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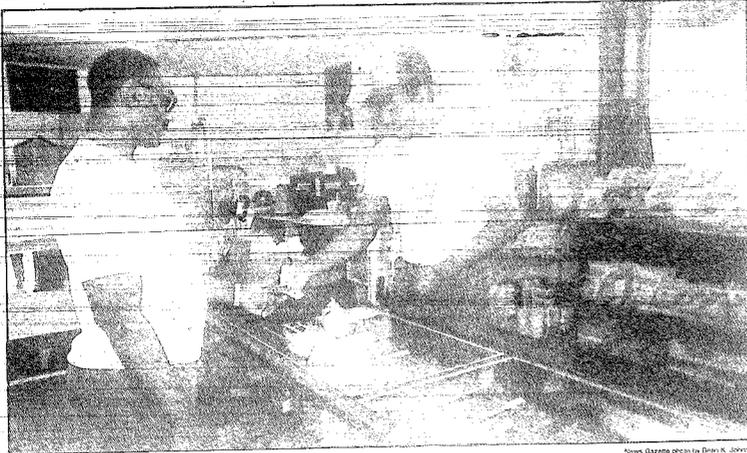
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James Tutson, manager of the R&V Convenience store at 902 N. Fourth St., C, waits on customer Garry Sutherland of 308 Hitts Drive, C. The store is one of the few businesses on the city's North End.

Residents of North End want cleanup

By CHERYL THOMPSON
News-Gazette Staff Writer

Yan Wesley is worried that the north Champaign neighborhood she's lived in for the past 17 years is going to the dogs. The once-tidy lawns and streets of the North End are scattered with drug needles, trash and liquor bottles.

"I just can't picture how it (the North End) is going to be 10 years from now," Wesley said.

"First of the open drug trade and public drinking and trashing, Wesley and other north-end residents banded together in 1987 and formed the Concerned Citizens for Better Neighborhoods. The group convinced city officials to send in extra police to help crack down on loitering on street corners and at nearby Douglas Park. They also hoped police would chase crime and open drug trade from the area.

"We've made a significant impact on the North End," said Champaign police Lt. Robert Suttelle. "But we'll never run ourselves out of business."

THE EXTRA POLICE protection, however, proved to be only temporary, Wesley said. The same old problems are back again.

"It's not too much they (police) can do until they walk around each

neighborhood and see what it's like," Wesley said. "If they walk around here, maybe there wouldn't be so many problems."

Champaign Mayor Daniel McBride agreed that the police presence isn't as "heavy" as it was a year or so ago.

"For a while, we really were putting the resources in there (North End), McCollen said, adding that extra police were there for gangs and crime problems. "If things aren't traveling again, we'll beef up our efforts."

But Suttelle said the police are still interested in the North End and continue to provide protection.

"I don't have that perception (of no extra protection)," Suttelle said. "I don't think the production of services has changed at all."

Champaign City Council member 237 Firtle, who represents most of the North End area, said the problems residents describe don't exist.

"They (North End) don't have a crime problem," Firtle said. "Last year there was a drug problem, but I can't say that's happened this year. Everybody seems to be very happy."

The condition of the North End will worsen, Wesley said. If city officials and residents don't work together to clean it up.

"It's the city's job to improve the neighborhoods," Wesley said. "Our

job is to keep it up once it's improved," John Lee Johnson, a North End resident and former city council member, said the responsibility belongs to Firtle and other city officials.

"That responsibility belongs to the elected officials who promised to serve those people," Johnson said. "But the city government is not allowing the people elected to shrink that responsibility."

Local ministers should also have a hand in cleaning up the North End, Johnson said, but they too have to care the problems.

"BLACK MINISTERS have never played a significant role in addressing the economic concerns," Johnson said.

"Other than a few residents... there has not been a willingness to understand what the issues are, formulate strategies and present them to various elected officials," Johnson

explained. But the Rev. Alfred Johnson, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on East Park Street in Champaign, said the North End ministers have always "pitched in."

Historically, the black ministers have always done what they could to squash the crime and drugs," Rev. Johnson said. "We've always been right there."

McCollen also disputed John Lee Johnson. He insisted the city is doing its part to help the North End.

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Washington (AP) — The government in the last few days has persuaded one of the targets in the Pentagon bribery probe to cooperate with investigators, a source familiar with the matter said today.

The target is someone whose voice turned up frequently on court-reported wiretaps installed during the investigation, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sources familiar with the probe also said that one of the wiretaps is a conversation between former Navy Secretary John Lehman Jr. and his thousands of letters.

The source said the conversation, recorded late last year or early this year, can be interpreted as being a tip off by Lehman that Paisley might be under investigation.

In addition, another target of the probe appears on the verge of cooperating with investigators, sources said today. It could not be determined whether the target is cooperating to a Pentagon employee, a consultant or a defense contractor.

Attorney General Edwin Meese refused to say Monday whether Lehman is among those under scrutiny. Paisley and another former Lehman aide, retired Adm. James A. Lyons, have been implicated.

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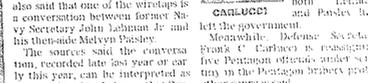
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Pentagon probe target to cooperate

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, refused to describe the possible warping, which three factors are estimated as a potential obstruction of the probe and which occurred after both Lehman and Paisley had left the government.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci is negotiating five Pentagon officials, under scrutiny in the Pentagon bribery probe, with their respective services today.

