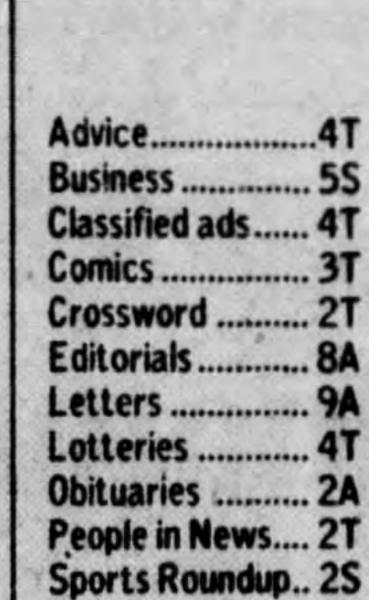
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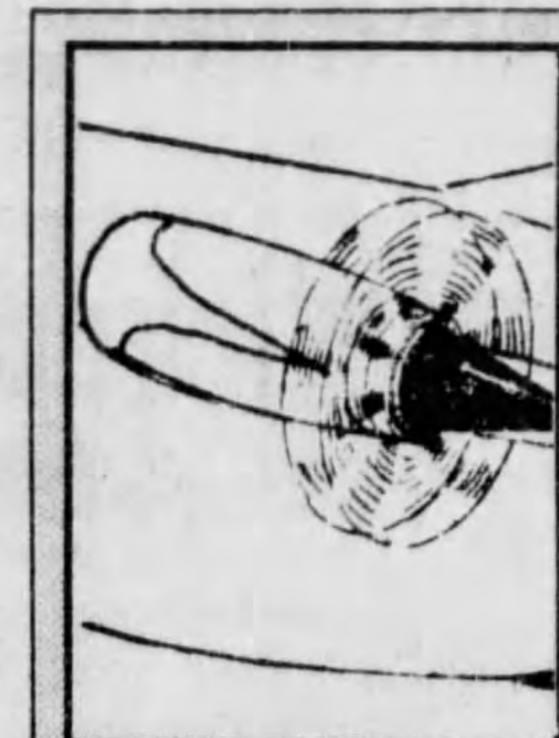
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# FBI agents owa officials

#### Sports agent who paid Hawks is center of probe

By TOM WITOSKY Register Staff Writer

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have interviewed University of Iowa officials, including head football coach Hayden Fry, apparently as part of a criminal investigation into the activities of sports agent Norby Walters.

Dorsey Ellis, vice president of administration and finance, said Wednesday that FBI agents were on the Iowa City campus recently to interview several officials about what they knew about Walters' activities.

"I do know that FBI agents have interviewed several people here, but I'm not sure of all of them," Ellis said. "The FBI doesn't generally want people to know who they have been talking to."

Ellis also said the agents served subpoenas for various records from the school's recently completed investigation into improper payments the New York agent made to former Hawkeye football players.

Last week, a three-member committee of Iowa faculty members reported that Walters had made payments to two players in 1985 while they were still on the Hawkeye football team. Walters has identified the two players as Ronnie Harmon, now a running back with the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League, and defensive back Devon Mitchell, now a starting Detroit Lions defensive back.

#### **Possible Crimes**

Walters' payments to Harmon and Mitchell violated National Collegiate Athletic Association and Big Ten Conference rules, but broke no criminal law. The FBI's visit to the Iowa campus and the subpoena of records suggest that federal officials are ex-

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#### Army overthrows Fiji government

SUVA, FIJI (THURSDAY) (AP) — An army colonel who led 10 soldiers into Parliament proclaimed a military takeover today and had Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra and 27 other government officials taken to an unknown destination.

Airline sources said the international airport at Nadi was under military control. It was not known if the airport had been closed.

Telephone links to this South Pacific country were cut.

The overthrow comes a month after an election that put an Indiancontrolled government in power, prompting demonstrations among native Fijians.



The Seven Dwarfs.

### Iowa drivers find 65 is just their speed

By WILLIAM PETROSKI Register Staff Writer

State Trooper Darrel Cox was cruising on Interstate Highway 35 north of Ankeny Wednesday afternoon when his radar gun suddenly

He hit the brakes, made a hard Uturn through the grassy median, got into the southbound passing lane and pressed the accelerator until he hit 90 mph. A few miles later he caught up with his prey - a red Chevette clocked at 73 mph, which is 8 mph over Iowa's new speed limit for rural Interstate highways.

