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**Jane Fonda & Roger Vadim**

Jane Fonda had acquired a "sex kitten" image that she decried. Yet she persisted in her relationship with French director Roger Vadim. Read about it in part 2 of "Jane Fonda: Heroine for Our Time."

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**STROKE**

This year more than 500,000 Americans will suffer strokes, also known as cerebrovascular disease. About 170,000 of them will die, making strokes the nation's third leading cause of death behind heart attacks and cancer. Learn how to recognize the warning signs. Health/Science, Section D

**Richard moves to Monday**

Richard Simmons moves to Mondays beginning today, giving him three days a week to help make your life healthier and more vigorous. Look for him every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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**Harvester's Leaving**



Dick Waggoner, left, and Lee Surface will leave town if they must after the plant closes.

**Truck pullout may take 15 months**

By KEVIN LEININGER and RICK ANTOINE  
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Fort Wayne has lost its International Harvester truck plant. In hastily arranged, back-to-back press conferences this morning, Mayor Winfield Moses and Harvester President Donald D. Lennox confirmed the bad news most had expected but hoped never to hear: Harvester will close its Fort Wayne truck assembly plant within 15 months. Lennox was already in Fort Wayne by the time the mayor got the word.

The news will mean lost jobs for about 2,200 Harvester truck assembly employees here by October 1983. No final decision has been made on another 2,000 jobs.

"I am not surprised, but I am disappointed," a grim-faced Moses sternly told reporters gathered in the City-County Building's ninth-floor Board of Works room. "I am deeply concerned about the worry this decision has caused for thousands of Fort Wayne families."

"But I am not in any way pessimistic about the future of our city." Harvester officials called Moses at 9:20 a.m. today and informed him of the unfavorable verdict. An hour later, he went before reporters to release the bad news.

Harvester public relations employees contacted local news organizations at 10:10 a.m. today to tell them Lennox had scheduled an 11 a.m. press conference at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Moses chose to ignore Harvester's efforts to withhold news of the closing until Lennox's briefing.

Lennox told reporters the decision to close the Fort Wayne plant was made in Chicago last Wednesday. He said the consolidation of Fort Wayne truck-making operations in Springfield will claim about 2,200 Fort Wayne Harvester jobs by the end of 1983.

"We reached this decision with deep regret," Lennox said. "We have been deeply moved by the expressions of support from both communities since it became known that a consolidation would be required. It is truly unfortunate that a choice was necessary."

"But it was a necessary decision to protect the future of the company and the overwhelming majority of Harvester employees."

Lennox left Fort Wayne after his 10:30 a.m. press conference. Turn to 2,200/Page 7A

**IH: The Day of Decision**

Just three years ago, International Harvester enjoyed its best year with earnings of \$369.6 million. But a six-month strike and world-wide recession crippled the industrial giant. Reporter Roger Metzger looks at the history of International Harvester.

Harvester's suppliers in the area tell how they will be affected by the shutdown.

Retirees are uneasy about the future, with their biggest question concerning what will happen if Harvester asks for reorganization under federal bankruptcy laws.

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**Employee reactions include black humor, determination**

By JIM QUINN  
Of The News-Sentinel

The grapevine for International Harvester workers carried the news slowly.

The plant buzzed with rumors this morning based on a story in today's Wall Street Journal which predicted the Fort Wayne plant would close.

But in the minutes after the official announcements few workers knew what had happened to their jobs and their futures.

"What? You mean they're pulling out?" said Dick Waggoner, an electrician with 21 years of service at Harvester. "Why, I thought sure they'd stay. I thought they'd close Springfield."

Waggoner, 41, was riding through the plant gate on a motorized cart with another electrician, Lee Surface, 35, who has 17 years of service at Harvester. Surface reacted to the news with black humor, saying he was deeply involved in a divorce, and that if he loses his job, "It'll get the lawyers off my back."

Surface and Waggoner are both Fort Wayne natives and residents. Both said they would leave the city if they can't find new jobs here.

"It'll be hard, but we don't have a choice," Waggoner said.



Kelly Raugh, 52, is glad his family is raised.

It was a wet, rainy morning, and a plant guard stood at the gate and eyed the six reporters and photographers standing outside, waiting for workers to leave. The guards said the workers inside had little reaction to the news; work didn't stop on the line, they said, and few seemed overly surprised.

"I'm not surprised. Sick, yes. But not surprised," said Nancy Clarke,

35, of rural Columbia City. She was parked in the Harvester lot, waiting for her husband Gary to leave the plant with paperwork necessary to secure his sick leave benefits.

She met her husband at Harvester 14 years ago, when both were employed there. Gary Clarke is still officially employed at the Harvester materials management center, where he has worked for 17 years. Nancy Clarke quit her job with Harvester 18 months ago.

"We've got two kids," she said. "We haven't decided what we'll do, but we'll relocate if we have to. We don't want to move, but..." she said, her voice trailing off. "The only thing that surprised me is that they announced today. I was sure they'd drag it out a little longer."

