

Application denied

The State College Planning Commission last night denied a site plan application for the construction of a MacDonald's restaurant on 1312 S. Atherton St.

Commission members maintained that going ahead with the plan would violate a borough zoning ordinance requiring that traffic hazards be minimized in a commercial and industrial area.

Estimating that one traffic movement would occur every 20 seconds, Lewis Pierce, a commission member, said, "It would be adding to the labored situation at John's Market and the Arco Station next door."

Opposition also came over whether the use of the site property would violate a 1964 agreement between the owners and neighboring site owners, which specified the property not be used for "custard stand or other curb-type services" or "diners, as opposed to restaurants."

Commission chairman Wallace Lloyd said he considers MacDonald's a diner because it is a quick food service operation.

John Gritton, construction supervisor for MacDonald's in western Pennsylvania, responded that vehicular traffic would increase, but mainly around noon. He said a hump would be placed on the two exit lanes to slow cars before they reached the street.

"Through all the applications, plans and documents, MacDonald's says it is a family restaurant," Gritton said.

More criticism came from Whitehall Road residents, who said the establishment would increase drainage problems and traffic hazards.

In other business, the planning commission:

—approved a proposal by Triangle Fraternity to construct a new fraternity house;

—approved a Southgate Mews planting plan;

—recommended that the State College Borough Council adopt an ordinance governing child day care centers and private schools.

Police search for Zebra killer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Policemen swept through the streets of San Francisco yesterday conducting unprecedented searches of black men in a search for the killer or killers of 12 white victims.

One of the first to be stopped, Robert Brooks, said: "I think the mayor is persecuting the black community for the acts of a few crazy dudes."

But police officials reported that although there was some resentment, most persons subjected to searches understood the reason and hoped it would uncover the man Mayor Joseph L. Alioto described as "a mad killer."

Brooks, a 23-year-old security guard, was stopped at a bus stop only minutes after Alioto announced the stop-and-search procedure as "an extraordinary measure."

"If the killings continue, some other people are talking about retaliation against blacks," said Brooks, who wore a knit cap like one shown in a police sketch of the suspect. "That will be too bad. The thing is bad enough now."

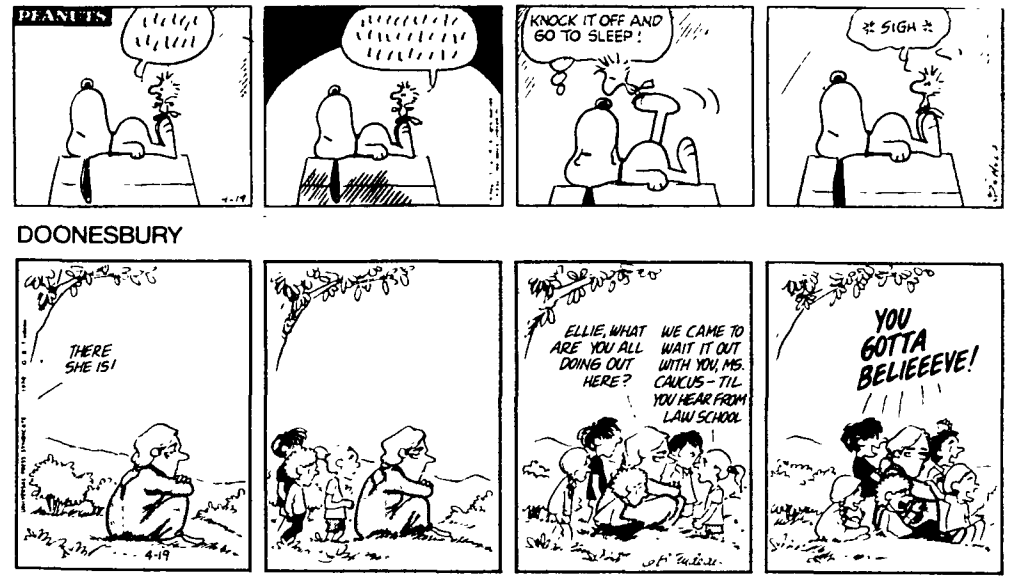
Brooks said officers asked him if he had any first-hand information about the case, code-named "Zebra" after the police radio channel used in the investigation.

"I told them that all I knew about the killings was what I read in the newspapers and saw on television," he said.

In announcing the tactic Wednesday night, Alioto appealed to the black community to cooperate. He said the killings were not a racial issue and that officers simply would question persons who resembled a composite of a slender, black, mustachioed man made from witnesses' descriptions.

"We have a mad killer loose in the city, simply killing people at random," Alioto said. "There is no motive and no sense."

The latest victim was Nelson T. Shields IV, who was shot three times in the back Tuesday night without warning. Police Chief Donald Scott said there are at least two killers and possibly more.



'Free hand' given FBI in searching for Hearst

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Randolph A. Hearst said yesterday he was thankful the fate of his kidnaped daughter was in the hands of police and the FBI and called the U.S. attorney general "irresponsible" for branding her a common criminal.

Hearst, editor and president of the San Francisco Examiner, said as far as he is concerned, the FBI has "a free hand to do whatever they want" in their search for Patricia and the Symbionese Liberation Army, which claims to have kidnaped her two and a half months ago.

held by a terrorist group or a bunch of paranoids for 60 days," Hearst said. "If you're with somebody for 60 days and they bend your mind, it's conceivable that you might involve yourself in something like this."

Hearst made his comments as FBI director Clarence M. Kelley also took exception to a statement by U.S. Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe that Miss Hearst appeared to be a willing participant in a Monday bank robbery by SLA members.

Disagreeing with Saxbe for the second time since his daughter was dragged from her apartment, Hearst said: "As I understand it, the U.S. attorney general out here and the FBI are handling the case. I think what he (Saxbe) said to call her a common criminal is irresponsible..."

Asked about Saxbe's statement, Kelley told a meeting of newspaper editors:

In Washington, American Bar Association President Chesterfield Smith said it was unethical for Saxbe to presume anybody's guilt or innocence.

"We will be guided by the facts and not by any opinion." He said the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in San Francisco were pursuing the case on the assumption that Patricia "is the victim of pressure or coercion."

In an interview later yesterday, the ABA chief said it is possible that Saxbe's remarks could block any prosecution of Miss Hearst if it turns out that criminal charges are filed against her.

Hearst said he believes Patricia has been brainwashed by the SLA and may have "had her mind bent by coercion."

Smith said Saxbe's comments also might prevent the prosecution of SLA members already charged with the bank robbery.

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