Reagan endorses abolishment of Commerce Dept.

By TERENCE HUNT ssociated Press Write

WASHINGTON - President Reagan endorsed yesterday a plan to abolish the Commerce Department and replace it with a new cabinet-level agency to consolidate government policy on trade.

The new department would combine major responsibilities of Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and the U.S. Trade representative, Ambassador William Brock. Baldrige said there have been no discussions about who would head the new department. In announcing the plan, administration officials were at a loss to explain what would happen to a variety of agencies now under the Commerce umbrella, such as the Census

Bureau, the National Oceanic and Atmospher ic Administration and the Patent and Trademark Office, which together employ 26,560 workers.

Under some scenarios, they would be spun off as independent agencies.

Nor was it clear what would happen to an earlier Reagan plan to abolish the Energy Department and incorporate most of its functions in the Commerce Department. "Where are you going to put Energy if you

abolish Commerce?" White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "We'll find a place." Baldrige said reorganization details would be worked out in consultation with Congress, where Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, has been championing creation of a separate trade department.

"We need a stronger, more consolidated voice for free trade," Baldrige said. "There is growing protectionist sentiment both at home and abroad.

"If we are to meet the challenges of foreign competition and maintain and enhance the multilateral framework for trade, we must

take the institutional steps that will be necessary to meet those challenges by consolidating trade responsibilities in one cabinet department," Baldrige said.

Last year, the U.S. foreign trade deficit swelled to a record \$42.7 billion, and Commerce officials have said it could rise to \$50 billion or \$60 billion this year. Since 1979, U.S. exports have dropped 11 percent, Baldrige

Trade responsibilities now are scattered over several Cabinet agencies, said Baldrige. "Because responsibility is diffused, the decision-making process is at times difficult," he

Baldrige could not say if the Agriculture Department would continue to maintain authority under the new plan over farm exports. which accounted for \$37 billion in overseas sales last year. Under Roth's legislation, Agriculture's authority would remain intact. The administration's proposal would have

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Gov. Mario Cuomo and on an open

telephone line to President Reagan.

Gladstone also asked to talk with his

attorney, Paul O'Dwyer, a former

to win approval from Congress. "I am optimistic we can get this passed this year," Baldrige said. Congressional sources said it would be opposed by some trade groups which are comfortable with the current setup. In a joint statement with Brock, Baldrige said the administration supports the purposes and major proposals of Roth's bill. The chief ingredient of that plan is combining the Office of the U.S. Trade Representa-

International Trade Administration into the new department Roth's plan also would fold into the new agency the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, which produces most of the government's economic statistics. Under Roth's bill, the Commerce Department would remain alive with its non-trade

agencies. However, Baldrige said the administration did not want to wind up with a net gain of Cabinet departments.

By PATRICK REYNA

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Carlos Mota Pinto, leader of the

Social Democrats — the logical

coalition partner - acknowledged

the Socialist victory in a television

interview early Today, but would

rangement with the Socialists.

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Couple trades last of 14 hostages for dogs

By MEL REISNER Associated Press Writer

NORWICH, N.Y. – A heavily armed couple freed the last of 14 hostages vesterday after police returned two of the 43 dogs that had been taken from them two years

The couple surrendered later in the afternoon, said Chenango County Sheriff Moe Eccleston.

Lawrence B. and Christine Gladstone of nearby Preston, N.Y., entered the Chenango County Office Building at about 9:20 a.m. and took 14 people hostage, demanding the return of their 43 dogs taken from them two years ago by animal con-

trol officials, police said. No injuries were reported, but police said the couple was armed with two shotguns and one rifle, as well as a detonator of some type and

a box of ammunition. Police had cordoned off the building and began talking with the couple, who released their hostages in several groups throughout the day after six hours of negotiations.

