhere else in the Triangle, but not without paying a price — an extra \$16 a month on their phone bills.

That is one of three options that Southern Bell Co. wants to offer as a means of extended local service in the Triangle area. The company is asking the N.C. Utilities Commission to approve the proposal as a one-year experiment.

Customers would be offered a smorgasbord of calling options, choosing between flat fees, discounts on long-distance calls and a charge of 25 cents per call. Currently, calls between Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill are long-distance calls.

Southern Bell spokesman P.E. "Gene" Upchurch said the plan was devised "because we just felt like this area was changing rapidly, and we needed to develop some unique solution for it."

Robert P. Gruber, executive director of the Utilities Commis-

sion's Public Staff, which represents consumers on utility matters, said Wednesday that he had not seen Southern Bell's proposal.

"It may have merit and it may fill a need in the Triangle, but it appears that it could have far-reaching implications and needs careful study by our staff before we can comment on it," he said.

The options would be available to the 200,000 residential and business customers that Southern Bell serves in the Triangle —

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Under the DOME

Barnes claims lock on key Senate post

State Sen. Henson P. Barnes, who narrowly lost the race for Senate president pro tem in December, apparently has locked up enough votes from Democratic senators to win the post next year.

Barnes, a six-term Democrat from Goldsboro, told Dome he has commitments from at least 35 of the Senate's 40 Democrats. Their support in the 50-member chamber is tantamount to election.

"I have commitments from all of those [Democratic] senators with the exception of those who say they aren't going to run again," said Barnes, 52. "If any of the people who say they are not going to come back change their mind, I will be the first to talk

Town gives Rainbow fete mixed reviews

By CHRIS COBBS
Staff Writer

ROBBINSVILLE — They call themselves the Rainbow Family, but actually they are aging hippies who set their watches back two decades to a time when Lyndon Baines Johnson was president, gas cost 30 cents a gallon and love was thought to be free.

A Rainbow person hiking up a steep mountain road Wednesday hailed a passer-by wearing a wrist watch.

"Thanks for reminding me — I don't need this anymore," said the Rainbow member, removing his watch, tucking it in his jeans and setting off in quest of enlightenment.

An estimated 5,000 Rainbow people — known by names like Medicine Story and Million Air — and a 1-year-old elephant imported by a Hare Krishna sect have gathered this week on a hillside in the Nantahala National Forest about 13 miles north of Robbinsville in rural Graham County.



Genus is one of the Rainbow Family members who gathered to meet in Graham County

Staff photo by Scott Sharpe

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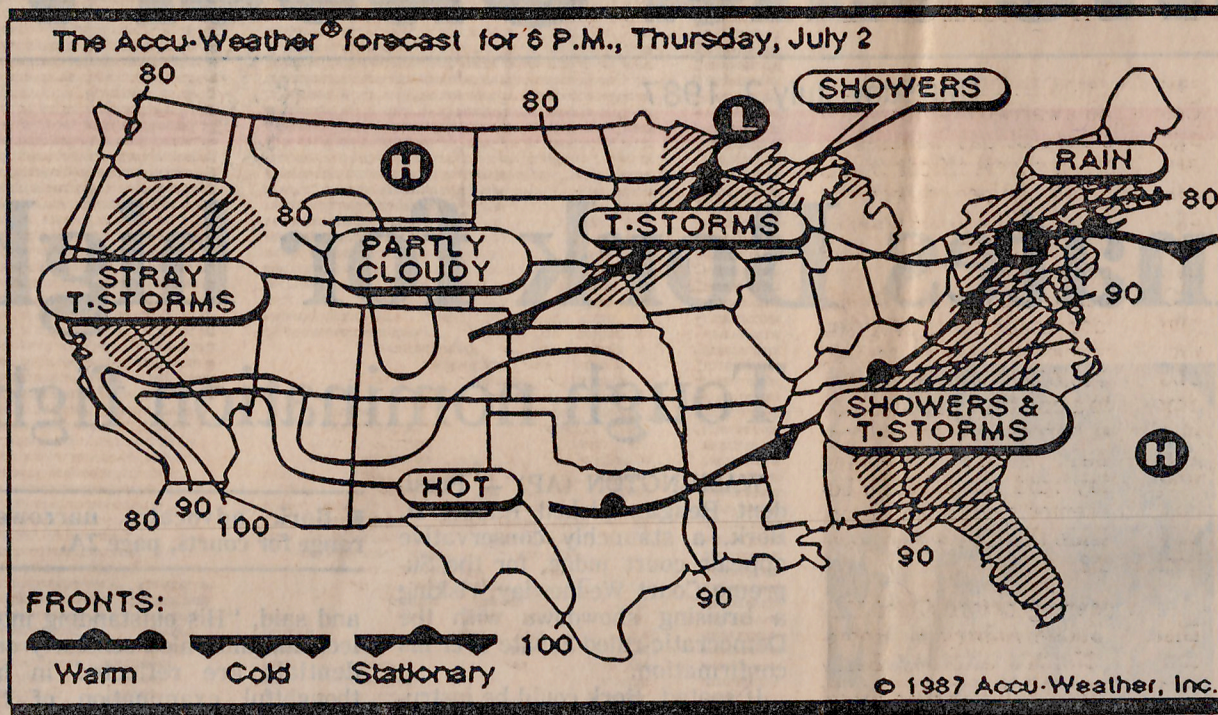
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Across the state

