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Bush acted as liaison in contra deal

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - George Bush, while vice president, informed the president of Honduras of a top-secret deal exchanging millions of dollars in U.S. aid for Honduran military support of the Nicaraguan rebels, the government disclosed Thursday in a court document.

Bush's role as a clandestine emissary for President Reagan occurred in March 1985, more than five months after the Boland Amendment barred the U.S. government from spending money for direct or indirect military assistance to the contras.

The disclosure of the Bush mission, which had not been publicly known before, was contained in a 42-page government admission of facts, which was read to the jury and put into evidence by the defense in the cover-up trial of fired White House aide Oliver North.

Bush repeatedly denied last year that he played an active role in the campaign led by North to furnish military and financial assistance to the contras from 1984 to 1986 while the Boland Amendment was in effect. Bush said then he was unaware of the resupply operation until August 1986 and expressed his hope that North would be acquitted.

But the government admission disclosed that, besides being sent to Honduras, Bush was kept informed of various efforts to entice foreign countries into helping the contras and also met frequently with numerous U.S. officials and private citizens to talk about the contra resupply effort.

Deputy White House press secretary Stephen Hart, speaking for President Bush, said of Thursday's disclosure: "I have no comment. This is part of the ongoing trial."

The court document also revealed

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Volunteers begging to help mop up oil

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VALDEZ, ALASKA — Alaskan officials, Exxon and environmental groups are being deluged with calls from people who have begged and even cried to be part of the oil cleanup effort at Prince William Sound.

The would-be volunteers are applauded but discouraged from traveling to Alaska to help mop up the massive spill created March 24 by the tanker Exxon Valdez.

"We'd love to have people, but there's no place to keep them," said Andy Spear. He said Gov. Steve Cowper's office is receiving more than 1,000 calls a day from people wanting to help. Further news of the spill: 4A.



Victim tells of torment of repeated rape, stabbing

By LOU ORTIZ

Register Staff Writer Her voice cracking amid bursts of tears, a West Des Moines woman testified Thursday about how a man abducted her from a shopping center, raped her repeatedly and then stabbed her and asked, "Can I stay with you here until you die?"

Instead, he put her back in her car, resuming a 14-hour trip around central Iowa. Bleeding profusely from two knife wounds in her back, the 37year-old woman said, she begged her assailant to take her to a hospital. She asked him to "let me die close to my family."

The woman testified in the Polk County District Court trial of James Clyde Howell, 37, who is charged with first-degree kidnapping, first-degree sexual abuse and second-degree theft. **Expected Death**

"I was hurting so bad. I thought I was going to die," the woman recalled, as she cried and her voice often cracked with emotion. "I could see people finding me dead."

The testimony moved spectators and jurors, some of whom became misty-eyed as the woman told of her ordeal.

At one point, the woman calmly pointed and identified Howell as her tormentor. Howell sat emotionless as the woman told the jury that Howell abducted her from Valley West Mall Oct. 3, and kept her a prisoner for about 14 hours before she escaped in Fort Dodge early the next morning.

Defense Lawyer

Howell's lawyer, Chris Odell, is expected to ask the jury to acquit him based on her contention that he was

insane at the time. The woman, 36 at the time of the

66I said why, why, why are you hurting me???

-rape victim

knife to her throat and pushed her into her car as she was leaving the mall. He drove to a secluded area in Boone County, ordered the woman to perform a sex act and then raped her twice, she said.

The woman said that she was forced to do what Howell asked because "he was in control," and she thought that he would eventually let her go. "I was scared. I wanted to

save my life," she said. The woman testified that Howell drove her around for hours after abusing her, stopping occasionally to buy gas, cigarettes and food. Then he stopped at an abandoned house in Urbandale, where he stabbed her as he

He talked about needing money, so she wrote him a check for \$150, hoping that her torment would end, the woman said.

"I said why, why, why are you hurting me?" recalled the woman, who also suffered a punctured lung.

Arrested in California

raped her again, she said.

