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Rice claims news media exploitation in Hart affair

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ploited by the news media and be- cast on "20-20." trayed by her friend, Lynn Armandt. "I feel like I've been exploited," Walters asked Rice if she ever slept painted as a person that I'm not. It with Hart, but the network wouldn't isn't fair. And that makes me angry. I reveal the answer in advance of the think it's unfair. I don't think the interview's airing on Thursday media has the right to make a private night's edition of the newsmagazine person a public person." show "20-20."

The interview is sure to draw big you were the person he was involved ratings, since it is the first time Rice with?" has talked at length about her relationship with Hart.

ABC said Walters also'asked Rice if press has gone too far." she had heard from Hart and what she thinks of him, but would not release her responses to those questions, either.

The Rice-Hart furor began May 3 when The Miami Herald ran a frontpage story saying Rice had spent the night with Hart in his Washington townhouse while his wife was away. them?" Walters asks. few days later, complaining that re- of the photographs, and she sugporters would not let the story die. gested the shot to sit on Gary Hart's The National Enquirer subsequently lap."

printed snapshots of Rice sitting on Hart's lap during a yacht trip from Miami to Bimini. NEW YORK - Donna Rice, whose ABC released excerpts from other ublicized involvement with Gary portions of Walters' hour-long inter-Hart led to his withdrawal from the view, conducted Tuesday in New

residential race, says she was ex- York. About 25 minutes will be broad-ABC says interviewer Barbara Rice says at one point. "I've been Walters: "A public person? And

> Rice: "Right . Walters: "You're saying that the

Rice: "Well, I was involuntarily made a public person."

Walters asks Rice about the circumstances surrounding the taking of the photographs on the yacht trip. "When you were on the boat, there

were pictures taken. Who took Hart and Rice denied any impropri- "Lynn Armandt," Rice said. "She ety, but Hart angrily quit the race a took them. She encouraged the taking

Chernobyl effects continue Contamination causes 27 cities to be evacuated

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS **Associated Press Writer**

KIEV, U.S.S.R. — The explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant left at least 27 nearby cities and mostly elderly people," Fursov said during a meeting villages too contaminated for people to live in for the with reporters at the regional government headquarforeseeable future, a government official said yester- ters in Kiev.

these areas, said Konstantin T. Fursov, deputy chair- their own volition. It's their home." man of the Kiev regional government committee in the The reporters, on a trip organized and controlled by Ukraine.

the areas include the city of Pripyat, which was home evacuated from the "Path of Communism" collective to more than 50,000 people before the April 26, 1986, farm 17 miles from the accident site. disaster

station, where an explosion and fire tore apart the in the towns and villages where they grew up and No. 4 reactor, spewed radioactivity that killed 31 Soviets and spread eventually around the world.

Regional officials contend most of the 69 cities and villages evacuated will eventually be resettled, but said they could not predict when the process will be complete. All the towns were in an 18-mile danger zone

around the plant. "There are 27 populated points that will not be resettled in the foreseeable future," Fursov said. The

others will be repopulated gradually, he said. Fursov said two towns in the 18-mile danger zone, Cheremoshnya and Nevitskoye, had returned to nor- built in the Kiev region, but he did not say how many mal with fully operating schools, stores and public evacuees have been housed there or how many of the transportation.

Some residents have returned to another 16 towns that have been decontaminated but still lack many

public services, he said. "People are returning there without permission,

"Conditions there are safe, but the social services Soviet officials have halted decontamination work in are not ready yet. These people are coming back of

the Soviet Foreign Ministry, also visited the new Forsov told a group of Moscow-based reporters that village of Tavriya, built last year to house 205 familes

