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**Free Vegas trip?** — I attended the Cobo Hall Boat Show recently and registered to win a free trip to Las Vegas for two. There was one grand prize of an all-expense paid trip and 500 other prizes that included everything except transportation. A day later, I got a call saying I had won one of the 500 second prizes that didn't include plane fare. The caller said I would also have to send \$34.95 to cover basic expenses. Is this contest on the up and up?

— B.S., Troy

Boat show officials didn't think so, and they told contest promoters to get up, up and away from show. Ray Underwood, boat show spokesman and head of Michigan Marine Dealers Association, says he gave World Wide Leisure the boot in midst of show earlier this month. "While the contest may be legal, we don't think people would be happy with the results," Underwood told us. World Wide signed up at show to sell magazine subscriptions but ended up offering three days and two nights at the Grand Flamingo in Las Vegas. World Wide spokesman told Action Line \$34.95 covered trip goodies including lodging, 18 meal tickets, photos and \$46 worth of casino chips.

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Henry Ford outside court: "I wish her good luck in the future."

# Fords divorce 'amicably'

## Property settlement is not disclosed

By TIM KISKA and THOMAS BEVIER  
Free Press Staff Writers

Henry Ford II and Cristina Vettore Austin Ford were divorced at 6 p.m. Wednesday without going to trial.

There was an agreed property settlement, the result of marathon negotiations that began Tuesday shortly after the case was first called for trial before Wayne County Circuit Judge John R. Kirwan.

Under the terms of the negotiations, details of the settlement were not made public. Previous reports have said that Ford offered as much as \$5 million.

Ford said Wednesday that he agreed that his ex-wife could live at their Lake Shore Drive mansion for a short time, but that he ultimately would get the house.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT** that an out-of-court settlement had been reached, thus avoiding the possible embarrassment of public trial, was made shortly after Judge Kirwan took the bench at 5:55 p.m.

A. Robert Zeff, Mrs. Ford's attorney, said that "an amicable settlement" had been reached.

Then Zeff and Ford's chief attorney, Milton J. Mill-

er, put their clients through the steps usually followed in divorce actions.

They were sworn.

Mrs. Ford, wearing a purple Yves St. Laurent suit, took the witness stand. In a voice barely audible, she gave her name and her residence in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She said that she had fulfilled such legal requirements as living in the county 180 days, that she and Ford had married Feb. 19, 1965, and that they had separated Sept. 22, 1975. She said they had no children and that there had been a breakdown in the marriage.

At that point, Mrs. Ford removed her large, lightly tinted sunglasses and wiped her eyes.

She was shown the settlement statement, and said she agreed to its provisions.

Her testimony lasted about five minutes. The examination of Ford took two minutes. Questions to him

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Cristina Ford heading for court: "I feel sad and relieved."

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## U.S. calls official Olympic boycott

AP and UPI

The Carter administration said Wednesday the United States will officially boycott the Moscow Olympics this summer and U.S. Olympic Committee officials and athletes are expected to follow suit.

However, the athletes involved were slow to rally to the boycott call.

Still, White House counsel Lloyd Cutler made clear that the committee, which oversees U.S. participation in the games, is being relied on to abide by President Carter's decision.

**MEANWHILE,** Soviet-American relations were further frayed Wednesday by a State Department claim that the Russians were involved in the 1979 assassination of U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs in Afghanistan.

There was also congressional testimony that the U.S. sold too much technology to the Russians, and that technology is now being used to back up Soviet military might.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter announced the final decision on the games as the president's previously announced deadline arrived for the Soviet Union to pull its troops out of Afghanistan.

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Lloyd Cutler, who sees no counter Olympics.



### An early bird

He was a few days early, but Mark (The Bird) Fidrych got in some pre-spring training pitches Wednesday at Lakeland, Fla., where the Tigers will open their camp Saturday. Fidrych, who has been bothered by an arm problem, is trying to regain the form that made him a star. If spring training time is here, can spring be far behind?

# Carter Wants Quick Action On Hostages

From AP, UPI and New York Daily News

**WASHINGTON** — President Carter demanded "prompt return" of the hostages in Iran Wednesday and said the new United Nations commission will consider America's anger at their long captivity as well as Tehran's complaints about the shah.

Although administration officials would not say when they expected the Americans to be released, one of the five commission members — Algerian UN Ambassador Mohamed Bedjaoui — said, there was a "gentlemen's agreement" that the hostages would be freed as a result of their mission. The timing of the release remained unclear, however.

**IRANIAN** officials have backed off their demand that ousted Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi be extradited before the hostages are freed. But in a Tehran Radio broadcast late Wednesday, ailing revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini again called for the return of the deposed monarch.

Khomeini urged his countrymen "not to allow the foreigners, whoever they may be, to interfere in your destiny ... (and to) forcefully demand from the U.S.A. and any other government which may have risen in defense of the criminal, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, that this criminal be returned to us together with the nation's lawful riches, and do not rest until final victory."

UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim announced formation of the panel in New York Wednesday and said its five members would fly to Iran this weekend.

Waldheim said the panel wanted to



Algeria's Bedjaoui, who said a "gentlemen's agreement" has been reached on the hostages.

speak to all the Americans being held by the militant Iranians.

The White House then issued a carefully drafted statement saying it is vital that the commission assess the condition of the 50 hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the three American diplomats held at the Foreign Ministry.

"The United States has no desire to interfere in the internal affairs of Iran, but it does insist on the prompt return of the 53 Americans now illegally held in Tehran," Carter said.

**IRANIAN** officials have said the United States must guarantee there will be no future interference in Iran before the captives are freed.

A presidential confidant, who asked not to be identified, denied that the "no interference" promise was a concession to Iran. He said it conformed to current American foreign policy and "it was an appropriate thing to reaffirm."