The ordeal ended at about 7 a.m. Oct. 4 in a parking lot of a Hy-Vee food store in Fort Dodge, when she fled from the car to Richard Schieffer, who was making a delivery to the store. Howell was arrested less than a

U of I president says he will act alone if NCAA won't change rule

By JOHN CARLSON and TOM WITOSKY

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IOWA CITY, IA. — University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings said this week that he will bar U of I freshmen from participating in all sports if the National Collegiate Athletic Association does not enact a nationwide ban within three years.

On Tuesday, Rawlings ordered stricter academic rules for U of I athletes and directed university officials to more closely oversee the class work of athletes. He announced the changes in response to concerns that some athletes apparently were not taking legitimate course loads that would lead to college degrees.

In an interview with The Des Moines Register, he called freshmen eligibility a root cause of many of the problems in intercollegiate athletics in the United States. If Rawlings were to keep freshmen off Hawkeye athletic teams, the University of Iowa would become the only university in the U.S. with a major sports program where all freshmen were ineligible to play.

"Bring About a Change" "I am going to work with the Big Ten presidents to try to bring about a change in this rule with the NCAA," Rawlings said. "But if we don't get

anywhere with that process, I'll do it. "It comes down to the presidents being willing to take leadership in an area that is losing credibility: college athletics. If we don't, we're all going to be on the slippery slope. We may already be on top of that slope any-

Rawlings, who played basketball and baseball at Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., also said during the interview that:

 Freshmen should be prohibited from practicing with athletic teams, as well as from participating in

• The college sports seasons should be shortened.

 The practice of housing athletes together in U of I dormitories should be ended.

 Athletes who are convicted of crimes should be banned from their

 Universities should be required to make public the graduation rates of their athletes, based on their race and the sport in which they partici-

Rawlings' views, particularly those concerning the question of freshmen eligibility, are likely to send shock waves through athletic departments at the U of I and around the Big Ten.

A unilateral move making freshmen ineligible at a single school could hurt that university's chances of recruiting top athletes and could crip-

ple its chances of fielding nationally competitive teams. But Rawlings said such concerns are "secondary," and he declared that it is time for the U of I to move forward — alone if necessary — to repair damage he believes has been done to college athletics in America.

Rawlings said that when freshmen RAWLINGS



University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings waves to friends on the campus Thursday. He wants freshmen ineligible nationwide for participation in sports.

Planned tuition freeze for universities dropped

By JONATHAN ROOS Register Staff Writer

The Iowa House decided Thursday to scuttle a proposed freeze on tuition at the state's universities.

However, the House decided to go forward with a plan to tie tuition increases to an inflation rate during the next four years.

The one-year tuition freeze, which the House had adopted on a 62-32 vote in March, was dropped Thursday in an apparent attempt to make the tuition plan more palatable to the Senate, which hasn't yet voted on it Dropping the freeze also would avoid disruption of university budgets.

"The freeze doesn't enable any reasonable planning," said Representative Janet Adams, a Webster City Democrat. "Gradual increases are much better."

Some Republican lawmakers objected to reversing direction over the tuition freeze.

"This bill is intended to send a message ... that from now on students . can have some idea of what to expect," said Representative Brent Siegrist, a Council Bluffs Republican. "They've experienced double-digit increases for the last several years. . . This would give them a breather."

After removing the tuition freeze, the House voted 55-40 Thursday to Please turn to Page 3A | limit the growth of undergraduate

resident tuition during a four-year period, beginning with the 1990-91 school year.

In those years, tuition increases at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa could rise no faster than an inflation index based on national higher-education costs.

would have the one-year tuition freeze followed by three years of tuition increases tied to an index based on higher-education costs in Iowa. The state's regents and university

The earlier version of the bill

presidents generally are opposed to tuition caps but have said they don't intend to push tuition higher than what legislators have in mind.

The Board of Regents has adopted a 7 percent tuition increase in 1989-90.

Ueberroth to buy Eastern Airlines

By DAVID LYONS

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MIAMI, FLA. — After three years of chaotic ownership, Texas Air Corp. reached a landmark agreement Thursday to sell strikebound Eastern Airlines to a group led by former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth for \$463.9 million.

Under Ueberroth's plan, employees would own about 60 percent of the company.

