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Restaurants lose business to high thermostat setting

United Press International
Light lunches are in. So are cold beer and shirtsleeves. Out are suit coats — except in the hoity-toity places.
One week since taking effect, President Carter's order raising thermostat settings to 78 degrees appears to be establishing some new trends in the nation's restaurant business.
Most restaurateurs surveyed by United Press International during the weekend said they were losing business — or would be soon.

Monk's Inn in Miami reported a 5 to 6 percent decline in business and said at least 40 customers a day complained of the heat.
"It's very uncomfortable. The biggest complaint is they feel they aren't relaxed any more," said Manager Henry Burgos. "I believe in conservation all the way but there are certain instances where they have to bend."
Several restaurant owners reported increased sales of "cool" or "light" foods such as salads. Others said customers were eating less — apparently because the heat reduced their appetites.

Proprietor William Eaton of the Redwood House near the Los Angeles Civic Center said business definitely took a downturn since his restaurant turned up its thermostat. But he said beer sales were up — and he increased his beer supply.
Maybe just enough to cry in. Eaton said Carter's thermostat order "won't save a plugged nickel" because planners failed to consider such factors as reduced air conditioning forcing restaurant refrigerators to work overtime.

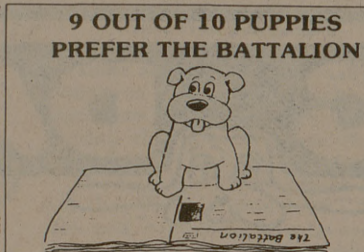
The manager of the Draw Bridge Restaurant in Des Moines, Iowa, reported business off sharply and said about a third of his customers complained about the heat. He said the warmer atmosphere could create a health problem.
"The complaints have been so bad I have had to turn it down," he said. "We set it at 78 and as it (the restaurant) fills up the temperature goes up. By keeping it so hot you're making an active environment for bacteria."
In Washington, D.C., customers at the posh Rive Gauche were putting up with the heat, though chef-owner Michael Laudier said they were definitely complaining about it.

Laudier said the restaurant had not relaxed its dress code but that men were loosening their ties, or taking them off completely, during dinner.
In Miami, King Arthur's Court, the only restaurant with a strict dress code, upped its thermostat and dropped its requirement that men wear jackets.
Operators of New York's swank eateries were reluctant to discuss the possibility of their customers sweating but allowed that some perspiration was inevitable.

'Free' airline coupons are very valuable

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DENVER — Airline discount coupons are now worth as much as \$65 each, said a stamp and coin dealer who is marketing the coupons.
Chester West of L&L Coins and Stamps Inc. said his store, which advertises the half-fare coupons in the media, sells 90 to 125 coupons daily at prices ranging from \$55 to

\$65. He predicted the price will increase to \$80 by the time the coupons expire on Dec. 15.
West said he buys the coupons, initially given to passengers of United and American Airlines as a promotion, for \$30 to \$36 each. He said he buys them from persons who purchased them last month from airline passengers for \$15 to \$20.



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U.S. strategic equality safe Brown says

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WASHINGTON — The United States will have strategic equality with Russia under SALT II even if it appears the Soviets are "giants" and the Americans are "dwarfs," Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Monday.
"If you have a team of giants on the one hand and dwarfs on the other," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee, "if the dwarfs are as strong, and as able, that is not unequal."
Brown's comment referred to a charge by SALT II critic Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., the treaty makes Soviet forces look like giants, and American forces look like dwarfs.

"I believe it (the treaty) is fair and equitable," Brown said.
Brown conceded the projected U.S. MX missile was smaller than the giant Soviet SS-18 missiles, but he assured the panel it will be as capable.
"I would not trade the (Soviet) SS-18 missile for the MX missile," he said.
Brown also hinted the United States might depart from its current policy of saying it would not fire Minutemen III missiles until attack Soviet missiles had hit the United States.
"The Soviets will be able to destroy our ICBM missiles in our silos," in the early 1980s, he told the senators. "But that assumes our Minutemen will be in their silos. They cannot be sure that will be the case."
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Faith kept family together: Kennedy

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HOUSTON — Rose Kennedy, celebrating her 89th birthday Sunday, says strong faith was the anchor that held the Kennedy family together during the good and bad times.
"Every day, all my life, wherever I am, I have gone to mass. I believe very deeply in the power of prayer and the grace of God," she wrote in an article appearing Monday in the Boston Herald American.
Mrs. Kennedy said family and faith are the "glue that hold the country together," and both were especially important for giving her family the courage to survive.

"My own family has always gathered together in times of joy or sorrow to find strength for the present and confidence for the future," she said.
Looking back on her life — one that has seen untimely deaths for four of her children — Mrs. Kennedy said faith has always been her support.
"There have been so many times to remember," she said. "But as the years have passed, the most recent ones have always seemed the best. I love to see the joy of tomorrow, of what is still to come, lighting people's eyes."

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