The driver was ticketed with a \$33 fine, including court costs. When Cox informed him of his speed, he replied, "I was going that fast, huh?"

That unlucky motorist was one of the relatively few who were stopped for speeding in Iowa Wednesday. In sharp contrast to recent months when hordes of drivers were breaking the 55 mph speed limit, the vast majority of cars and trucks appeared to be obeying the 65 mph law that took effect Tuesday. As a result, it's tougher — at least for now — for state troopers to find speeders who deserve

"Business is not nearly as brisk as it used to be at 55," said Lt. William Walke, stationed at the State Patrol office in Cedar Falls. "We had an airplane up and three men on the ground

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### Smith: Overturn rule on washing of filthy poultry

By GEORGE ANTHAN

The Register's Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Representative Neal Smith of Iowa said Wednesday he will move to overturn



a decade-old Agriculture Department policy of allowing poultry processing companies to wash fecal contamination from the carcasses of chickens and turkeys.

Smith, who contends the department's policy violates the 1968 Wholesome Poultry Products Act, which he authored, said he is requesting that the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) provide him with copies of reports and memorandums leading to the decision in 1977 to permit the companies to use the washing method of cleaning filth from birds. Before then, the firms had been required to remove from a carcass any tissue that had been touched by fecal contamination. If an entire carcass was contaminated, it had to be con-

Smith said he will try to determine if the 1977 rule change itself is legal. He said the law prohibits sale of poul-POULTRY

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## board also recommended that the FAA should:

• Limit flights between airports during certain hours to prevent overloading the air traffic control system and to minimize the number of planes in airborne holding patterns. • Refrain from further relaxing

FAA urged:

By JAMES R. CARROLL

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ports this summer.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Saying

that it is "deeply concerned" about

the increasing "potential for a cata-

strophic accident," the National

Transportation Safety Board recom-

mended Wednesday that federal avia-

tion officials reduce flights during the

busiest travel times at 22 major air-

In a letter to Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration chief Donald Engen, the

rules under which planes are being allowed to follow each other more closely. In some regions, planes may be separated by as little as 10 nautical miles. The board said that situation could overload controllers and "compromise system safety."

 Discourage general aviation pilots from using airports and airways during peak travel periods.

NTSB chairman James Burnett said that if these changes are accepted by the FAA, "they may result in in-'creased delays."

Air traffic during June, July and August this year is expected to increase about 5 percent over current levels, according to the NTSB.

The airports that would be affected by the proposed flight limitations are: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago (O'Hare), Cleveland, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale, Houston (Intercontinental), Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Newark, New York (LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy International), Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco and Washington (National).

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said the agency will give the board's letter "very serious consideration," but noted that the FAA already is monitoring air traffic and, where necessary, restricting flights.

Controller errors during the first quarter of 1987 were up 18 percent over the same period a year ago, the NTSB said. Controller errors resulting in near-collisions between planes on runways increased almost 50 percent between 1984 and 1986. Nearmidair collisions shot up by 42 percent between 1985 and 1986 and are projected to increase 32 percent this year, Burnett said.

Because the number of controller errors and near-accidents historically have been higher during the summer and the numbers already are alarmingly high, the board said it was worried that "the tendency for operational errors and the potential for a catastrophic accident will continue to increase during the 1987 summer



Edward James Beckley "I've never been realistic"

### Millionaire maker' grins: I'll reorganize

By JAMES R. HEALEY Register Business Writer

Super-salesman Edward James Beckley, Fairfield 's so-called "millionaire maker," told his creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Des Moines Wednesday that he plans to reorganize his company and return to high profits by fall.

"One could say, are you being realistic? I've never been realistic," said Beckley, flashing his now-famous Cheshire cat grin.

His 3½ hours of testimony during a creditors' hearing were Beckley's first public comments on the collapse of his Beckley Group Inc., which sells plans for getting rich.

Beckley's tips on "declaring your financial independence" have appeared on television across the country thousands of times, often on obscure cable channels at odd hours.

