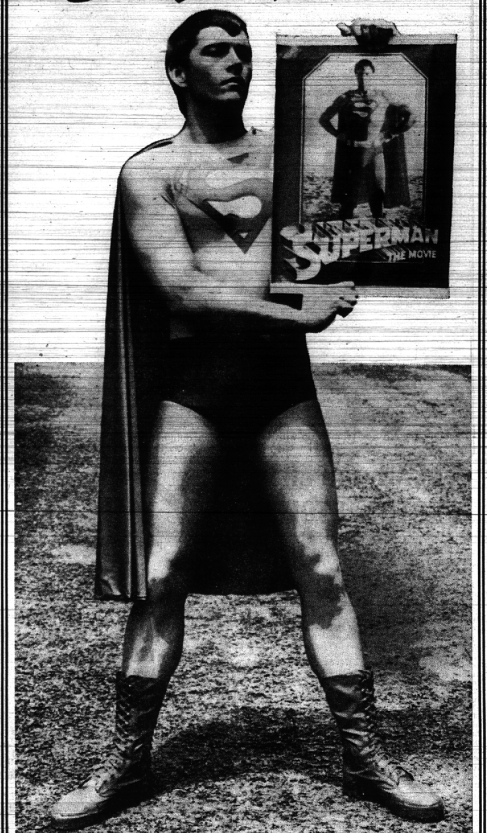


SUPERMAN THE POSTER



◆ The movie is breaking box office records as easily as its hero breaks the sound barrier. In its first three days it has grossed more than \$6 million. To coincide with the first Perth showing tomorrow, the Daily News will run a double-page full-colour poster. And who better to give readers a preview of this special bonus than Perth's own superhero, Barry Strickland, of Cottesloe?



Murder 'clues' swamp police

A special detective squad was quickly formed last night to cope with a deluge of calls on the Andrew Pea murder after a television re-enactment.

Officer in charge of investigations, Det-Sgt Roy Stewart, said at one stage last night 17 phones were in use taking calls from the public.

This morning a steady stream of calls flowed in from people who thought they recognised the murderer from an artist's impression—drawn from a composite picture.

Det-Sgt Stewart said: "Some of the information we are receiving looks like it could be very helpful, but it is too early to say."

"We are going through the new information and evaluating it. Last night Channel Nine televised a 30-minute programme that re-viewed the events of the murder from the time Pea was involved in a fight to when his assailant made a getaway.

Pea (22) was stabbed more than 20 times with a scalpel-style knife at the corner of Barrack and Wellington Streets on July 1.

One of the stab wounds penetrated his skull and entered his brain.

Police say that, because of the nature of the attack and its ferocity, the murderer could attack again.

ACTORS GO ON STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, (AAP): Seventy thousand actors across the U.S. have gone on strike against the producers of television and radio commercials.

The actors belong to two unions, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and the Screen Actors Guild.

They are protesting against management proposals to change pay rates for the commercials.

The unions said they have received pledges of support from such actors as Henry Fonda, Charlton Heston, Cliff Robertson and James Garner.

Many others have promised to help man picket lines set up outside a number of advertising agencies in several major cities.

An official of the Screen Actors Guild said the agencies wanted to pay actors a single session fee of \$251 for any number of commercials they make in a day instead of continuing to pay them \$221 for each commercial.

The \$221 is the basic fee for extras.

Star receive fees run into thousands of dollars.



◆ Norman Asbitt's drawing of the killer

THIN CHANCE OF ESCAPE

ADELAIDE Today: A man who starved himself for five days so he could squeeze through prison bars to escape had been too weak to climb over the outside wall, the Supreme Court was told yesterday.

John Patrick Shannon (26) had been in custody at the Yatala Security Hospital at Northfield awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to two charges of armed robbery and one of breaking into a pharmacy.

Shannon had planned to escape by using a blanket knotted in strips, and had not eaten for five days so he could squeeze through the prison bars.

When Shannon had climbed out of the window he had been too weak from not eating to climb the outside wall and had been caught.

Mr Justice Sangster sentenced Shannon to 12 years imprisonment for the attempted escape and the three other charges.

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PARIS, Today

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Many were desecrated by beating on the head and blinded by warders poking fingers into their eyes, he said.

Mr Montazeri was released from gaol under a pardon amnesty for political prisoners last October 30.

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Travolta

NEW YORK: John Travolta has won a top Hollywood award... and a raspberry.

He won the Golden Apple award as the most outstanding star. And he was accused of making the biggest fashion mistakes of the year.

In another awards Bit... his co-star in the film "Grease", Aus...



◆ John Travolta has teamed...

LUCAN PAR PHOTOS

Daily News Special

LONDON, Tues: A mystery occurred at the Belgravia home of the Countess of Lucan (38) Lord Lucan disappeared also on November 8, 1974, and mysteriously reappeared in connection with the murder of colourist's nanny the night previous night.

Lady Lucan, who is a Dominican, bringing up the early three children, has reported the loss of a notable scrapbook containing photographs of herself and Lord Lucan and his friends.

In ordinary circumstances the book is valuable as a memento of happier days—her final parting from her husband took place in 1971—as well as a commitment to sell to help ease out her meagre existence.

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