

Windy, mild
Low tonight: 41
High tomorrow: 46

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Severe thunderstorm could bring threat of flooding

By BILL ZLATOS
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On a 10-point scale, current flood conditions in Fort Wayne rate below 5 compared to the flood of 1978, said Bob Hire, emergency preparedness director.

Hire said the city isn't under an immediate threat of a flood yet unless the thunderstorm predicted for tonight is severe.

"I would say it would take what they would classify as a severe thunderstorm — an inch to an inch and a half of rain in a short time," Hire said. "If we had it in a three- or four-hour period, it couldn't run off fast enough, and that would cause us problems."

As of this morning, the Maumee River in Fort Wayne was at 15.4 feet — above its flood stage of 15

feet. "If thunderstorms are severe," Hire said, "the Maumee would crest at 16.5 feet."

At flood stage, a river's banks are full, but homes aren't generally threatened until the river is considerably above flood stage.

At 16.5 feet, Hire said, the Maumee will flood roads in Riverhaven, whose banks along the Maumee are the lowest in the county except for

farm homes that aren't affected until the river rises to 17.8 feet. He said the river doesn't affect homes in Fort Wayne until it reaches 19 feet.

Usually the first residences flooded in the city are in the Elizabeth Street and North Clinton area.

In 1978, Hire recalled, the Maumee surged to 21.6 feet.

Today's forecast calls for increas-

ing cloudiness with a chance of showers late in the day and occasional thunderstorms tonight. The high is expected to be about 50 and the low 41 — well above the date's average high and low of 43 and 26.

"It'll be a little bit on the warmer side," said a National Weather Service spokesman at Baer Field. He said today's high temperatures should melt most of the 2 inches of snow on

the ground. He estimated the snow has the equivalency of an inch of water — contributing to flooding conditions.

The extended outlook calls for continued highs in the 50s with lows in the 30s Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The weather observer said the St. Marys River is at 21 feet in Decatur — six feet above its flood stage of 15 feet.

Those who don't care are biggest sex problem

By EDWARD EDELSON
Of The News-Sentinel

NEW YORK — The most common sexual problem in the United States today is lack of interest, a panel of sex therapists said here Thursday.

At least half the people who seek professional help are troubled because they can't perform when their would-be sexual partners are in the mood, said Shirley Zussman, a Manhattan-based therapist who is president of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists.

Zussman and other therapists spoke at a press conference as the 5,000-member association opened its annual meeting at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Lack of sexual interest in men is not caused by the emergence of a new breed of aggressive women, the panelists agreed. Despite a few scattered reports, there doesn't seem to be a "new impotence" — failure of men to perform sexually because they are frightened by women, said therapist Lonnie Barbach.

"It may be a problem sometimes for some men," Barbach said. "They've never been with an aggressive woman before, so they have difficulty getting an erection. But after a few times, they say, 'Oh, that's what happens.'"

There is little solid information, but men and women seem to be equally bothered by lack of interest, Zussman said. It can have many causes, she said. Sometimes one partner simply wants sex more often than the other. Other times there is a hidden antagonism that turns one partner off sexually.

