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## Theodore Bundy got Hinckley letters

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Triple murderer Theodore Bundy told Secret Service agents that he received three or four letters from presidential assassin John W. Hinckley Jr. during an exchange of mail last year, prosecutors said yesterday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Roger Adelman said in court that Bundy, awaiting execution in Florida for three 1978 killings, told the Secret Service that Hinckley began writing him in May, 1986.

"The Bundy letters... certainly bear some similarities" with Hinckley's previous obsessive writings about the movie "Taxi Driver," Adelman told U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker.

Prosecutors and psychiatrists say Hinckley shot President Reagan in 1981 to impress actress Jodie Foster, who played a prostitute in the violent movie.

Bundy "claimed that in 1986, he received three or four letters from Mr. Hinckley," Adelman said. "He claimed he wrote to Mr. Hinckley two or three times," Adelman said.

The correspondence "was initiated by Mr. Hinckley in May, 1986, Mr. Bundy stopped writing last October, 1986," he said.

Bundy told the Secret Service he threw out the letters he received from Hinckley, Adelman said.

The judge convened the emergency hearing after Hinckley's lawyers complained that Secret Service agents served their client with an unauthorized subpoena earlier in the day.

Federal prosecutors, who Monday night obtained two letters Hinckley received from Bundy, are seeking more evidence of correspondence with the Florida death row inmate, who is linked to 36 other murders.

During a hearing Monday, a psychiatrist unexpectedly revealed that Hinckley had written Bundy, had sought the address of mass killer Charles Manson and had received a letter from Manson follower Lynette ("Squeaky") Fromme, imprisoned for trying to kill President Ford in 1975.

The government is seeking the letters to document its opposition to Hinckley's bid to make an unescorted family visit from St. Elizabeths Hospital, where he was sent for shooting President Reagan in 1981.

The letters "bear directly on his state of mind," Adelman said.

Hinckley was acquitted by reason of insanity in the March 30, 1981 shooting of Reagan, presidential press secretary James S. Brady, a Secret Service agent and a city policeman.

Adelman said the two Bundy letters, dated July 21 and Aug. 7 of last year, indicated a more extensive correspondence between him and Hinckley.

Secret Service agents who interviewed Bundy earlier Tuesday found a piece of paper with Hinckley's address and notations indicating the dates Bundy had written the two letters.

Parker issued an order directing Hinckley to turn over notes, documents, letters, writings, postcards as well as poems that he keeps in his room at St. Elizabeths.

The judge also ordered the hospital's legal staff to examine all audio and video tapes that Hinckley may have in his possession. He also directed the hospital lawyers to compile a list and brief description of books in Hinckley's room.

Parker said he would review all of the materials to determine if they would be relevant to Wednesday's hearing on Hinckley's application for the Easter weekend visit.

"If he wants to leave he is going to have to cooperate," Parker said.

Judith Miller, one of Hinckley's lawyers, had complained that the government was invading her client's privacy by trying to obtain letters he had written to Leslie deVaux, a former mental patient identified by prosecutors as his girlfriend.

The 43-year-old former socialite was acquitted by reason of insanity in the 1982 shotgun slaying of her sleeping 10-year-old daughter, Ms. deVaux met Hinckley at St. Elizabeths, from which she was released in 1985.

## Your taxes are due today, but you will be paying till May

By JIM LUTHER  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Just when you had finished your 1986 return and thought it was safe to forget about taxes for awhile, the Tax Freedom Day 1987 is May 4 — two days later than last year.

Economists at the non-partisan research organization calculate that if every cent a worker earned during the first part of the year were earmarked for federal, state and local taxes, he or she would have to toil for the tax collectors through May 3. Viewed another way, an average person will have to work two hours and 43 minutes of each eight-hour day to pay taxes.

"This year, the American taxpayer has returned to the same point he was at prior to passage" of the 1981 federal tax cut, the foundation said. Those across-the-board reductions were wiped out by subsequent federal tax increases and growing tax burdens at the state and local levels, the analysis said.