The last nine captives were released about 3:40 p.m., when police delivered two of the Gladstones'

dogs to them. The Gladstones remained on the building's third floor with police positioned on the second floor. About 5 p.m., three gunshots rang out and police left the building, but it was not immediately known who fired the shots or whether there were any injuries. Their surrender

came about an hour later. named Brian, was turned over to shotguns, one rifle as well as a detonator and a box of ammunition.

state troopers by a man who spent Society for the Prevention of Cruel-

ty to Animals Donald Chesebro, of nearby Pittsfield, said his four young chil dren were crying for their pet dog as he turned the animal over to troopers negotiation with the Gladstones. Chesebro turned the dog over after receiving a telephone call

"They told me what the problem \$60 to acquire the dog from the local was, and I said I'd bring him down.'' Chesebro said. "Dogs mean a lot to me, but a human life is worth York City and elsewhere." police more than a dog's."

> His children were crying, "I want my dog!" as he led the animal away, Chesebro said.

In a 2½ page list of demands the Gladstones released earlier in the day, the couple demanded an imme-



State Police escort two of the ten hostages from the Chenango County Office Building where they were held prisoner by One of the dogs, a copper huskie a Lawrence and Christine Gladstone. Police said the Gladstones entered the office building about 9:45 a.m. with two

Carnegie panel faults Reagan's arms strategy produced some tentative signs of shifts in first and said making deep cuts in nuclear

By BARRY SCHWEID **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON - The Reagan administration's attempts to spur major reductions in Soviet land-based missiles have "virtually no chance" at the bargaining table, a Carnegie panel said yesterday. The bipartisan group also expressed reservations about a nuclear freeze, saying that could prove a "two-edged sword" by precluding the development of weapons which actually could enhance strategic bal-

The Kremlin's rigid bureaucracy, wedded to long-term military planning, is highly unlikely to agree to radically reduce the heavy intercontinental ballistic missiles which account for about 75 percent of Soviet

nuclear strength, said the report. But while implicitly criticizing the adminstration's proposals for a strategic arms reduction treaty and its stress on air-tight verification procedures, the panel said the Soviets may be willing to accept more limited restrictions on nuclear weapons. "While (Leonid) Brezhnev's passing and

Yuri Andropov's accession to the top post

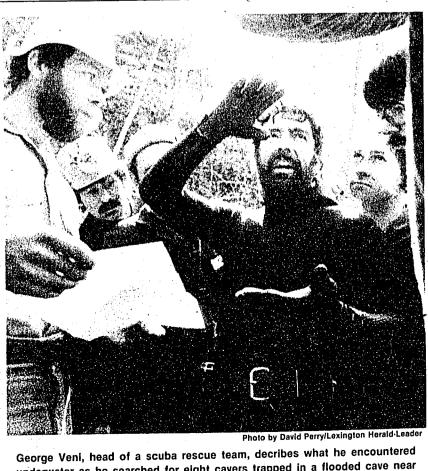
Soviet policy at home and abroad, there were no signs that the new leadership would reverse course in arms control," the report

It was prepared by the Carnegie Endowment's Panel on U.S. Security and the Future of Arms Control. The chairmen were William G. Hyland, a leading analyst on Soviet affairs in the Nixon and Ford administrations, and Joseph S. Nye Jr., a security specialist under President Carter. The report cautioned against freeze pro-

arsenals would not necessarily reduce the risk of war. "Small numbers of weapons could invite

preemption or create uncertainties about the perceived stability of the military balance." it said While there is wide public support for

some sort of freeze, the panel said freezing technology could be a "two-edged sword." While some threatening systems would be stopped a freeze could also prevent such developments as the Stealth bomber or a



underwater as he searched for eight cavers trapped in a flooded cave near Mount Vernon, Ky.

Spelunkers:

By CHARLES WOLFE Associated Press Writer

MOUNT VERNON, Ky. – A team of divers last night night reached eight spelunkers trapped for two days in a southeastern Kentucky cave by rising water, and the explorers are in "good shape," officials said.

The amateur explorers, who became trapped inside the cave Saturday when a sudden rainstorm caused a stream to rise and sealed the only escape route, will remain inside the cave until the water level drops further, rescuers said. Authorities got their first clue the eight were alive earlier yesterday when divers found a

handwritten note that said the explorers were waiting 1,800 feet inside the cave. The spelunkers were found by a four-man diving team in the third attempt of the day to reach the trapped party, said Jim Burch, the coordinator of the Warren County Cave and Rock Rescue Team.

