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News Events Capsuled by The Gazette Staff

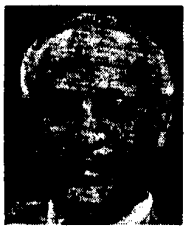
A Long Island woman has filed a $31-million malpractice suit charging Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton A. Cooley installed a defective artificial valve in her heart. . . Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel and four codefendants go on trial today in U.S. District Court in Baltimore on charges of racketeering, mail fraud and bribery.

Stung by complaints from consumer groups, Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz is expanding an advisory panel to give the public a larger voice in reviewing federal regulatory programs affecting such activities as meat inspection and milk marketing . . . Two New Hampshire men indicted by a Massachusetts grand jury for the murder of three members of a Tewksbury family have been granted more time to challenge rendition.

The Department of Justice has done a sudden about-face in its efforts to bring 30 FBI agents before a grand jury probing burglaries of the offices of the Socialist Workers party and other radical groups. Despite a favorable ruling by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City yesterday on its effort to subpoena the agents, the department announced several hours later that they would not be required to testify.



Dr. Cooley, sued.



Mandel, on trial.

Federal officials say they doubt anyone will be prosecuted in connection with the now-completed investigation of bribery allegations at the Republican National Convention in Kansas City . . . Mexican officials say 50 of the 140 American prisoners in Mexico City and two Canadians have started a hunger strike to prod U.S. officials to negotiate for their release.

New York state reportedly has reached final agreement with General Electric Co. on cleaning the Hudson River of highly toxic PCBs that the company dumped in the river. PCBs are polychlorinated byphenyls, a group of chemicals used as insulators in the making of electronic parts, such as capacitors and transformers. They have been found to cause cancer in laboratory animals and are thought to be responsible for skin rashes and other diseases among GE workers.

U.S. forces in South Korea are being ordered to stand down from 20 days of extra alert after the slaying of two U.S. Army officers by North Korean guards. . . Today marked an anniversary for Richard Nixon. Two years ago today President Ford granted him a "full, free and absolute pardon" for any crimes committed as president.

Not content to save the wild alligator from extinction, Louisiana officials are raising "super gators." The first generation of alligators raised from eggs in special tanks reached adult size in half the normal time. In 3½ years, adult-sized, seven-foot alligators were produced commercially.

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