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Retirement Accounts, which — after these returns — will no longer be universally deductible. Professional returns preparers had all the business they could handle and Internal Revenue Service offices were swamped with last-minute pleas for advice.

The IRS expects 6.5 million couples and individuals to avoid the filing deadline by mailing a Form 4988, which will bring a four-month extension. But that form must be accompanied by a check for any estimated tax due.

There's another way to stay the inevitable. Any taxpayer who is out of the United States or Puerto Rico on April 15 gets an automatic two-month extension in the time to file and to pay any tax.

The IRS has been processing returns without any major hitches this year, but the agency says anyone who waits until the last day to file should expect to wait longer for a refund. Although most refunds will be processed in six to eight weeks, IRS spokesman Larry Batdorf said Tuesday, some may require up to 10 weeks.

Through April 3, the IRS had received more than \$3 billion in returns, and 78 percent of them had resulted in refunds totaling just under \$30 billion. For all of 1987, the IRS expects 106.5 million returns.

The federal tax bill this year is less than it was in 1981 but higher than last year. Calculated on the basis of an eight-hour work day, the foundation estimated the average worker will have to work one hour and 46 minutes to pay the IRS.



Gary Hart

## Suspended theologian will teach at Cornell

By ROBERT FURLOW  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Theologian Charles Curran, suspended from Catholic University of America for his dissent on sexual issues, will take a post as visiting professor at Cornell University, officials at the New York school said yesterday.

Curran, a Roman Catholic priest, is fighting the suspension from his tenured professorship at Catholic University in court and has repeatedly said he has no plans to leave the school permanently. Supporters said he would not be available for comment on the Cornell post, but a news conference in Washington on Wednesday.

A news release from Cornell said he will take a position as visiting professor of Catholic studies for the next academic year and will also be a senior fellow in Cornell's Society for the Humanities.

"Professor Curran's presence will add a highly desirable dimension to the intellectual life of the university," the release quoted Cornell President Frank H. T. Rhodes as saying.

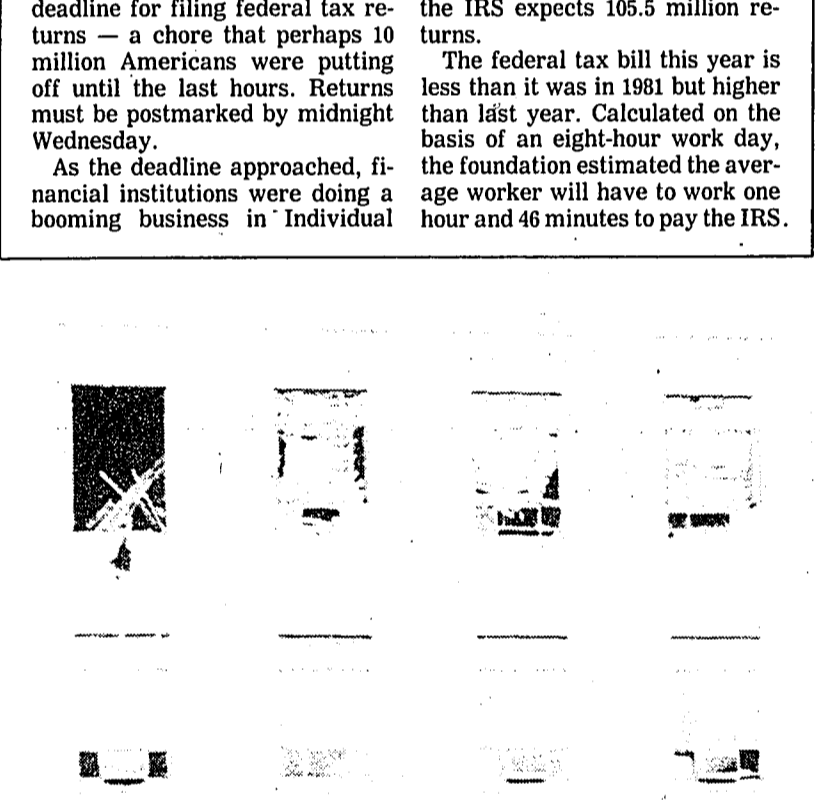
"Curran plans to teach courses concerned with the Second Vatican Council's renewal of Roman Catholicism, Roman Catholic social teaching and moral theology," the release said. In addition, he is to deliver a series of public lectures.