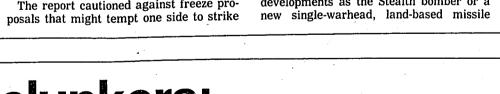
"All four (divers) came out and reported all the victims are in good shape," said Burch. "We're getting another load of supplies to them Now we'll wait for much better conditions. We'll wait until a lot more water goes down before we try to bring them out. We don't want to

hurt them on the way up." The divers carried in extra clothing, heat packs and food to the explorers and came out to get more to bring inside, Burch said.

Burch said the water level near the cave mouth

was found in an empty supply box. "They wanted us to know they were OK." must drop another four inches before the explor-Staubitz said. ers can be taken out. "They're living the life of Riley, Staubitz said. "It's dropping at about two or three inches an "They're right where I've been telling you all hour, so it could be a couple more hours on that," Burch said. "If they're in good shape, and the dav. He speculated the spelunkers had retreated to water is down, we'll try to bring them out. Of higher ground when the stream began rising, and course, if they're in bad shape, we'll leave 'em the logical spot for the retreat was the ledge where tools and provisions were stored in case of . "They've made contact with the cavers. Everybody's fine," said Tom Staubitz, vice chairemergency "They're right by the equipment cache. All man of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto, the club to which the explorers belong. ''They're a little members of the party are in good condition," cold. We're going to take some things in, wool Staubitz said. clothing, sleeping, that sort of thing. They're all Staubitz said that with the discovery of the note in perfect health, no hypothermia. They're in indicating the spelunkers were safe, a rescue good spirits and fully able to walk out under their would be "just a matter of getting the water level down), wn power. The explorers' note, signed by the exploring Before the note was found, the six men and two women from Cincinnati had last been heard from "HELP" in large, capital letters. It said: on Saturday before they entered the cave.

team's co-leader Gary Bush, was headlined "Eight cavers waiting 1,800 feet upstream from here. Leave diving tanks here. Only needed cy cave rescues searched six hours but found no for entrance. Been here since 11 a.m. Sat 4-23. trace of the explorers.





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Socialists take 35% of Portuguese vote

Associated Press Writer LISBON, Portugal - The Socialists of former Prime Minister Mario Soares won more than 35 percent of the vote in election returns early today for a new 250seat Parliament, but must form a "The Portuguese people have

tian Democrats, congratulated the Socialists but said his party would not consider joining a coalition. Communist leader Alvaro Cunhal said his party would "obviously" be in the opposition The Monday elections were held on the ninth anniversary of a military coup that ended nearly a halfcentury of right-wing

Lucas Pires, head of the Chris-

dictatorships. date to lead the country out of the . Soares indicated earlier he crisis," the 58-year-old lawyer told would seek a coalition with the the largest share of the vote but lacked a majority of seats. However, he told reporters early Tues dominated by Portugal's large day that the party would hold a referendum "as quickly as possible" to decide how to handle the

coalition question Soares was Prime Minister eary 1976 through June 1978. The Social Democrats, once led by outgoing Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao, are now headed by Mota Pinto.

State-run television predicted Monday that the Socialists would win up to 38 percent and 102 seats, the Social Democrats up to 25 percent for 72 seats, the Communists up to 19 percent and the Christian Democrats as much as 14.5 percent.

Twelve parties and two alliances entered candidates. Final results were not expected until the not comment on a possible ar- absentee ballots are counted Tues-

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proach to ICBM stability, the report said. At the same time, the panel said that while there is "persuasive evidence" that the Soviets have violated treaties banning biological weapons, they are not the "ded icated arms cheaters" that critics accuse them of being.

The Soviets "press at the ambiguities" of the 1972 treaty limiting strategic nuclear weapons but the record "does not show any case of deliberate violations of agreed limits," the panel said.