Today will be partly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunderstorms through Friday. Highs will be in the 80s to lower 90s except for some 70s in the northern mountains. Lows will be in the mid-60s to the mid-70s.
Saturday and Sunday there is a chance of afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms which will continue along the coast Monday. Highs will be 85 to 90 except near 80 in the northern mountains. Lows will be in the 60s to lower 70s.

Across the nation

Rain and showers are forecast across southern New England, with showers and thunderstorms from southeastern New York and New Jersey across Pennsylvania to the central and southern Appalachians. Showers and thunderstorms also are forecast over northern Florida and southern Georgia.
Highs in the 70s were predicted from New England across New York state and the Great Lakes region to northern Minnesota and from the upper Ohio valley across the central Appalachians to New Jersey; in the 60s and 70s along the Pacific Coast; from 100 to 110 from western Texas to the desert Southwest; and in the 80s and 90s over most of the rest of the nation.

Triangle / Eastern N.C. data

Table with columns: TIDE TABLES (Oregon Inlet, M'head City, Wilmington, Southport), COASTAL WATERS (South of Virginia Beach to Little River Inlet, Albemarle and Pamlico sounds), OTHER POINTS (reference: SOUTHPORT), TEMPERATURE - PRECIPITATION (Asheville, Charlotte, Cape Fear, etc.), LAKE LEVELS (Falls, Jordan, Kerr), and HUMIDITY.

The skies
THURSDAY
Look for Mars very low in the west soon after sunset.
Sunrise: 6:03 a.m.
Sunset: 8:35 p.m.
Moonset: 10:37 a.m.
Moonrise: 11:24 p.m.



Wednesday satellite photo

Travelers' forecast

Table with columns: City, Yesterday (Hi, Lo, Prc), Today (Hi, Lo, Olik), Tomorrow (Hi, Lo, Olik). Lists cities from Albany, N.Y. to Wilmington, Del.

Foreign temperatures

Table with columns: City, Hi, Lo. Lists cities like Athens, Bermuda, Ft. Lauderdale, Mexico City, Tokyo, etc.

Forecast by areas

Triangle, Northern Coastal Plain — Partly cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High 85 to 90, low in the lower 60s. Southwest wind at 10 mph. Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. High 85 to 90. Fourth of July weekend forecast: Chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid-80s, low around 70.
Outer Banks — Partly cloudy today with a 50 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the mid-80s, low in the mid-70s. Southwest wind at 15 to 20 mph. Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. High in the mid-80s, low in the mid-70s.
Northern coast — Partly cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High near 90, low in the mid-70s. Southwest wind at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. High around 90. Fourth of July weekend forecast: Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80s, lows in the lower 70s.
Southern and central coast — Partly cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High around 90, low in the mid-70s. Southwest wind at 10 to 15 mph. Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. High around 90. Fourth of July weekend forecast: Chance of thunderstorms. High around 90, low in the lower 70s.
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People



Diana, Princess of Wales, smiles as Wimbledon crowd sings 'Happy Birthday'

Royal love on the rocks?