The Cornell release noted that the school has no department of religion or theology, but it quoted Rhodes as saying "the university has from its inception acknowledged religion as an appropriate object of academic study."

Curran was suspended in January — though he remains on the Catholic University payroll and still lives on campus — more than seven years after the start of a Vatican investigation of sexual ethics views that church leaders find too liberal.

Church authorities in Washington began proceedings for revoking his "canonical mission."

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## In Texas, Hart begins campaign

By EVANS WITT  
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AMARILLO, Texas — Gary Hart declared yesterday that every "serious leader of either political party" believes new federal revenues are necessary to cut the budget deficit and that to say otherwise is irresponsible.

"I am unalterably opposed to any income tax increase for middle and low-income Americans," Hart said. But he said a combination of an oil import fee, luxury taxes, user fees and perhaps a temporary surtax on Americans in the top income tax bracket would raise a needed \$18 billion to \$25 billion.

Last Thursday, the Democrat-dominated House approved a \$1 trillion budget proposal, without Republican support, featuring a call for \$10 billion in unspecified new taxes, plus \$1 billion in increased tax enforcement

and \$2 billion in fees and premiums for government services.

As Hart, the Democratic front-runner, kicked off the first official trip of his 1988 presidential campaign, he tackled the tax issue that bedeviled the Democratic ticket in 1984.

The former Colorado senator also plunged into other issues, talking about such matters as AIDS, arms control and agriculture.

At a barbecue on Roy Walls' farm in the shadow of a grain elevator in this Texas Panhandle town, Hart pledged emergency debt relief and reforms of the farm credit system "to turn the credit system into a system to help the farmers and not help the speculators and help the land grabbers."

Facing a 30-knot wind, Hart said he would do his best for the farmers, "if I don't get blown off this platform."

Hart saved his harshest rhetoric for President Reagan and his insistence

that no tax increases be enacted to ease the federal deficit.

"I think it is irresponsible to say you can balance the federal budget without additional revenues. I don't know one serious leader of either political party — and I underline serious — who believes you can," Hart told a Denver news conference.

"The question is are they willing, are they brave enough to tell the American people that?"

"The president, to the detriment of the country, has skewed this debate by saying all taxes are income taxes," Hart said, "and that the alone — as opposed to the whole political process, including the leadership of his own political party — stands in the breach against those income tax increases."

Hart said he is not taking the same position that caused former Vice President Walter Mondale so much trouble.

## Judge asked to force open records

By JAMES ROWLEY  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate urged a skeptical federal judge yesterday to order retired Air Force Maj. General Richard V. Secord to release foreign bank records believed linked to the Iran-Contra arms deals.

U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. said he would rule in the case, but he called the order the Senate was seeking "a charade," said the Swiss might reject it and suggested whatever decision he makes will surely be appealed.

Senate attorney Michael Davidson said the Tower Commission, appointed by President Reagan, to investigate the Iran-Contra affair, had identified Secord's "prominence in global arrangements with

respect to shipment of arms to Iran."

The commission's report also said Secord was involved in a network supporting the Nicaraguan rebels known as Contras. It said contributions appear to have been routed to the Contras through a series of private organizations, some of them linked to Secord-controlled bank accounts by a chart found in the safe of fired National Security Council aide Oliver North.