Divers reach 8 cavers trapped for two days Now Mon 4-25 12 noon." Staubitz had joyously announced the finding of the note, saying the eight were waiting on a dry ledge 1,800 feet upstream from where the note

Earlier yesterday, a diver trained in emergen-

state news briefs

Ex-LCB agent is cited for contempt HARRISBURG (AP) - A retired Liquor Control Board agent faces the possibility of arrest and jail after he failed yesterday to appear before a state Senate committee. The contempt action by the Law and Justice Committee is the first by the Senate in recent memory, according to Mark Corrigan.

secretary of the Senate. Former LCB agent Joseph Ford of Philadelphia had been subpoenaed by the Law and Justice Committee to answer charges made last week by seven bar operators. The men had accused Ford of seeking food and money, operating gambling machines and owning a part-interest in a bar while he worked as an LCB enforcement agent. Ford was subpoenaed April 21 and given an expense check for

\$20.40, according to commitee chairman Stewart Greenleaf, R-Montgomery County. The committee waited an hour for Ford, then voted 9-0 to seek a contempt citation against the former agent by the full Senate. Greenleaf said he hoped the Senate would take action this week.

Actor's likeness to be cast in plastic INDIANA, Pa. (AP) - Townspeople have been unable to raise \$100,000 needed for a nine-foot bronze statue of hometown hero Jimmy Stewart, so the actor's likeness will be cast in plastic. The fiberglass statue, colored to look like bronze, will be dedicated May 20 on Stewart's 75th birthday in a ceremony outside

the Indiana County Courthouse. "The only way people will notice it is if they would go up and tap it." said Indiana County Auditor Linda Moore, who heads the planning committee for the celebration. Alexander said the fiberglass replica, one of the steps necessary

in casting a bronze statue, will last only about a year in the Pennsylvania weather. When told of the short life-expectancy of the fiberglass, Moore

said the fundraising committee will "have to work real hard to get the money for the bronze (statue)."

nation news briefs

Comic book discourages drug abuse WASHINGTON (AP) - "Skree! Blam! Foom!" The White House presents a special issue of "The New Teen Titans," a comic

book about super-heroes who vanquish drug abuse. The comic book, produced by DC Comics of New York and underwritten by the Keebler Co., was unveiled yesterday as a new tool to help prevent drug use among fourth graders. In a cover letter, Nancy Reagan tells the youngsters: "Don't let anyone tell you that you can't be a hero . . . Declare that you will stay drug-free."

The comic book is built around the heroic exploits of the "The New Teen Titans" characters. Though the Titans - seven teenagers who fight evil across the universe - never actually tell youngsters that drugs are bad, most eventually see the light for themselves after a great deal of turmoil. The comic book is being distributed by the Education Department to an estimated one million fourth-graders in 35,000 schools.

Pioneer capsule passes Pluto's orbit

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) - Pioneer 10, the "ultimate time capsule," crossed Pluto's orbit 3.5 billion miles from Earth yesterday and sped on its endless journey through the Milky Way galaxy. Scientists hailed the event as as a "proud day in America." The spacecraft with a "simple, straightforward design" has outlasted its intended 21-month life by nearly a decade and scientists now predict that the craft, built for \$20 million and launched March 2, 1972, will outlive the solar system. "Some five billion years from now, our sun will self-destruct."

said Dr. Joseph Wampler of the Lick Observatory at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "This spacecraft has escaped the solar Wampler said Pioneer 10 "will live in interstellar space 100

billion years.' "For me, that is an eternity." he said."

world news briefs

Andropov replies to U.S. schoolgirl

MANCHESTER, Maine (AP) - A 10-year-old schoolgirl has received a letter from Yuri Andropov pledging that the Soviet Union "will never, but never, be the first to use nuclear weapons against any country.