Diana, Princess of Wales, marked her 26th birthday with a visit to the Wimbledon tennis tournament as press speculation grew bolder that her marriage to Prince Charles was on the rocks. At 38, Charles' interests often are at odds with Diana's. For instance, while Diana watched tennis Wednesday, Charles, who is involved in the redevelopment of Britain's cities, toured a job center in London's rundown East End. Recently, tabloids have hinted Diana is romantically involved with banker Philip Dunne, a dancing partner at parties she has attended alone or stayed at long after Charles had gone home to bed.

No nudes sometimes is not good news

Talk about turning the other cheek. Mickey Davis, who recently reconverted his stripper-club-turned-Christian-coffee-shop back into a stripper club, said he was "happier now than I have been in years." A year ago, Davis fired his dancers and vowed to turn the Fantasy Girls lounge of St. Albans, W. Va., into a moral, wholesome place. But the crowds dwindled; church pledges to help were not redeemed; and he couldn't make his \$500 monthly rent. Davis then decided to get back into the strip-joint business but with some changes. Davis said he had tried holding Bible readings for his dancers but had been forced to abandon the idea. He said, "They were more interested in getting back out front and making money."

A simple yes or no would have sufficed

On Dec. 28, 1984, ABC reporter John Stossel asked if professional wrestling was a fake, and millions of "20-20" viewers saw "Dr. D.'s" reply — a slam to each of Stossel's ears. "Dr. D." was suspended, and Stossel sued, and a \$425,000 settlement has been announced in federal court in New York. Stossel has said the assault by "Dr. D." nee David Schultz, damaged his hearing permanently.

Blue eyes crying after the games

Singer Willie Nelson was on the road again, not only to make music, but also to play softball for charity. Nelson and his band appeared Tuesday at the La Crosse (Wisconsin) Center, but they arrived a day early to play two charity softball games against teams from two radio stations.

Small talk

Pop star Michael Jackson will begin his first solo world tour in Japan, where he will play nine concerts between Sept. 12 and Sept. 24. Miss America 1985, Sharlene Wells, 23, plans to marry Robert Allen Hawkes, 25, a student at Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City.

— Compiled by PAUL MAKISHIMA

Bork advocates narrower range for federal courts

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Circuit Court Judge Robert Bork, whom President Reagan said Wednesday would be nominated to the Supreme Court, thinks the courts have extended constitutional rights and federal authority beyond their proper bounds.

Bork, 60, is best known for his actions during the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre" at the height of the Watergate scandal in 1973, when he obeyed President Richard M. Nixon's order to fire special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox after the Justice Department's top two officials resigned rather than do Nixon's bidding.

The former professor at Yale University's School of Law has assailed high court decisions on abortion, sexual freedom and many types of free expression, charging that "when the court nationalizes morality, it strikes at federalism in a central way."

In April 1982, Bork said Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, "is a classic instance" of the court imposing its morality on local jurisdictions. He contended that

Robert Heron Bork

BORN: March 1, 1927, in Pittsburgh.
FAMILY: Married Claire Davidson, 1952. Three children. Married Mary Ellen Pohl, 1982.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, University of Chicago, 1948. Doctorate of law, University of Chicago, 1953.
PROFESSIONAL HISTORY: Practiced law briefly in New York, then joined Chicago law firm of Kirkland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz & Masters; in 1962, accepted teaching position at Yale University School of Law; in 1973, went on leave from Yale to work for U.S. Justice Department, returning to Yale in 1975; in 1981, joined Washington law firm Kirkland & Ellis; in 1981, appointed by President Reagan to U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; confirmed in 1982.

STAND ON ABORTION: In April 1982, Bork said Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, "is a classic instance" of the court imposing its morality on local jurisdictions. He contended that abortion should be a matter for local control.