"Thank goodness I've got my family raised," said Kelly Raugh, 52, as he left the plant on crutches. Raugh, who lives at 436 Sara Drive, has 27 years of service at Harvester; he's been off the job since he had a hip operation in October 1981.

"I've got five kids, but they're all on their own now," Raugh said after arranging for his continued sick leave benefits. "I don't know what I can do, except let nature take its course."



Moses: 'Disappointed'



Lennox: Makes announcement

**IH chief takes blame for decision's delay**

International Harvester President Donald Lennox today personally accepted partial responsibility for the delay on deciding whether to pull out of Fort Wayne.

Harvester announced July 29 its intent to close one of its three truck manufacturing plants in North America as part of its efforts to save money and avoid bankruptcy. The company promised to make its decision within a month.

State and local government officials scrambled to come up with financial aid packages for the plants most likely to close — in Fort Wayne and Springfield, O.

But the decision did not come within a month and company officials repeatedly promised it would be within a week to 10 days. Even a

call to Harvester's Chicago headquarters this morning brought only a pledge that a decision would be made this week. Lennox said the decision was made Wednesday.

Lennox said working out the details of the overall debt restructuring plan contributed to the long wait. "But I was part of the delay also," Lennox said. "This is one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make."

Lennox said Springfield was not given an opportunity to improve its financial aid package, but that the first proposal submitted contained a legal flaw that had to be corrected.

Aid packages offered by both cities balanced, and the reason for moving to Springfield seemed to be because its plant is newer.

**Kidnap victim survives four days in box**

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — A 20-year-old man kidnaped and buried alive for four days in a coffin-like box with a bottle of water and a loaf of bread says he was poked by nails, bitten by insects and terrified he would die if he fell asleep.

"I must have said 'I love you' to everybody I knew at least a million times, feeling that I would die in 10 or 15 minutes if I ever fell asleep," Michael Baucom said, recalling the days he spent buried in a Texas oil field about 30 miles north of Houston.

"I thought about my job, about how I would change if I ever got out," he said.

The young man was kidnaped at gunpoint shortly before midnight Tuesday, buried in a wooden box early Wednesday and rescued at about 5:30 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Authorities arrested three people Sunday and continued to seek a fourth suspect in the unsuccessful attempt to obtain a \$75,000 ransom from Baucom's parents.

The fourth suspect, Ronald White, 40, of Santa Fe, was charged



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— Michael Baucom

in an arrest warrant with aggravated kidnaping.

Police called White "armed and extremely dangerous" and said they feared he had commandeered a newspaper deliverer's car to make his escape.

Police Lt. Mike Barry said White formerly worked at an electronics company founded by Baucom's father.

Baucom said he was miserable, lying in his own body wastes, bitten by insects and poked by nails driven through the lid of the coffin-like box

every time he moved. He breathed through a tube.

His abductors left him with only a water-filled cola bottle and a loaf of bread to eat, he said. He drank the water, but ignored the bread.

"It's hard to believe that somebody would treat another human being like that, but I guess that's why they're really not human beings themselves," Baucom said.

Baucom said he was kidnaped by two men he had never seen.

"Someone knocked on the door and when I went to answer it I put

my hand on the door handle and asked who it was. When the door swung open, there was a gun at my head and a rifle pointed at me," said Baucom, who said he did not resist.

Barry said the kidnapers forced Baucom to tape record messages to his family, then tied his hands in front of him and buried him in the box 31 inches wide, 25 1/2 inches deep and 8 feet, 1 1/2 inches long.

The abductors were "courteous in a very professional manner... I was never harmed except for being buried," Baucom said.

His abductors returned to the burial site twice during the ordeal and shined a flashlight through the pipe that supplied his air to make sure he was still there.

Baucom was taken to Conroe Memorial Hospital after his release and treated for dehydration and many insect bites.

The arrests came early Sunday when deputies were checking a suspicious car and found ransom notes and weapons inside the vehicle. The driver, Timothy Michael Connelly, 19, of Burlington, Iowa, was arrested, and he led authorities to a campsite where Mark Oler, 21, and Deborah Williams, 29, both of Conroe, were seized, said Montgomery County Sheriff Joe Corley.

The suspects then led police to the oil field in east Montgomery County, where Baucom was buried, Corley said.

The three were charged with aggravated kidnaping, taken from here to the Galveston County Jail, and held on bonds of \$100,000 each, said Justice of the Peace James Buckner.

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**Today's Chuckle**

Most arguments about new cars start from scratch.

**Stories of the Three Rivers**

**First in War**

The great Miami war chief **Little Turtle** defeated the United States Army on the banks of the **Maumee** near downtown Fort Wayne.

**First in Peace**

He became a respected friend of our nation. **President Washington** presented him with this sword as a symbol of a worthy adversary.

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