Samantha Smith, who is in the fifth grade, had written to Andropov earlier this month, congratulating him "on your new job" and asking, "Why do you want to conquer the whole world, or at least our country

An English translation of Andropov's response was forwarded by the Soviet Embassy to the Smith home in Manchester. The threepage letter arrived by registered mail at about 7 a.m. yesterday and Samantha's father said she barely had time to skim it on the way to school. Andropov, 68, who succeeded the late Soviet Communist Party

chairman Leonid Brezhnev last November, said he judged by Samantha's letter that she is a "courageous and honest girl" who reminded him of "Becky" in Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer." Andropov invited Samantha to visit the Soviet Union in the summer so she can meet children her age, tour the country and "see for yourself: everybody in the Soviet Union stands for peace

Sikh sniper kills Indian police official NEW DELHI. India (AP) — A senior police official who had just

finished morning prayers was shot and killed yesterday by a young Sikh who opened fire from inside the grounds of the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the holiest Sikh shrine, the Punjab state government The fusillade of six shots, fired at close range from an automatic

rifle, also killed an 11-year-old passerby and wounded a vacationing policeman The killer raced past his victims crumpled just outside the main

gate of the temple complex and escaped through a crowded bazaar, a spokesman said

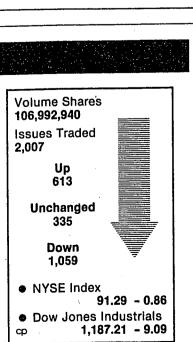
stock report

Market retreats; record highs end NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market pulled back

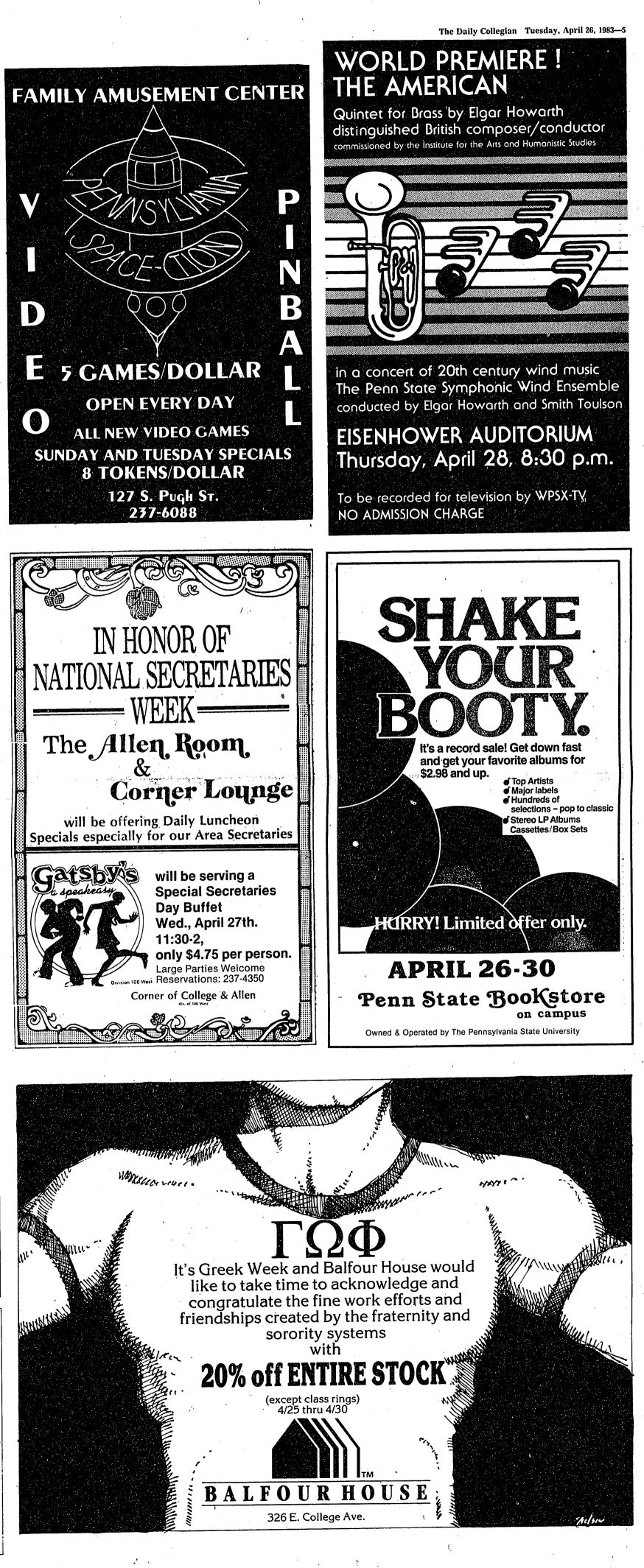
from last week's record highs vesterday after the Dow Jones industrial average made a brief run at the 1,200 level. The widely recognized average of 30 blue chip stocks, up