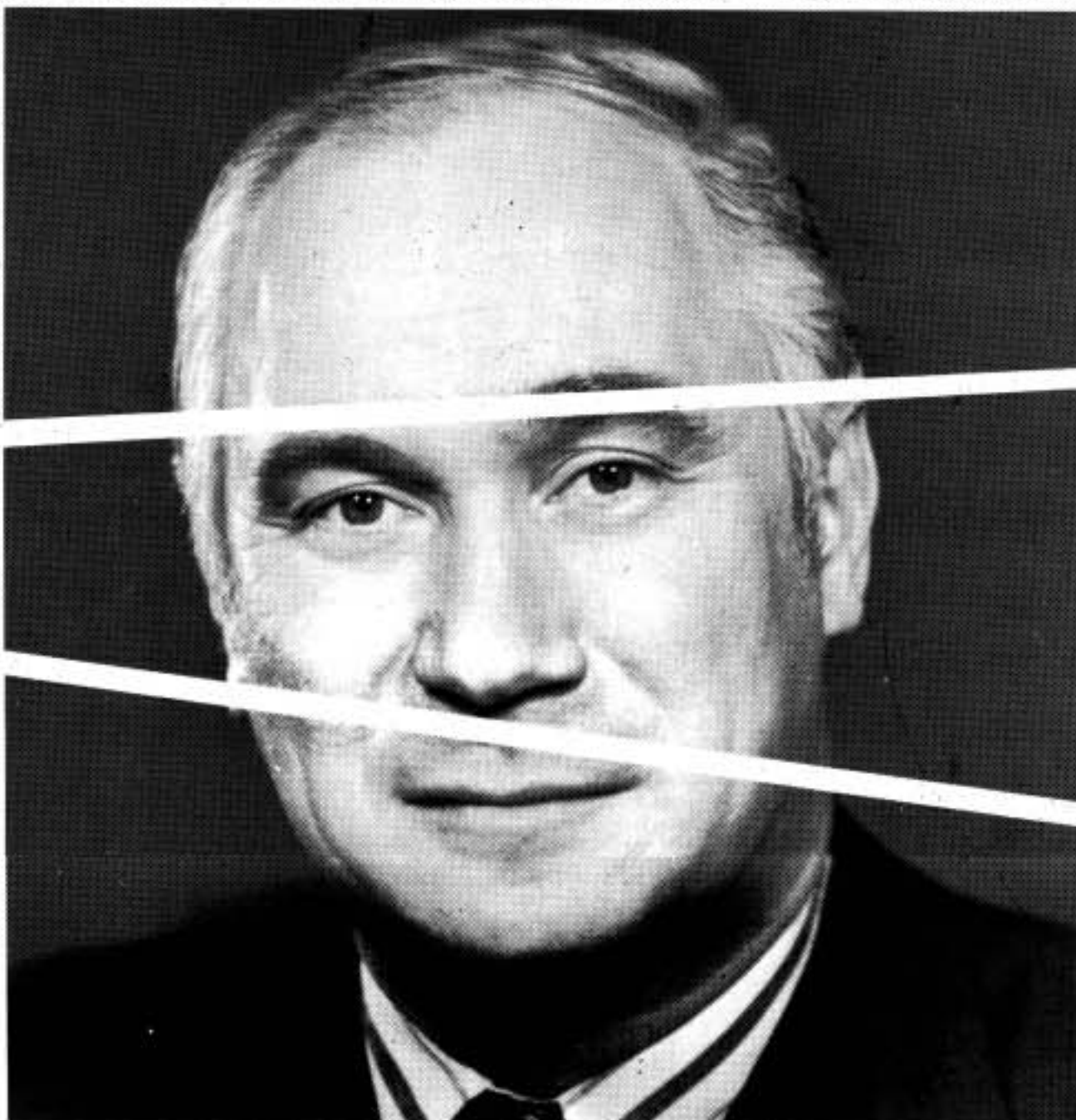
The stress of trying to make it in a tough business world affects many young couples, she said. Typically, a young executive comes home so exhausted by a competitive day that no energy is left for sex.

"I ask them, 'Do you want to make it in the big world or do you want to have a meaningful relationship?'" Zussman said.

Depression can also cause a man or woman to lose interest in sex, she said. The therapist must often discover and correct the cause of depression.

Today's barrage of sexy advertisements, articles and television shows also adds to the problem, Barbach said. The unremitting attention to sex in the media makes some people afraid they cannot perform as well as the sexual athletes they see depicted, she said.

"We create lack of interest in people who once were satisfied with sex once a week," Barbach said.



From 3 views of Gutman, the jurors had to choose...

By CHARLENE MIRETS
Of The News-Sentinel

INDIANAPOLIS — To get to U.S. District Court in the state capital, begin at the Indiana Statehouse, where legislators and lobbyists clog century-old corridors every January.