Carter's statement, which spelled out Washington's position on the UN panel, noted that the body will be "a fact-finding mission — it will not be a

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## Q • Dick Button

### 'Shut your . . . mouth?'



Former Olympic ice skating champion (1948) Dick Button, 50, now an expert commentator on the sport for ABC-TV in its current two-week coverage of the Winter Olympic Games from Lake Placid, N.Y., has become a controversial celebrity due to the emotion with which Button described the thrill of victory and the agony of Tai and Randy.

By JOE LAPOINTE  
Free Press Sports Writer

**Q** — Last Friday night, Randy Gardner withdrew from the pairs figure skating competition because of a pulled muscle. If he and Tai Babilonia had been able to compete, would they have defeated the Russians Irina Rodnina and Aleksandr Zaitsev?

**A** — I don't know the answer to that. If Randy and Tai skated well and Rodnina and Zaitsev skated the way they did that night, Randy and Tai would have won. But the pressure would have made Rodnina and Zaitsev skate better and the pressure wasn't there. They are good skaters, but they were not good that night.

**Q** — You became quite emotional when announcing that Gardner was injured. Did you get any reaction over that from your viewers or your bosses?

**A** — Yes, I must have got 100 telegrams congratulating me and I got one that said "Shut your big fat mouth." I'm saving that one. It's my favorite. Roone (Arledge) said he liked my announcing that night. I've never, ever got any criticism or direction from him. (Arledge is the head of ABC Sports.)

**Q** — Did you know Gardner injured himself two weeks before? And if you did, why didn't you report it?

**A** — I knew, but I didn't think it was that bad. They kept it very quiet. A lot of people suffer these injuries. I didn't realize it was that bad until he came out on the ice.

**Q** — Do you get embarrassed when ABC cameras show fans holding up signs that say "Dick, you're as cute as a button?"

**A** — I didn't know it was on camera. It doesn't bother me. It's kind of fun. They were nice enough to make it.

**Q** — On a more serious subject, do you think the United States should boycott the Summer Olympics in Moscow?

**A** — If President Carter elects to boycott them, I will back him up. It would be a shame, I would be very sorry, but one has to support what he requests. But I'm not one of the athletes competing.

**Q** — People identify you with ice skating, but most don't realize you are credited with the invention of the ABC television show "The Superstars." Does it bother you when critics call Superstars "Trashsports?"

**A** — I get furious and then the few hairs left on my head start to rise. Take a look at the level of competition in "The Superstars." The level of fun and pleasure doesn't take anything away from the competition. We've popularized the decathlon. If Jean-Claude Killy, can't swim as well as Rod Laver, it doesn't hurt either one. It's not to be sneered at.

**Q** — Any final observations on the current Olympics?

**A** — I like them in a place like Lake Placid, with high school bands at the opening ceremonies. It wouldn't be like that in Nazi Germany or in Moscow in 1980. Simple and unpretentious, on the right scale. Still homespun, they still have an amateur look. But there are two standards evident here: Ours, and the one held by the Soviets and the East Germans. Irina Rodnina is 30 years old. Who pays for her apartment, her father? What if the United States was still allowed to put Dorothy Hamill, Peggy Fleming and Janet Lynn on our skating team?

## Officers confirm use of cattle prods

By BRIAN FLANIGAN and JACK KRESNAK  
Free Press Staff Writers

Cattle prods have been used at the 2d (Vernor) Precinct numerous times during the past year, according to Detroit police officers assigned to the precinct, the Free Press has learned.

Officers assigned to the precinct say they have seen the prods used to wake up drunks and other prisoners since early 1979, according to information received by police investigators.

During interviews, according to a police source, officers said that:

- At least two prods have been seen in use at the precinct;
- On one occasion, an officer was seen using a prod on a drunk;
- At least five officers own and use cattle prods;
- At least one sergeant used a prod on

drunks throughout the summer of 1979.

In addition, persons throughout the city have begun phoning complaints to the Police Department that cattle prods have been used on them, a police official said Wednesday.

As a result, police investigators are considering the possibility they will broaden the scope of the probe to determine if cattle prods are being used in other police precincts in the city.

**ALLEGATIONS** that cattle prods were being used at the precinct surfaced shortly after Edgar D. Smith, also known as Fred Warren, 39, was found dead Feb. 3 in a cell at the precinct. A cattle prod was allegedly used in an unsuccessful attempt to revive

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Anyone with \$15 can buy a cattle prod in Detroit. Page 3A.

For half a century, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, the eldest daughter of Theodore Roosevelt, charmed and angered official Washington with her sharp wit and sharper tongue. On Wednesday Mrs. Longworth, 96, died. The story of her life is on Page 6D.



UPI Photo



Philip Crane and George Bush, two of the seven GOP debaters, swap words Wednesday night.

## GOP debate No. 2

By REMER TYSON and SAUL FRIEDMAN  
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**MANCHESTER, N.H.** — Ronald Reagan joined a debate with his Republican rivals Wednesday night for the first time, and if he had worried they would gang up on him, he didn't need to. Reagan, George Bush and five other GOP presidential candidates saved their fire for Democratic President Carter.

But the audience wasn't so polite. The most pointed question of the second major Republican debate — the first was in Iowa last month — was aimed at Reagan, who was asked why he told an ethnic joke last week involving Poles, Italians and a duck.

"I do not go around telling ethnic jokes," said Reagan. "I was stiffed." The former California governor told a national television audience and about 1,200 people in the Practical Arts Auditorium of Central High School here:

"I had not told the story the way it was reported by the reporter who reported it . . . from now on I'm only going to tell stories about Irishmen because I'm Irish."

Reagan had already apologized for the joke, which he told Saturday and

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