In another development Tuesday, a Justice Department spokesman said North received an FBI investigative report last year on a criminal probe of alleged gun-running to the Contras.

The document was written by an FBI agent working in Miami, said attorney Leon Kellner in Miami, speaking on condition they not be identified. It allowed North to keep

## Bomb rips Indiana courthouse

By ANDY LIPPMAN  
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KOKOMO, Ind. — A man on trial for dealing drugs was believed killed yesterday when a briefcase he was carrying exploded in the Howard County courthouse, injuring at least five others, including the sheriff, officials said.

The defendant, Robert Gray of Marion, was "believed to be dead" in the blast, prosecutor James Andrews said at a news conference. However, he refused to comment further, and other law enforcement officers would not comment.

Police said the courthouse was sealed off because they feared more explosives might be inside. Authorities also feared that the building had received severe structural damage.

Andrews said confirmation of a fatality would come only after the county coroner was allowed into the blast site, but by late afternoon the coroner still was not returned to the jury room from lunch when the bomb went off.

Andrews said Gray had the briefcase with him when he went into Sheriff John Beatty's office with his attorney shortly before his trial was to resume about 2 p.m.

The prosecutor said authorities had expressed "some concern about that briefcase," which was near Gray when the explosion occurred.

The other known injured were identified as Jack Adams, a Kokomo police officer; Indiana State Police Trooper Doug Schultz; Charles Scruggs, Gray's attorney, and Beatty.

Katherine Walsh-Miller, a spokeswoman for Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, said Beatty was in serious but stable condition, and would undergo surgery "to clean the wounds."

She said Beatty was burned over 25 percent of his body, suffered numerous burns and embedded fragments of metal on his torso, arms and legs and multiple lacerations.

The other injured were listed in either good or fair condition at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, said spokeswoman Mary Lindgren.

Gray was on trial on two counts of dealing in controlled substances. He had been accused of selling LSD to undercover agents in 1983.

His trial had started Tuesday morning, and the jury had returned to the jury room from lunch when the bomb went off.

"Everyone was stunned," said Roger Grady of Kokomo, a juror. "We thought it was a sonic boom or a tornado or hunder. But I knew it was too loud to be a sonic boom."

Sgt. Fred Biggs at the state police post in Peru said authorities received a bomb threat.

## state news briefs

**Pope appoints Greensburg bishop**  
GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — New Castle native Anthony G. Bosco, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, was named bishop of the Greensburg Diocese by Pope John Paul II.

Bosco, 59, becomes the third Bishop of Greensburg since its establishment in 1951. He succeeds Bishop William G. Connaire, 75, who announced his retirement in December after 25 years as head of the diocese that represents 215,748 Catholics in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland counties.

Bosco is to be installed as bishop on June 30 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

**3 charged in alleged murder plot**  
HARRISBURG (AP) — A Pittsburgh-area landfill operator already sentenced to serve up to 18 years in prison on bribery and toxic waste convictions was charged Tuesday with planning to kill a state environmental official.

William Fiore of suburban Pittsburgh was charged with conspiracy to commit murder for allegedly contracting for the attempted killing of Charles Duritsa, a regional solid waste manager for the Department of Environmental Resources.

Duritsa was involved in enforcement efforts against Fiore's Pittsburgh-area landfill, Municipal and Industrial Disposal Co.

"The evidence that these two public officials were targeted for death because they insisted on carrying out their official responsibilities makes this an especially serious case," Zimmerman said.

**Train's wheel scrutinized**  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — A broken steel wheel was undergoing laboratory tests Tuesday as a leading clue to why two Conrail freight trains derailed, releasing toxic fumes that chased 16,000 residents from their homes.

Meanwhile, blood and urine samples from the seven crew members of the two trains have been sent to a laboratory in Utah to be tested for alcohol, cocaine, marijuana and other illegal drugs, said Thomas Simpson, spokesman in Washington, D.C., for the Federal Railroad Administration.