Walk along red-bricked sidewalks two blocks east to Monument Circle, site of the exclusive Columbia Club, founded for Republicans 94 years ago. Its limestone facade and blue canvas canopy still welcome lawmakers to stay and play.

Then dodge the demolition on Meridian Street to go one block north, to the corner where a sleepy old vendor sells today's newspaper from a little green shack. Look beyond him to the rising, imposing steps of the United States Post Office and Court House.

One thing the Statehouse, the Columbia Club and the federal courthouse have in common is 52-year-old

Phillip E. Gutman, convicted Thursday of conspiracy and extortion.

The government issued an indictment last September saying former Sen. Gutman and two other senators — Martin "Chip" Edwards, who pleaded guilty to the charges, and James Gardner, now deceased — swung a deal at the Columbia Club that led to \$53,200 being paid to them from the Indiana Railroad Association.

And Thursday, a jury of seven women and five men said Gutman was guilty of taking part in that deal. Shane Marsh, the jury foreman who just graduated from Indiana University, stood in faded blue jeans, hair curling into his shirt collar, and handed the verdict to the clerk of court.

And Gutman, a Fort Wayne attorney, sat stonily in his three-piece suit and listened.

Defense and prosecution had picked and probed at Gutman's life in the Legislature for two and a half weeks. They had given him two faces — one of a legislator on the take, one of an attorney just making a living. And Gutman carried a third one, of tense smiles entering the courtroom and of silent pacing in hallways.

They are the faces never seen by the Allen County voters who sent Gutman to the state Senate from 1968-76. And all are radically different.

Round-faced and curly-haired Asst. U.S. Attorney Kennard Foster presented his portrait of Gutman. "He is like hammering a nail into a wall of Jello. When you hit with the hammer, the wall falls apart." Foster wanted the jury to remember that under the prosecution's questioning, Gutman admitted taking gifts of

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Report Says Guns Going To Salvador

By JAMES MCCARTNEY
Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A top-secret Reagan administration briefing on El Salvador provided hard evidence of a gun-running operation from Nicaragua to Salvadoran guerrillas, according to a participant.

But the briefing failed to establish direct Cuban or Soviet involvement in the operation, the participant, a former high-level government official, said Thursday.

The former official, who asked not to be identified, said the evidence indicated a "fairly sophisticated, relatively well-financed and supplied" system with advanced communications facilities and an impressive organizational structure.

He said he found the administration's evidence that arms are being shipped from Nicaragua to El Salvador well documented and "convincing."

But he said the administration did not present evidence in the briefing of direct Cuban involvement. "The Cuban tie," he said, "is only by implication." And no evidence at all was presented of a Soviet connection, he added.

Nor does the administration know for sure, he said, whether Nicaraguans or Cubans are masterminds of the operation — only that Salvadorans probably are getting substantial outside help.

The former official was one of 26 members of a blue-ribbon group, including prominent officials of past Republican and Democratic administrations who were invited Wednesday to view evidence of Nicaragua's role in supplying Salvadoran insurgents.

The group was briefed behind closed doors by Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Central Intelligence Agency director William Casey. The briefing seemed to be an obvious effort to bolster the credibility of administration claims that Nicaragua and Cuba, with Soviet encouragement and support, are supplying the guerrillas.

Haig said last week that the administration has "overwhelming and irrefutable" evidence of Nicaraguan and Cuban roles, but he has declined to make the evidence public on grounds that intelligence sources would be compromised.

Nicaragua repeatedly has denied that it is supplying arms to the Salvadoran guerrillas.

The former official said the administration's presentation did not seek to show the origin of arms that have arrived in Nicaragua.



Noguchi Belushi

Belushi shot heroin, say 3 friends

From Wire Services

Three Los Angeles friends of drug overdose victim John Belushi said Thursday the 33-year-old comedian had been using heroin for two years. However, Belushi's wife, Judith Jacklin claimed her husband "was not a junkie."

Meanwhile, Los Angeles Coroner Thomas Noguchi, who ruled Thursday Belushi died of an overdose injection of cocaine and heroin last Friday, has been suspended by the Los Angeles county Board of Supervisors for 30 days beginning March 19. The board today asked the district attorney to consider a criminal investigation into Noguchi's conduct. The "coroner to the stars" will be suspended on the grounds of sloppiness and bad management.