At the time, Bork said Reagan appointments to the Supreme Court could have an important effect on slowing the expansion of constitutionally protected rights, although it was impossible to tell how permanent the impact would be.
If "the industry of non-inter-

pretive review" were not stopped, constitutional rights would continue to be expanded beyond their rightful bounds, he said.
"The judge who looks outside the Constitution always looks merely inside himself," he said in June 1982.
A trend of expanding the Constitution could lead to the "naturalization of moral values" and a

"gentrification of the Constitution" reflecting only upper-middle class values, he said.
Reagan appointed Bork to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1981, and he was confirmed in 1982.

During the Watergate scandal's "Saturday Night Massacre" Oct. 20, 1973, Bork fired Cox, at Nixon's direction, after Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus resigned rather than follow Nixon's order.

After the resignations, Bork assumed the attorney general's position because his job as solicitor general made him third in the line of succession at the Justice Department.

Richardson, who now practices law, said Tuesday in an interview with The New York Times that Bork had acted honorably in the incident by obeying Nixon's order and then calling for a new special prosecutor.
"I had asked the legal counsel to check whether Nixon had the right to fire Cox," said Richardson, who had made a commitment to the Senate not to fire the special prosecutor.

"The legal counsel concluded that he did. Therefore, we thought Bork could do the right thing and deliver that message. Bork deserves a lot of credit for standing up to Nixon and telling him to appoint another special prosecutor."

Leon Jaworski was named Cox's successor.

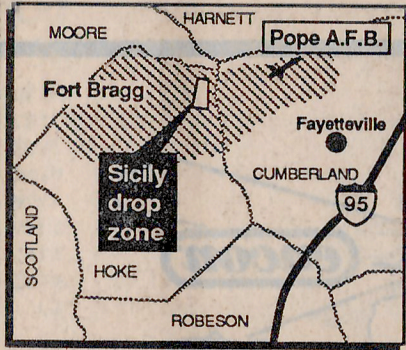
Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said in advance of Reagan's announcement that the nomination of Bork "would be inviting problems" because of Bork's role in the Watergate scandal. However, when questioned about Bork's chances for approval, Byrd said he could be confirmed.

Born in Pittsburgh March 1, 1927, Bork received his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1948 and his doctorate of law there in 1953. He then served as a research associate on a law and economics project at the university.

He married the former Claire Davidson June 15, 1952, and they had three children, Robert, Charles and Ellen. His wife died in 1980, and he married the former Mary Ellen Pohl in 1982.

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Plane crash at Fort Bragg kills 5, hurts 2

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ground and skidded off the landing zone and into the trees."

The demonstration — described by military personnel who watch it each year as a spectacular show — is designed to show the public what the Army and the Air Force can do when working in combat situations where heavy equipment is needed and there is no room to land a plane. The same exercise was to have been repeated today for 5,000 Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets who attend a six-week camp at the base each year.

Normally, officials said, the four-engine turboprop makes a steep descent from about 300 feet to about six feet above the ground, where its cargo — in this case, a Sheridan tank — is plucked from the plane's rear cargo area by parachutes.

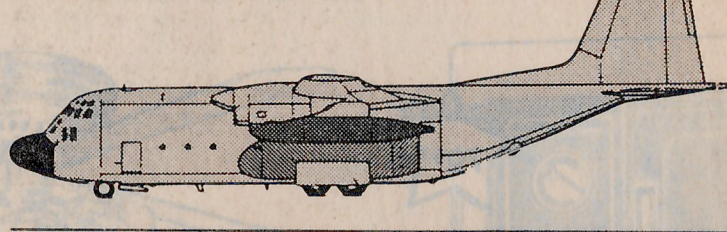
The craft then should make a steep ascent at nearly full throttle, without touching the ground or just grazing it.

"It's supposed to just kiss the ground," said Capt. Brian Irving, chief of public affairs for Pope Air Force Base, who saw the accident from crowded bleachers 100 yards from the red clay runway. "But the airplane hit the ground fairly hard. You had kind of a sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach that something was wrong."