The five are: — James Gomez, the deputy assistant navy secretary for acquisition management; — Dr. Victor Cohen, the deputy assistant Air Force secretary in



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Ex-cops' drug sentences surprise 'all sides of table'

By JULIE WURTH
News-Gazette Staff Writer

WATERLOO — People in Ingham County were shocked last fall when a drug raid uncovered a marijuana infirmary involving two police officers.

There was shock again Monday when the two former policemen emerged from a sentencing hearing without any time in jail.

State's Attorney Tony Brasel said he was stunned by the decision of Circuit Judge James Blank to sentence former Champaign patrolman Jeffrey Alsop and former Gilman police officer Michael Halding to four years probation, 120 hours of community service and \$1,000 fines.

"All morning I had this feeling it was going to happen. When it did, I couldn't believe it," said Brasel, who had requested prison terms for both men.

Before the sentencing hearing, he said he considered the fact in the case so serious that "I certainly felt these two police officers would

end up in the penitentiary."

Alsop and Halding were arrested along with Orange farmer Curtis Alden last September after a police raid uncovered more than 2,000 pounds of high-grade marijuana lying in a hog barn on Alden's farm.

All three pleaded guilty on May 9 to felony charges of unlawful possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and unlawful production of marijuana.

The men also face a \$500,000 judgment based on the so-called street value of the marijuana that was seized at Alden's farm. Authorities said they will seek to collect the judgment and can do so by garnishing wages, seizing the men's cars.

A fourth defendant, Orange farmer George DuBach, faces an August trial in the case.

Halding, who cooperated with pro

SEC SENTENCES, A-8

Man's body found in borrow pit; murder suspected

The News-Gazette Staff Writer

An autopsy was being conducted this morning on an apparent murder victim whose body was found floating in a borrow pit north of Champaign.

Champaign County Sheriff's Lt. Paul Papp said Tuesday night that the man, who was about 30 years old, was found in the pit about 5:30 p.m. Monday.

The body was identified as Robert E. Lawrence, 29, of Alton, Ill., by the Alton police. He was the victim of a homicide, he said, and there were marks on the man's forehead and chest.

Lawrence was found in the pit about 100 feet from the shore. The body was found in a borrow pit which is the second pit east of Interstate 57.

"Whoever did it, they'd have to know the area if they didn't know whether to go through Research Park or the 57 to get to the pit," Papp said.

The body was taken to Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Ill., where a doctor was conducting an autopsy to determine the cause and approximate time of death.

The coroner is the third that county investigators have handled in the past 10 days.

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Drought prompts Arcois ban on open fires

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The ban is effective today. Waterbury said a city ordinance passed in 1979 requires that all trash burn in approved burn pits.

Most of the residents will gladly accept the ban, Waterbury predicted. In other business, Ted Miller, Champaign County health officer, said he will be out on a first-degree murder charge.

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State school chief upholds suspension

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State Superintendent of Education James G. Thompson today upheld the suspension of a teacher in Illinois, vowing to continue his efforts to improve the state's schools.

Thompson said he was not taking his own part, rather than that of a state. "It makes me feel good that I can do something for the state," he said.

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Sunny, humid; high of 98

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Drought insurance customers are flooding some area agencies

Chubb expanded the offering two days until Friday, June 17 — apparently because response was so strong — but is not accepting any more applications.

"I started getting inquiries about the 10th, and before it was over, I'd written \$5 million to \$10 million in coverage," McGinnis said.

She said the largest policy she wrote covered a client who farms about 2,000 acres and will get \$1 million back if his crop's wiped out. He paid about \$20,000 for that protection.

"As long as we don't get any policyholders, if they wait until Sept. 1, it's OK," McGinnis said of that market.

"People come from as far away as Springfield to buy policies," she said. "We sold \$1.5 million worth in a day and a half, and we only run a few local radio ads."

"We've raised rain insurance before for carnivals and events that might get rained out, but I've never seen anything like this," Hunt said. "Farmers around here are worried, and I can't blame them."

GERT MCGINNIS, who sells insurance at her farm implement dealership at Redick east of Dwight, said the Chubb group, a California-based insurance firm, made drought policies available through several carriers for one week starting June 8.

High temperatures take toll on crops

By ROBERT LEE ZIMMER
Associated Press Writer

Temperatures rose high, the top soil is dry and it feels like late July and drought-stricken farmers know today is just the first full day of what they fear will be a long, hot week.

"It seems like we've had summer for a month," said Stuart Hawbaker, agricultural adviser in Moon County in central Illinois. "This week will take a toll because they're talking 95 to 100 degrees all week long."

Illinois corn and soybeans survived one of the driest springs on record, but scorching temperatures are sucking moisture out quickly and crops need rain soon to prevent major crop losses.

He said the underwriters have the payback on the average amount of rain an individual county is likely to receive from June 1 to Sept. 1.

In Douglas County, that's about 12 inches," Schweigert said. "If you get 10 inches, you're in a bad way. If you get 8 inches, you're in a real bad way. If you get 6 inches, you're in a terrible way. If you get 4 inches, you're in a disaster. If you get 2 inches, you're in a catastrophe. If you get 0 inches, you're in a total disaster."

The corn and soybeans are not

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Stock prices opened higher today on the New York Stock Exchange an hour after the inflation report was issued. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell more

than 20 points in slow trading Monday as analysts had anticipated a larger increase in the Consumer Price Index.

"It was pretty low compared to expectations," John Higgins, an analyst for the Weda Group, an economic consulting firm in Boca Raton, Fla., said of the price report.

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