Though cocaine, heroin and a syringe were found in the Hollywood bungalow where Belushi died, his wife maintained he wasn't a junkie. He had troubles, she said, but he "didn't like needles; he didn't even like taking a blood test."

However, the Los Angeles Times quoted three men who knew Belushi well — two producers and a studio executive — who said the actor had been shooting heroin for the last two years.

110 Hoosier porkers take off for a dose of Caribbean sun

Compiled From Staff, Wire Reports

GOSHEN — Project Hog Lift began this week as 110 purebred Hoosier swine left their snow-custed fields in northern Indiana to the sunny, fair climes of the Caribbean.

The hogs' mission, providing they accept, is to be fruitful and multiply. In the process they will bring pork chops and bacon back to the grocery shelves of the Dominican Republic, where the entire swine population was wiped out a few years ago by African swine fever.

In addition to the improvement in climate, the pigs' lives will be anything but a 'boar.' That's because the relocated pigs are breeding stock whose broods will refill the pens of low-income farmers in the tiny country.

Fifty-five of the pigs came from Joe Metzger of Metzger Duocs, South Whitley. Metzger sold 50 gilts and five boars to Heifer Project International, headed by David L. Boothby, director of the project's Midwest regional headquarters near

Goshen. Dr. Dale Hendrickson of Farmland, near Muncie, also supplied 55 hogs.

"There are a lot of hogs being exported into the Dominican Republic," Metzger said. "This one is sort of unique in the fact that they have it geared to the small-income farmer who probably would not be able to get started otherwise."

The restocking operation has been under way now for several months by commercial and private groups, but the shipment from Indiana is the first effort to furnish quality animals to low-income people in the country free of charge.

Boothby said the swine fever problem became so severe about three years ago in the Dominican Republic that its entire swine population had to be destroyed.

"They had to wait for a period of time before beginning to restock," Boothby said, in order to eradicate the disease from the country.

Boothby himself was overseeing transportation of the animals. They

were hauled by truck to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Livestock Quarantine Center in Miami, and were to be flown to Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic.

The hog shipment is being financed largely by the nonprofit Heifer Project International, budgeted this year at \$4 million. It helps farmers improve productivity in poor countries all over the world.

"We keep increasing our budget and program goals and we're meeting them," said Dan West, who heads the organization's international office.

The Dominican Republic shipment is the first of three major hog projects scheduled this spring by the Heifer Project's six-state Midwest region, to which Indiana and Michigan belong.

Other shipments will go to projects at Tennessee State University, Alabama A&M University and a small farmer's cooperative in South Carolina.

**Wrigley Field:
Light or leave it?**

MESA, Ariz. (UPI) — The Chicago Cubs may be forced to find another ballpark unless lights are installed at Wrigley Field, General Manager Dallas Green says.

But he added Thursday that installing lights may be an "eventuality."

"We haven't really thought about when. But, down the road, realistically, we have to have them," he said.

"Night baseball is the norm in both leagues. We can't be doing what all the other teams aren't playing all day games at home and be competitive."

Williams ends Senate 'tragedy'

From Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sorrowfully ending what one senator called "a tragedy that has no heroes," Harrison "Pete" Williams Jr. resigned Thursday rather than face certain expulsion from the U.S. Senate.

"Time, history and Almighty God will vindicate me," he told his colleagues.

The New Jersey Democrat, a once powerful 23-year Senate veteran who was convicted of bribery in the Abscam corruption scandal, said goodbye to his colleagues, assuring them his resignation was a victory, not a defeat.

Explaining why he put the Senate through five days of debate over whether to oust him, Williams said, "I stayed with it because government misconduct (in Abscam) had to be exposed."

Williams, who served in the House as well as the Senate, will get a pension of about \$47,000 a year.

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Today's Chuckle

Sign on a high school featuring modern dance classes: "Disc Tech."