"It hit and started to slide," he said. "My mind was saying up, up, up."

The plane skidded about 350 yards down the graded runway

Lockheed C-130 Hercules



Type: Medium- to long-range combat transport
Length: 97 feet 9 inches
Wingspan: 132 feet 7 inches
Cargo weight: 102,108 pounds (maximum)
Range: 2,487 miles (loaded)
Maximum speed: 386 mph
Power: Four T56-A-7 turboprop engines
Armament: Normally none

First flown in 1954, with delivery to the military two years later, the C-130 has undergone several modifications over the years. The Hercules is designed with a high wing and flat bottom for ease in cargo loading and with special landing gear for use on unpaved airstrips.

Sources: Jane's All the World's Aircraft and Modern American Weapons

and into a rough, sandy ravine covered with pines. As it plowed through the woods, it destroyed three Army vehicles, killing an Army soldier who apparently had parked a jeep there without authorization to watch the demonstration.

"At this point the cause of the crash is unknown," said Army Lt. Col David R. Kiernan, chief spokesman at Fort Bragg. "This is the first crash in memory for a lot of the people who have worked here for a number of years."

Air Force and Army investigators were scheduled to begin their investigation of the crash today. Officials said it would take months to determine the cause.

After the accident, onlookers were evacuated from the stands and were asked to move on to another area several miles away where the second part of the demonstration, a firepower exercise, went on as scheduled.

"After the crash, the show was over," said one Fort Bragg soldier who witnessed the accident and spent the afternoon at McKellars Lodge, a bar on base. "We didn't want to see any more after that."

The soldier, a five-year Army veteran who declined to give his name, said he suspected a prob-

lem as the plane made its approach.

"The guy was going dive, dive, dive, like a submarine," he said. "He flattened out. He knocked his tires off when he hit the ground. That was it. It was all over then. They were lucky they even got the tank out."

At the crash site, the plane's four engines had been scattered and pieces of the smoldering craft lay hundreds of feet apart. The huge tailpiece — its camouflage striping and military markings unscathed — remained upright, protruding from thick trees yards away from the main body of the plane.

The plane's path off the runway was marked by strewn metal scraps and blackened, defoliated trees.

Staff writer Karla Jennings contributed to this story.

New I-40 link promises to help commuters, nearby counties

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cade headed east to Research Triangle Park at 6:10 p.m.

They gathered under a sweltering sun at a highway already landscaped with wax myrtles and blue petunias. Another small crowd watched from an overpass in the distance and along the new road, others ventured on foot to watch the first cars pass from an overlooking hill.

It took less than seven minutes to travel the new road, which crosses twisting two-lane N.C. 54 twice. Even after 6 p.m., home-bound commuters packed N.C. 54 in a bumper-to-bumper crawl. Some said the trip between Chapel Hill and the research park could take more than half an hour.

"I've been passed on the right; I've been within inches of I don't know how many accidents on 54," said Susan Arthur, an IBM employee who moved from Chapel Hill to Durham four years ago to avoid a 40-minute commute on N.C. 54.

"That's the very reason I moved. I live just off N.C. 55 right outside the park now," she said, as she pumped gas at a station near I-40 at N.C. 55. "That new road is long overdue."

Among the first to use the new

interstate was Cliff Hoehne, 69, a Chapel Hill resident who traveled its distance and back on his 10-speed Italian bike just before the dedication.

"It's very nice, a real pleasant cruise," said Hoehne as the 20-member N.C. Jazz Ensemble played, and Triangle leaders packed into a portable grandstand for the opening.

Attending were the mayors of Durham, Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Morrisville and Cary but not Raleigh's Mayor Avery C. Upchurch. His absence provoked one speaker to quip that Upchurch was caught in rush-hour traffic.

Martin, whose limousine traveled on the westbound lanes before the opening, reported to the crowd it had taken him just under 30 minutes to drive from downtown Raleigh to U.S. 15-501.