Beckley Group, 80 percent owned by Beckley, sought protection from creditors on March 23 under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy law, saying it owed some \$6 million. Estimates of assets range from \$3 million downward. The biggest portion of the

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BECKLEY

# Reagan: My contra talks

#### But soliciting of funds from Saudi king denied

From Register Wire Services

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - President Reagan said Wednesday his diary confirms he talked with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd about Saudi help for the Nicaraguan contras at a time when Congress had banned U.S. military aid to the rebels.

However, Reagan said he did not solicit the Saudis' secret contribu-

Later Wednesday, Reagan's former national security adviser, Robert McFarlane, suggested at a congressional hearing that former CIA Director William Casey may have directed the activities of Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, a National Security Council aide who was a key operative in the Iran-contra affair.

In other developments:

 McFarlane testified that Reagan personally approved the highly controversial mining of Nicaraguan harbors by the CIA beginning in late 1983, an action that led to a subsequent congressional ban on aid to the

With great reluctance, McFarlane revealed that relatively little forethought went into the decision and said the president had been "badly served" by him and other top advisers, who he said failed to adequately weigh the consequences of such an action.

Disclosure of the mining operation in April 1984 - as well as a CIAdrafted manual advocating "assassination" as a tool of guerrilla warfare - helped provoke Congress into cutting off all military aid to the rebels as of Oct. 1, 1984.

 Swiss authorities seized \$10 million that wound up in a businessman's account by mistake after the sultan of

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### Collision results in stabbing death

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - A 30year-old man was stabbed to death after he accidentally bumped into a woman and her male companion attacked him with a hunting knife, police said.

The man, who was not immediately identified, was walking in the Fort Greene section of Brooklyn Tuesday night when he bumped into a woman who was part of two couples walking toward him, police spokesman Sgt. Raymond O'Donnell said.

The victim apparently apologized and continued on his way.

But the woman's companion followed the man and attacked him with a hunting knife.

REGISTER PHOTO BY HARRY BAUMERT

## 'The Wizard of AIDS' spreads safe sex message

By JOHN CARLSON Of The Register's Iowa City Bureau

IOWA CITY, IA. — Dorothy went down the yellow brick road to spread the word on AIDS. The scarecrow has no brain when it

comes to safe sex. The tin woodsman has no heart and now he's afraid to love. The cowardly lion can't face the disease that's killing his friends. All of this, and Toto, too. After Wednesday's performance of "The Wizard of AIDS," the Land of Oz

may never seem the same. The message of the play performed on the University of Iowa Pentacrest was a lot heavier than "There's no place like home."

In the original production of "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy tries to find her way back to Kansas. In the version depicted in the student play, Dorothy and friends spend 25 minutes in the land of AIDS spreading the word that practicing safe sex is the way to prevent the spread of the deadly disease.

About 100 onlookers gathered on campus to watch "The Wizard of AIDS," a 1987 adaptation of the children's classic. While sticking close to the original theme, it most certainly was not a carbon copy of the film that American television viewers and moviegoers have come to love. "We were sitting around brain-