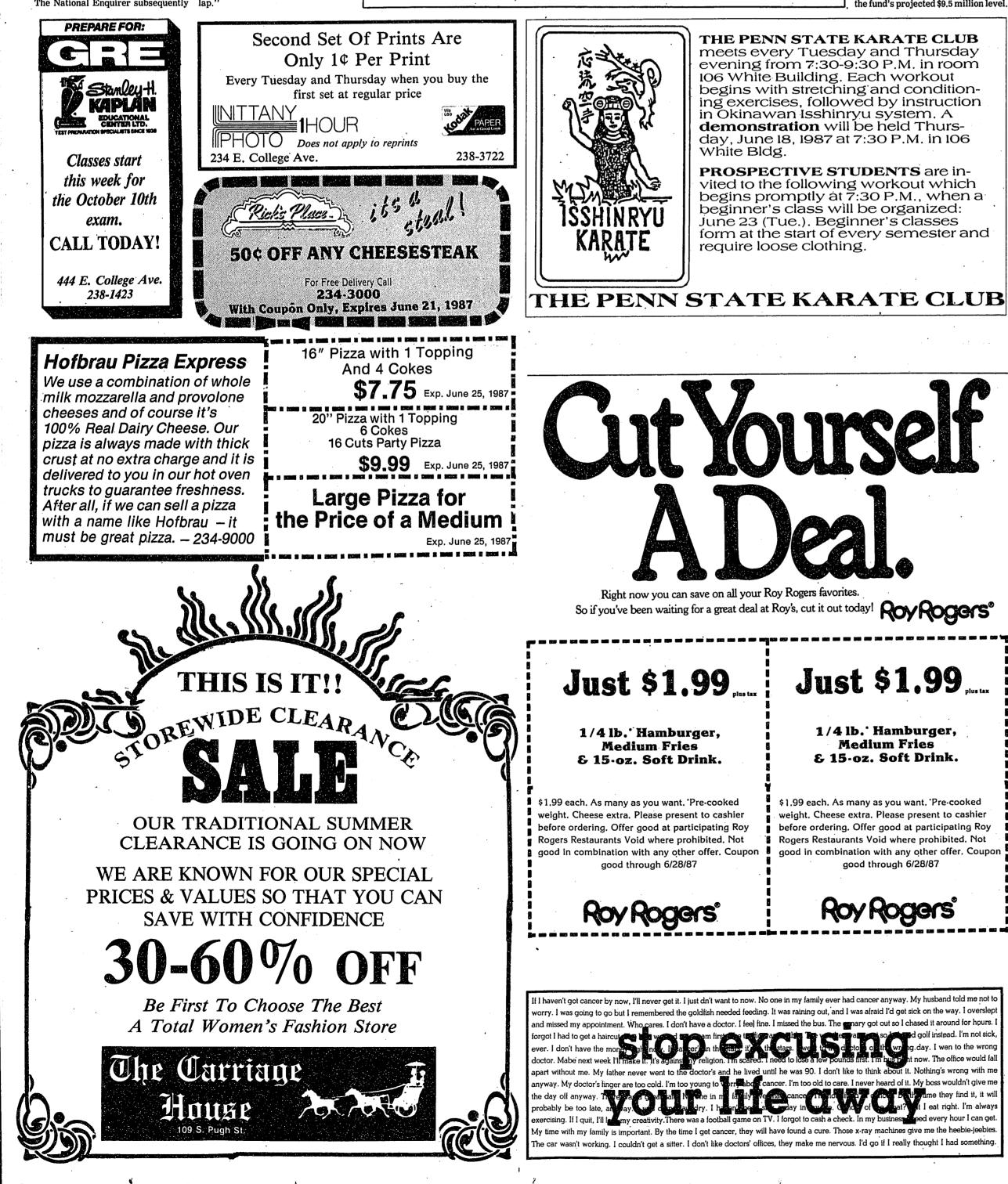
Many of the evacuees told reporters they were Pripyat is only two miles from the nuclear power satisfied with their new home but would prefer to live raised their children Officials have said 135,000 people were evacuated

from the northern Ukraine and southern Byelorussia after the Chernobyl accident, Fursov said 91,000 of them were from his Kiev region.

Another deputy chief of the regional government, Anatoly Duda, said the two towns that have been completely resettled account for only about 500 of the

evacuees

Fursov said 52 new towns like Tavriya have been settlements are temporary.



Richard Dario, the committee's executive director. In its report, the committee said the Health Department did not have a systematic plan for identifying emergency medical service needs and funding them. The report recommended the department prepare a spending plan and written application procedure.

Gary Froseth, spokesman for the Health Department, said officials will review the report and develop a comprehensive response. Most of the period covered in the report was during the tenure of then-Gov. Dick Thornburgh's administration.

Local emergency

medical services

HARRISBURG (AP) - The state

Health Department has been slow to

distribute millions of dollars for local

emergency medical services, a legis-

Between July 1985 and April 1987,

less than 33 percent of an available

\$8.7 million was spent, the Legislative

Budget and Finance Committee said

services fund is collected from a \$10

surcharge on every moving traffic

the ground after two years," said

"They literally have not gotten off

violation fine paid in Pennsylvania.

Money for the emergency medical

awaiting funds

lative audit said vesterday.

The report also noted that revenues from the \$10 charge are not meeting the fund's projected \$9.5 million level.