Martin said completion of I-40 from I-85 to Wilmington had been his only campaign promise. "Interstate 40 is now under construction all the way to Wilmington," Martin said, "and a new segment of it is being built around Winston-Salem. You will notice that construction continues where this project ends. We will make another ceremonial appearance down the road next year, when I-40 and I-85 are tied together at

Hillsborough." Construction was hastened to have the new segment open for the U.S. Olympic Festival that begins July 13 in the Triangle, Greensboro and Kerr Lake.

The highway took 14 months to build, with crews working at night under flood lights. It cost \$28 million, not including land costs or engineering designs.

People who live in Chapel Hill-Carrboro or western Durham County have used N.C. 54 daily to reach jobs in Research Triangle Park, where 27,000 people work.

The interstate is designed to handle up to 60,000 vehicles a day, and planners have estimated the new section will carry about 11,000 a day west of N.C. 55.

The new segment connects with a 24-mile portion of the interstate between Research Triangle Park and Raleigh's southern Beltline. An 11.9-mile section under construction between Chapel Hill and I-85 at Hillsborough is scheduled for completion in November 1988 while a four-mile section from Raleigh's Beltline to U.S. 70 east of Garner should be finished by this November.

The entire 148 miles of interstate from Hillsborough to Wilmington is expected to be completed by 1990.

Pleasant morning turned to horror for spectators

By ADAM SEESSEL
Staff Writer

From the bleachers, as many as 4,000 spectators rose in horror to watch the lumbering cargo plane touch the ground, bump and skid and finally erupt into flames, sending a roiling black cloud high above the piney woods around Fort Bragg.

Some screamed. Some groaned. But most simply stood still, too shocked to respond when a pleasant morning watching a routine military exercise suddenly turned disastrous.

"A few tried to help, but most stayed in the stands," said Steven H. Harden, an advertising sales manager for radio station WFNC, who had come to watch the display with a friend. "Some groaned, some screamed, there were some kids crying. A lot of people were just quiet, they were just stunned. They couldn't believe it."

The hardened soldiers around Fort Bragg, however, could believe it. The mood around the post Wednesday was one of sadness mixed with military stoicism.

"What happened today is very tragic for the families and for the guys that died, but it's part of their job," said one 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper as he drank

a Coors beer at McKellars Lodge, an on-post bar.

First Lt. J.D. Rogers said: "It's going to be a little hard to step in the bird next time, but it won't last forever."

The C-130 demonstration was part of a daylong exercise the Army stages every year for area residents in an effort to maintain good civilian-military relations. "Everybody was there for a real nice day," Harden said. "It was a very exciting event, folks were pretty much enjoying themselves. Man, that changed right quick."

Within a few seconds after the crash, a voice over the public address system told the spectators to return to the buses they had ridden to the grandstand. They were then taken to the next demonstration — a firepower exercise involving tanks, howitzers and helicopter gunships — but not before a military official said a few words.

"When we got back on the bus, the tour guide expressed his regrets the accident had happened and asked us to say a prayer for those involved," Harden said. "We certainly did."

Staff writer Martha Quillin contributed to this story.