The type of stresses that fractured the wheel into three pieces might indicate whether the wheel broke during the crash or fell apart beforehand, he said.

## nation news briefs

**Ads seek to stop tampering**  
CHICAGO (AP) — The scene is a phone booth, and a caller is threatening to poison a food or drug product.

"Make a product tampering threat from this box," warns the voice of actor Dennis Franz, Lt. Norman Buntz on "Hill Street Blues," as the scene shifts to a prison cell, "and you'll end up in this box, for five years."

The 30-second TV commercial is part of a planned nationwide advertising campaign to curb the growing number of product-tampering threats.

The campaign being launched this week in Chicago, where seven people died in 1982 after taking cyanide-laced Tylenol capsules, is a cooperative effort by the Food and Drug Administration, the FBI, the Advertising Council and several industry associations.

**Toxic chemical spill kills one**  
NORTH SALT LAKE, Utah (AP) — Some 2,000 gallons of a toxic chemical spilled from a ruptured pipe Tuesday and the fumes killed one man, injured six and forced evacuation of about 1,000 people from an industrial park, officials said.

Crews from seven local and state agencies were "just working down there feverishly" to contain the spill, said Davis County Sheriff's Capt. Bud Cox. Crews also worked to stop the chemical from eating through a warehouse's concrete floor and plugged drains to keep it out of sewers, officials said.

Thirty businesses and four homes in a two-square-mile area were evacuated, said police Sgt. Paul Arnold.

**1,000 evacuated in chem spill**  
GARY, Ind. (AP) — A leaking storage tank sent a cloud of hydrochloric acid across part of Gary on Tuesday, injuring 13 people and forcing the evacuation of 1,000 more, officials said.

"It does not appear there were any serious injuries," said Mayor Richard Hatcher.

The spill apparently was discovered Monday night by an employee of Gary Products Inc., who tried to fix the leak, but failed and went home without telling authorities. The city was not notified until Tuesday morning, Hatcher said.

"That's one of the things we're upset about," he said.

Tuesday afternoon officials discovered two more of the five tanks on the site were also leaking. Emergency workers were sealing the leaks and bringing in tanker trucks to transfer the acid.

**U.S. household size at record low**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people living in the average American household has dipped to its lowest level ever, as the nation's maturing population is setting up new homes faster than it is growing, officials said.

The typical household included only 2.67 people as of last July 1, a number that has been declining steadily over the years, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. The average was 2.76 in 1980.

The major reason for the decline is the fact that America is aging — the share of adults in the population is growing in contrast to younger people, said Campbell Gibson of the bureau.

## world news briefs

**Moscow queried on nuke levels**  
BONN, West Germany (AP) — West Germany, which was in the path of Chernobyl radiation, said Tuesday it is asking Moscow whether higher radioactivity levels detected in Europe last month were caused by another Soviet nuclear accident.

West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and France confirmed Tuesday that varying increases in atmospheric radiation were recorded in March, but reported no damage or injuries.

Kremlin officials denied the Soviet Union was the source.

The Soviets were criticized for a delay of nearly three days in reporting the explosion and fire last April at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine. It killed 31 people and spewed an invisible cloud of radiation over Europe that eventually worked its way around the world.

Officials in Bonn said unusual levels of the radioactive element iodine 131 and four to five times the normal amounts of xenon gas were measured in West Germany between March 9 and March 15.

**9 hurt by dynamite during march**  
LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Dynamite sticks and a gasoline bomb hurled Tuesday during a protest march by 12,000 workers and students injured at least nine people, including two men guarding the U.S. Embassy, witnesses said.

None of the injured was severely hurt, hospital officials said. The march called to protest the government's austerity measures.

In Washington, the State Department said an explosive device was thrown by a marcher at the U.S. Embassy, hit the building and then bounced back and exploded. The statement said an embassy regional security officer, an American, was slightly injured along with a Bolivian policeman guarding the embassy.

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