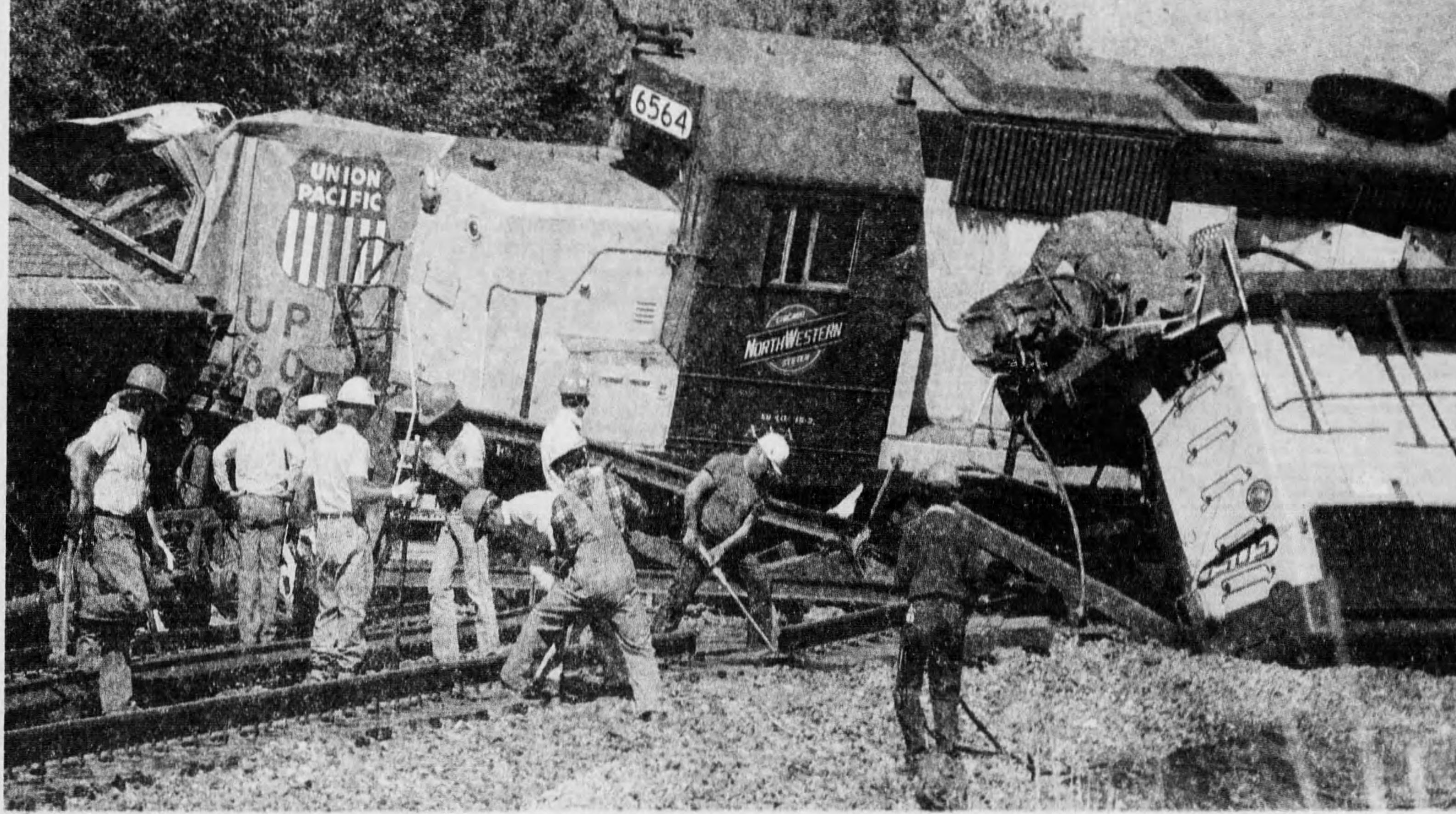
storming and improvising, trying to come up with ideas to convey the need to practice safe sex," said Michael Barto, the play's director and one of its authors. "We stay very close to the original story line." In the play, Dorothy and her dog,

Toto, run away from home to look for a cure for AIDS. Dorothy's house lands on and kills a wicked witch who spreads AIDS by sharing needles during drug use. Dorothy then battles the Wicked Witch of Unsafe Sex.

Along the way she meets the scarecrow, the tin woodsman and the cowardly lion, each of them troubled somehow by the AIDS epidemic.

The play was performed by members of a student group calling itself Award Individuals Deserving Survival. The cast members performed in costume and attracted a crowd of stu-

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### costume and attracted a crowd of students and curious passers-by. Most A double derailment

North Western Railway track crews tackle a monumental cleanup task after the side-by-side collision of two freight trains near Tama early Wednesday

morning. One crewman was injured and 22 rail cars and three engines were wrecked. "There was this big crash," said a nearby resident. STORY: Page 3A.

### NATIONAL NEWS

### U.S. keeping contra policy, Gerezo is told

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - President Reagan told Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo Wednesday the United States will continue to support Nicaragua's contra rebels, but said he's willing to cooperate "in any process" that brings democracy to Nicaragua through peaceful means.

Following a meeting that evidently glossed over the pair's differences on Central American policy, particularly Nicaragua, Cerezo said "we really believe that democracy, solidarity and respect of the other countries is the only way to build peace."