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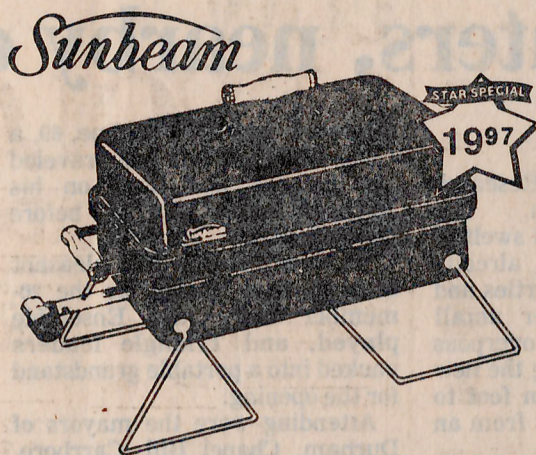
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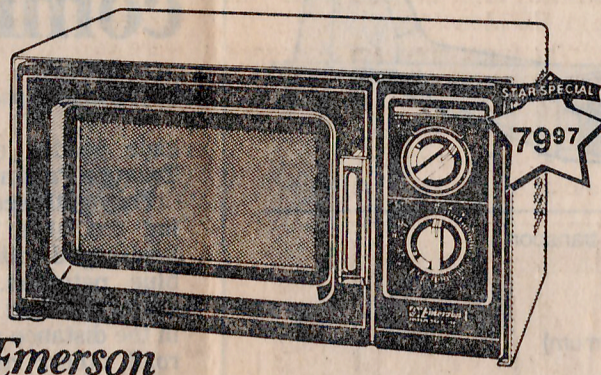
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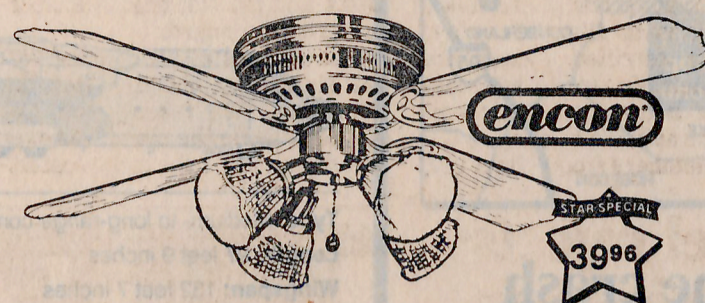
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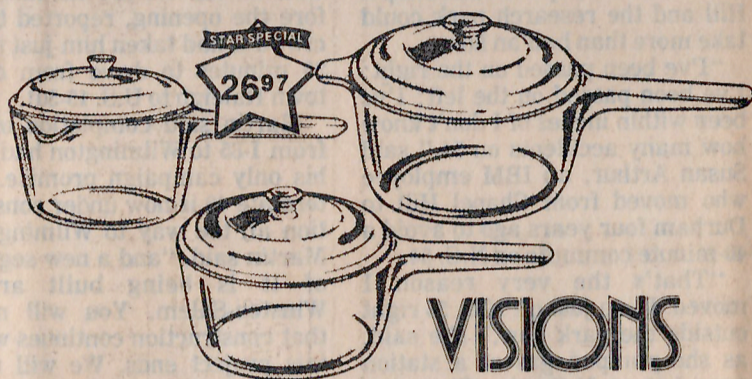


