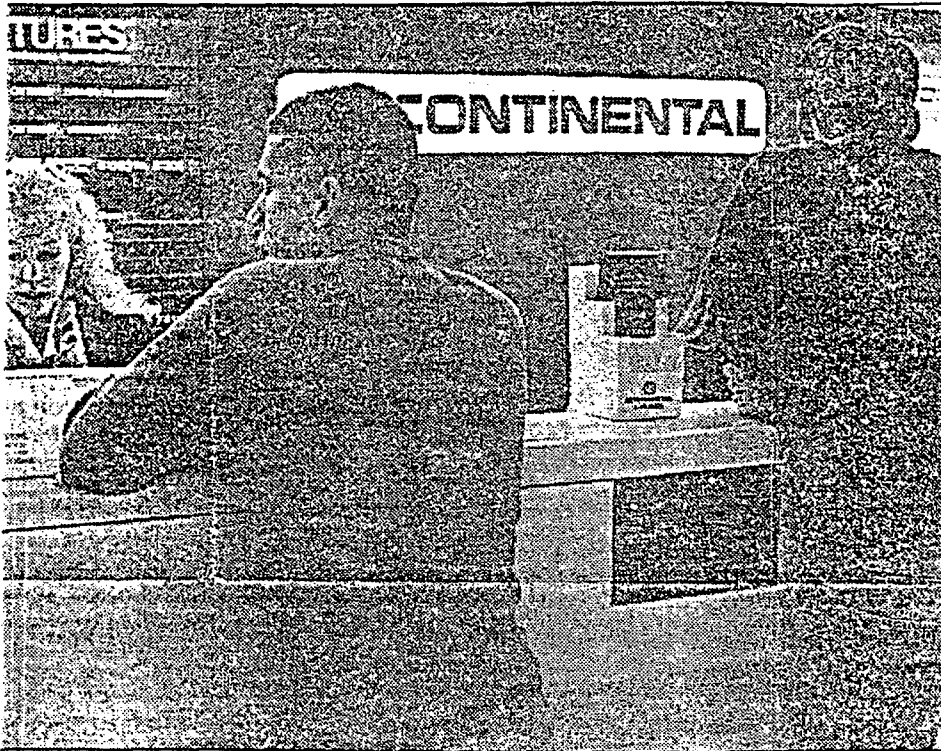


option of having the area would go to a vote in Ash Grove and Walnut. A two-thirds majority, Ash Grove and Walnut

Ash Grove business. It would definitely help the town grow a little bit around here." Pro-Extended Area Service forces are pushing for money to help pay for a lobbyist who is working for the bill's passage, Elliott

Under the service, those residents can call the 12 base lines in Springfield at a rate Elliott said was about half the usual rate. There is no increase to the basic monthly



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ges works Sunday on flight 935 — the last at Airport. Citing in-

creased emphasis on the Eastern Seaboard region, Continental shut down its twice-daily Springfield-to-Denver flights after two years of operation.

Continental launches last flight

scheduled for temporary assignment at Continental's Houston, Texas, office — said most of the airline's 16 employees felt empty as the last jet left the tarmac.

"I don't like to see it happen," said Patterson, who's been in Springfield for a few weeks. "I'm sorry we're leaving."

Continental began twice-daily non-stop flights to Denver on Nov. 20, 1986, providing a service that had been interrupted when Frontier Airlines went bankrupt in August 1986.

Nearly 4,000 passengers boarded Continental flights the first month. Service peaked at 4,300 boardings in October 1987.

But Continental decided to drop its Springfield-to-Denver operation, saying it wanted to instead develop service along the Eastern Seaboard.

The pull-out wasn't due to the October 1988 entry of United Airlines in the Springfield market, Continental officials said. But Continental boardings plummeted to about 3,000 a month when United began its Denver flights.

Continental, which still holds the lease on its airport terminal space, has made no announcement regarding the lease's use.

Continental employees in Springfield may transfer to other jobs within the company, Patterson said.

Thilges is moving to Orlando, Fla. She says she's happy to be moving to a bigger market, but "I'll still come back on my days off. The airline helps quite a bit with that."

Other employees are switching airlines or taking non-airline jobs in Springfield.

William Shoemaker — an air host caterer who worked for both United and Continental — says he'll quit the business now that Continental is out of Springfield.

"I didn't want to work for United. I wanted very much to work for Continental," he said. "So this is my last day."

"It'll be strange to come in and pick up my last two paychecks and walk by here and see it empty," Shoemaker said, glancing at the Continental desk. "I hope they'll come back."

"There's a very good chance the bill will pass with the attention of the media and the interest of the people. Without those, it won't pass."

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Couple to sue 2nd time

Gun injury verdict reversed in appeal

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A Buffalo couple is scheduled to go to court a second time today in their attempt to obtain damages for injuries caused by an allegedly defective rifle.

Jury selection is expected to open in U.S. District Judge Russell G. Clark's court in the lawsuit filed by Evelyn and Jack Lewy.

The Lewys were awarded \$420,000 damages by a federal court jury in 1986 for serious injuries Evelyn Lewy received Nov. 14, 1982. The judgment was issued against Remington Arms Co. Inc.

However, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the judgment because of an evidentiary problem.

Evelyn Lewy was shot at the couple's home when a rifle discharged while it was being unloaded by their son, Mike, who was 26 at the time. Mike Lewy was in the basement when the accident occurred. His mother was asleep in a recliner on the floor above.

The bullet went through the floor, struck her in the left buttock and traveled up toward her knee, shattering her femur. Evelyn Lewy was hospitalized for 30 days and had several surgeries.

The gun involved was a 700 model 30.06 bolt-action rifle. The Lewys' attorneys contended the rifle was defective because it fired when the safety was pushed from safe to fire without the trigger being touched.

However, Remington's lawyers argued that Mike Lewy had maladjusted the trigger mechanism of the rifle, causing it to malfunction. They said there were no defective guns.

The first trial lasted almost five weeks. The new trial is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

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