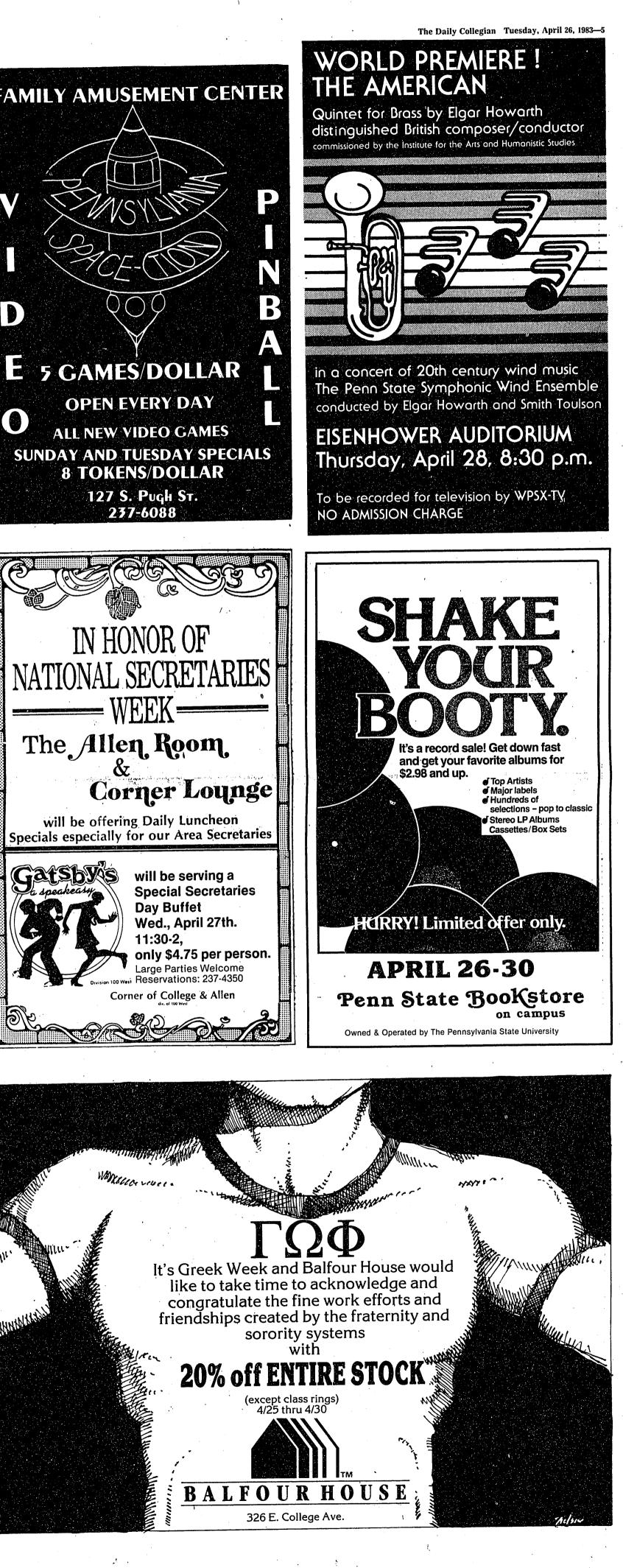
about 5 points in early trading, was down 9.09 at 1,187.21 by the close. On Friday, the Dow Jones industrials rose 8.03. to a re-

cord-high 1,196.30, finishing the week with a gain of 24.96 points.



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