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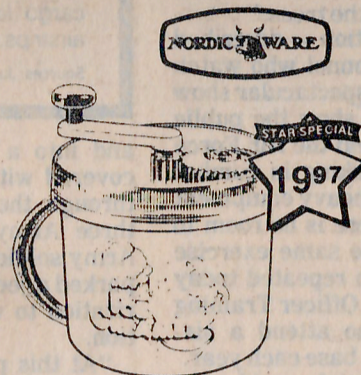
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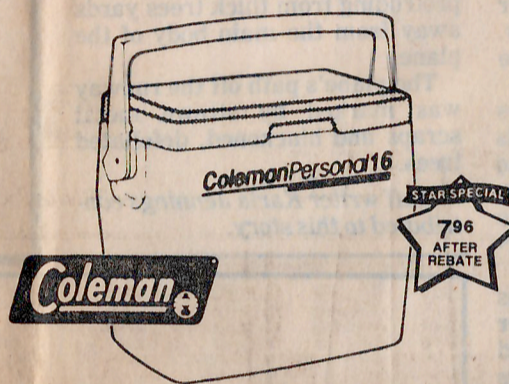
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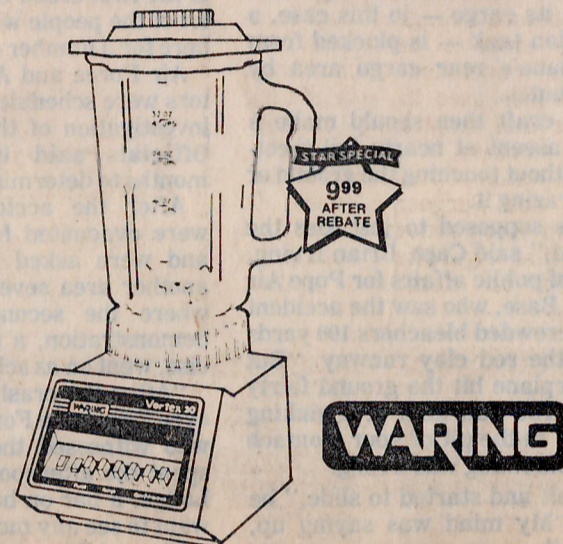
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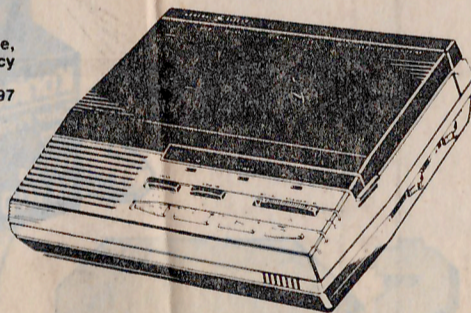
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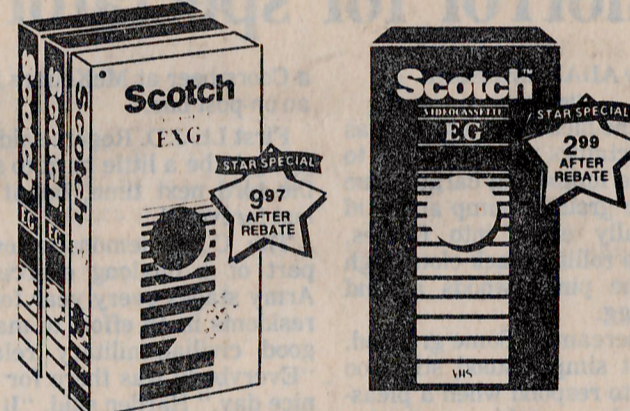
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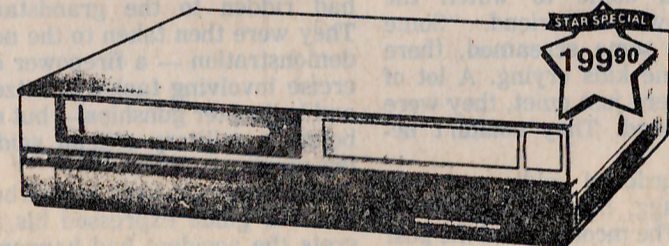
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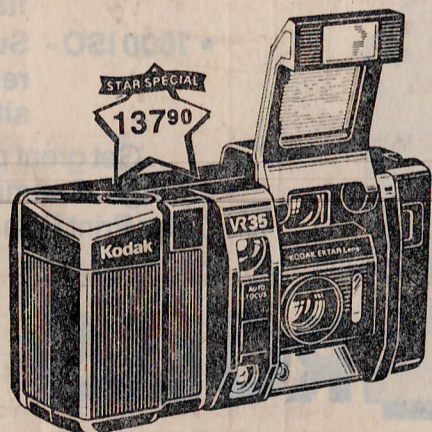
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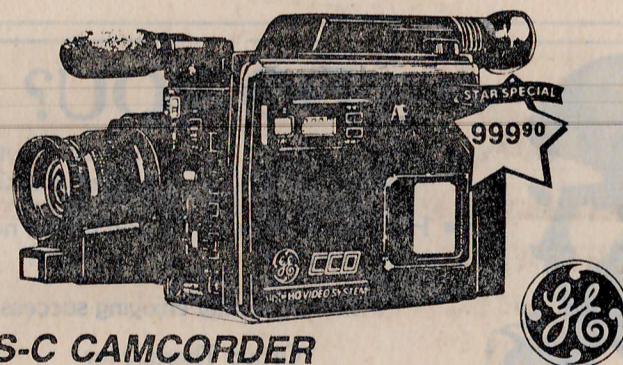
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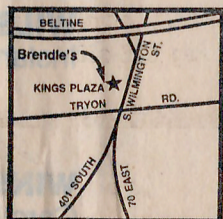
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