## Residents try to prevent start-up at 3 Mile Island

United Press International WASHINGTON — Neighirector bors of Three Mile Island, seeksaid he ing to prevent restarting of the nuclear plant, have urged the Supreme Court to spare them to before from reliving the anguish they

d faith experienced following the na-

there, tion's worst nuclear accident. A lawyer for residents around the Three Mile Island threat, nuclear power plant told the jus-tental, tices Tuesday that the communton Ba ity had suffered severe mental distress after the March 1979

> "Restart brings with it the psychological reality of another ccident," William Jordan said. aged th A traumatized population is the air.

now facing the possibility of another accident."

Jordan is asking the justices to uphold a lower court ruling requiring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to weigh neighbors' fears of recurring catastrophe before allowing a start-up of the undamaged reactor at the plant near Harrisburg,

Metropolitan Edison Co. wants to put one of the reactors back to work generating electricity. Both reactors at the island have been shut down since reac tor No. 2 was so seriously damaged that radiation leaked into

Under questioning by Justice Lewis Powell, Jordan said the mere knowledge the plant was running — even without visible evidence — would be traumatic.

Last May, nearby residents not to voted overwhelmingly against land. reopening the reactor.

But the government's lawyer, Paul Bator, argued that anxiety produced by fear of environmental harm is not the kind of environmental ill the NRC is required to review under the National Environmental Policy Act

The NRC has postponed indefinitely a decision on reopening the plant until the Supreme Court decides the case, probably

Bator contends the government should weigh psychological concerns only when it directly alters the environment, which is not the case at Three Mile Is-

Some justices were uncertain about exactly what he meant.

"Is it because, in this instance, it has been concluded it (starting the reactor) is safe to physical health?" Justice Sandra Day

O'Connor asked.
Bator replied that, "When it is clear there are actual changes in water, land or air that directly propagate mental health changes, emotional stress may propagate be considered.

#### Bankruptcies hit farmers

## Grain elevators studied

worth of grain because the curent bankruptcy laws do not protect them if the grain elevaors storing their grain go broke,

a Nebraska congresswoman tes-tified Tuesday. Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb., old a House subcommittee that here were 177 grain elevator inolvencies, many of which ended in bankruptcy, during a six-year

period which ended in 1981. "Producers had lost between \$25-\$50 million because their assets were not properly protected," she said. "Since that ime there have been some 25 other elevators that have gone

bankrupt. "Millions of dollars more have been lost to grain produc-ders because the present bank-

WASHINGTON — Farmers ave lost millions of dollars when farmers have merely stored the grain in elevasuch as grain when farmers have bankruptcy law. tors without transferring the title to the grain operator," she

> Smith is a cosponsor of a one of several bills introduced in Congress that would give grain producers a priority position in the distribution of assets involved in a bankruptcy.

Another co-sponsor is Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo., whose district includes the Ristine, Mo., elevator whose bankruptcy drew nationwide attention when Puxico, Mo., farmer Wayne Cryts withdrew 33,000 bushels of his soybeans from it in July 1981 in violation of a Little Rock, Ark.,

federal judge's order. The warehouse was one of 11 owned by a bankrupt Corning, Ark., company, and the judge

civil contempt, is scheduled to testify at a March 14, Kansas City, Kan., meeting of the sub-

"More and more of our farm producers are finding them-selves held hostage by the bank-ruptcy process," Emerson said. "In fact, it has been said that

the failure of the law to adequately protect the farmer whose grain becomes entangled in an elevator bankruptcy has jeopar-dized the integrity of the nation's entire grain storage system," he said.

Agriculture official Ed Hews told the House Ad Hoc Subcom-mittee on Grain Elevator Bankmittee on Grain Elevator Bank-ruptcy that the department was setting up plans to ensure that

The sucommittee, appointed by Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, held a second hearing

the firm's assets under federal are paid surplus commodities to stop producing crops - if an Cryts, who has been found in elevator went bankrupt.

"The need for creative thought and sound solutions to this problem is especially urgent in the wake of the recently announced payment-in-kind program," said Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan. and subcommittee

"Under this program, farmers may be given ownership to grain stored in elevators that are far from their own farms and with whose management practices they are not familiar," he said. "If this program is to have a chance at working, farmers must have confidence in the elevators where their commodities are stored.

farmers would not lose under late Tueday on the bankruptcy

## Age suit 'blow'

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, dealing states a sig-nificant blow, ruled 5-4 Wednesday the federal government can enforce age bias protections for state and local government

The decision was a victory for the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, which had challenged a ruling that the fed-

Justice William Brennan delivered the majority opinion, which held that extending federal anti-bias law to states was not "federal intrusion that might threaten their (states) 'separate and independent ex-

federal age discrimination requirements interfere with tradieral age discrimination act could tional state functions. At issue local government workers. and it sued on his behalf, charg-not be applied to state workers was whether Wyoming could The case before the court was ing the Wyoming law violated force a wildlife warden to retire. sparked by a Wyoming law that federal regulations.

supported by four dissenting

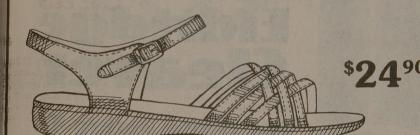
At the center of the age bias dispute is the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, which prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of Wyoming had argued that age against workers between 40 and 70. Congress in 1974 extended its protection to state and

The state's arguments were permitted forced retirement for some state employees as early as age 55 and ordered mandatory retirement at 65.

The law was tested when Bill Crump, a district game division supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, was forced to retire at 55.

He filed a discrimination complaint with the commission,

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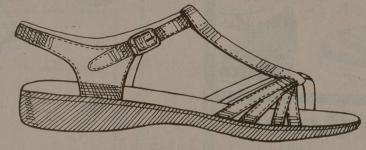
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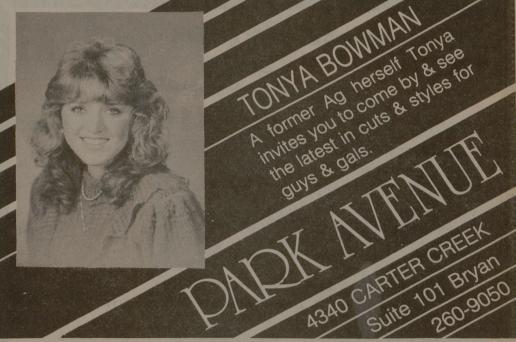
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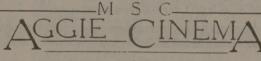


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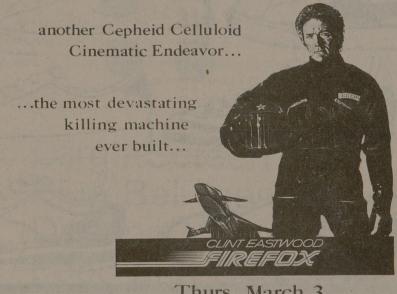
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