Cerezo was the first Guatemalan president to make a state visit since 1882. Standing beside Reagan at the White House Diplomatic Entrance, Cerezo, 44, was praised lavishly for bringing economic and human rights reforms to Guatemala.

Neither Reagan nor Cerezo made in any direct reference to their differences on how to bring democracy to Nicaragua.

In related developments Wednes-

 Contra leaders met in Miami to elect a unity slate of directors, acknowledging that without U.S. aid they have no chance of overthrowing the Sandinista government. The elections unite for the first time disparate and often feuding blocs within the contra movement whose infighting, along with the Iran-contra affair, has eroded congressional support for financing the rebels.

 The father of U.S. volunteer Benjamin Ernest Linder, who was killed April 28 in Nicaragua, told Congress his son was murdered, while a U.S. of-



Vinicio Cerezo Supports "active neutrality"

ficial repeated warnings that Americans should stay out of combat zones in the war-torn country. "This is murder," Dr. David Linder told a House panel, adding that he considers the U.S. government and the Washington-backed contras responsible for the death of his son.

Standing with Cerezo Wednesday, Reagan said, "Democracy, if it is to have a chance in your region, must not be threatened by a dictatorship bent on expansion and supported and maintained by the enemies of free-

Cerezo supports a policy of "active neutrality" in Central America, evidently meaning that while Guatemala will not get involved militarily in the struggle in Nicaragua, it is sympathetic to the cause of re-establishing democracy there.

Cerezo said the purpose of his visit was to discuss "how we can contribute with the United States and other countries in our region to build real peace and real democracy in our countries."

## Agent Walters claims Harmon owes him \$148,000

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ploring the possibility of criminal activity by Walters with Iowa players. The FBI's interest in Walters appears to be part of an investigation conducted by U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas in Chicago into allegations of extortion, racketeering and fraud in sports agentry. Neither Valukas nor any of his staff could be reached for comment. The FBI does not comment

on investigations in progress. A federal grand jury in Chicago is preparing to hear testimony about the circumstances of the assault of Kathe Clements, an assistant to sports agent Steve Zucker of Skokie, Ill. Zucker and Walters have been rivals to represent several players, but Walters has denied being involved in

the assault.

FBI agents in Dallas also are investigating allegations that Walters and his partner, Lloyd Bloom, have threatened players who have dismissed them for other clients. Jealousy?

comment. He and Bloom have consistently denied all allegations. They suggest they are targets of criminal investigations because other sports agents are jealous of their success. David Vernon, a law professor and

Walters could not be reached for

chairman of the Iowa committee, said he recently met with FBI agents twice to discuss Walters' activities. He said other Iowa officials were interviewed, including Fry.

"I guess they talked to Hayden, but he and I are the only two I know about

for sure," Vernon said.

Vernon said Fry routinely asks an FBI agent to meet with his players each season to discuss the hazards of drug use and gambling, as well as the dangers of associating with known gamblers and drug users. But the recent visit by the FBI agents was about the Walters case, Vernon said.

Fry was out of the state and could not be reached for comment. Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott also could not be reached.

The Iowa faculty committee reported it had obtained evidence that Harmon and Mitchell were paid by Walters through money orders sent by Western Union. Vernon has declined to name the source of the information, but said Wednesday it was not provided by the FBI.

Walters has sued Harmon for breach of contract. In the suit, Walters contends he is owed more than \$148,000, including more than \$54,172 advanced to Harmon during and after the final two years of his collegiate career.

Meanwhile, the Birmingham (Ala.). News reported Wednesday that Alabama basketball coach Wimp Sanderson learned from the FBI that one of his players, Derrick McKey, had signed a contract with Walters. The newspaper attributed the report to Alabama athletic department sources whom it declined to name.

McKey, the Southeastern Conference's Player of the Year, has been declared ineligible because of his dealings with Walters.

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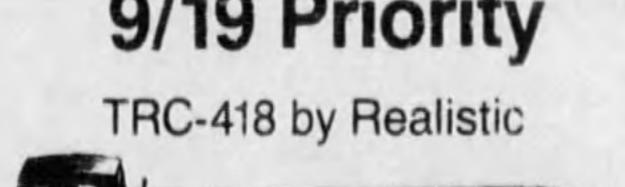
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