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# PEOPLE

Two Toronto actors and stuntmen are making final preparations today for their take-off on a planned historic Atlantic crossing by balloon from nearby Hartlands point.

Mark Winter, 35, and Jerry Kostur, 29, foiled in their first attempt last June to take off in their balloon from western Cape Breton because of transport department regulations, were checking wind conditions in preparation for their take-off early Saturday.

They will attempt to become the first to cross the Atlantic by balloon, cover the greatest distance ever in a balloon and remain aloft the longest time in a balloon.

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The trouble with Fred Eighteen is, you guessed it.

"Every time people ask my name and I tell them they always say, "No, your name, not your age," he says.

Letters go astray because the name gets taken for a street number. Phone callers to his London shoe store think they have the wrong number.

Fred Eighteen, who is 41, says he doesn't plan to change.

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Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of fiction's Perry Mason, married Agnew Jean Bethell his secretary of 40 years, in a ceremony at a private home in Carson City, Nev., Thursday night. Gardner, 79, is a widower.

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A team of Canadian international bridge players won Thursday by five victory points to three the first of four matches against a team led by Omar Sharif, international movie star.

Mr. Sharif's team, which includes world and Olympiad

champion Giorgio Belladonna of Italy, is known as the Bridge Circus.

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A change of venue was requested Thursday in Stockton Calif., for the armed robbery trial of Clifford Watkins, 24, who was wounded and whose brother was killed in a liquor store shooting June 3.

The slain man was football player Ted Watkins, of Modesto, Calif., who played the 1967 season with the Grey Cup - champion Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

A store clerk shot the brothers.

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Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, fresh from an Asian tour, said Thursday there is unprecedented opposition to foreign aid but warned "this is not the time" to cut it sharply, lest we "endanger world order and our own security."

Addressing the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, Katzenbach said:

"I do not believe world tranquillity can be maintained unless there is steady improvement of economic conditions in the less-developed world."

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Rev. William H. Dubay, 33, a suspended Roman Catholic priest, will marry the divorced mother of four Saturday in Los Angeles with a Jewish rabbi officiating.

Father Dubay, who will automatically be excommunicated with his wedding, is a back country patrolman in the Mt. San Jacinto wilderness state park in California.

His bride-to-be is Mrs. Mary Ellen Wall, 29, daughter of a prominent Seattle family.

The couple met a year ago at their mountain homes.



JONI MITCHELL  
... back to Mariposa

When Joni Mitchell sings at tonight's opening of the eighth annual Mariposa Folk Festival, it will be a landmark for her and Tom Bishop, the festival's president.

The slim, 25-year-old singer from Fort Macleod, Alta., is having her biggest year as a writing and recording artist. And she began it all at the Mariposa four years ago.

For Tom Bishop, the three-day Mariposa has come a long way from the uncertain days following the 1963 debacle at Orillia, Ont. At that time motorcyclists caused such a disturbance the festival was forced to seek a new home.