The deal, which represents a major victory for organized labor, is contingent on Ueberroth's reaching new contracts with all three of Eastern's principal unions, which crippled the Miami-based airline with a monthlong strike that still continues.

A U.S. Bankruptcy Court and company creditors must also approve the

transaction. At a packed news conference held

under tight security in New York,

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The adventures of Tom and Roseanne

By CHARLES BULLARD

Register Staff Writer Ottumwa native Tom Arnold left the University of Iowa to seek fame as a stand-up comedian. He is becoming famous in a sort of funny way: The Na-

tional Enquirer this week linked him romantically to Roseanne Barr, one of TV's hottest new stars.

Arnold is a writer for Barr's top-rated situation-comedy, "Roseanne."

"It's just another part of the continuing saga of the adventures of Tom," said Ted Sporer, a Des Moines lawyer and a boyhood friend of Arnold's. "You knew that all of his life he was destined for the Enquirer. I did tell him when we were in the eighth grade that he would be in the Enquirer. I just didn't know he would be on the cover with a 300-pound woman."

Arnold's stepmother, Ruth Arnold of Ottumwa, said Tom Arnold, 30, and Barr, 36, are "very close friends." Arnold's mother, Linda Collier of Ottumwa, said Arnold and Barr are "real, real good friends."

But neither believes the Enquirer story about Barr being "madly in love" with Arnold and Arnold rejecting her advances and lavish gifts because "he doesn't want to be branded as a home wrecker." Arnold is single and Barr is married, although the Enquirer said she plans to divorce her husband, and has offered to buy Arnold a Ferrari and a million-dollar home in Beverly Hills.

"It was the most ridiculous thing I've ever seen," Collier said. "If Roseanne had offered him a million-dollar house and a Ferrari, he'd be living in a million-dollar house and driving a Ferrari."

But Sporer and his brother, Mike, another childhood friend of Arnold's, said they believe the supermarket tab-

"I think the story's true as far as I can tell," said Mike

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Sharing diet, and what else?



Tom Arnold "Destined for the Enquirer"

STATEHOUSE BRIEFING

Committee action

MALYIM TINVING

A bill to provide health insurance for uninsured Iowans cleared its final committee hurdle in the Iowa House Thursday. The House Appropriations Committee, however, agreed to a schedule that would phase in the plan gradually.

The bill requires most employers to provide their workers with health insurance or pay a fee toward a state-administered health insurance fund to help uninsured Iowan buy coverage. An estimated 350,000 Iowans do not have public or private health insurance.

✓ The Senate Judiciary Committee has rejected a House move to allow prosecution of parents who deny medical treatment to their children on religious grounds.

In the House, members argued that parents who rely on "faith healing" should be held liable for harm done to their children.

Iowa law currently allows a parent to be charged with child abuse for depriving a child of medical care. But the law includes an exemption for withholding treatment on religious grounds.

 ✓ The House Energy and Environmental Protection Committee took the first step Thursday in taking back responsibility for a hazardous-waste monitoring program that had been given to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Questions have been raised about how well the federal government has been doing the job. Four years ago, when state officials were in charge of the program, there were five state inspectors to keep track of the transport and disposal of hazardous waste in Iowa. Today, only two federal inspectors do the same job.

The same House energy committee proposed Thursday that Iowa set a goal of reducing hazardous waste in the state by 25 percent over

the next five years.

In setting the goal to reduce hazardous waste, "We'll tell [Iowans] that the public sector and the private sector will work together to solve this problem," said Ralph Rosenberg, an Ames Democrat.

The program would attempt to eliminate waste at its source, recycle waste products, treat or burn the waste or as a last measure, dispose of it in landfills.

 ✓ The House Judiciary Committee approved Thursday a "marital rape" measure allowing felony sex abuse charges to be filed against a spouse. The bill has been approved by the

✓ The House Judiciary Committee also approved a drug enforcement bill aimed at punishing drug dealers who recruit people, primarily poor mothers, to have children deliver drugs. The measure would subject those doing the recruiting to a potential five-year prison term and a \$7,500 fine.

✓ The same Judiciary Committee also approved a bill limiting the length of time alimony could be collected. The measure would allow alimony to be required for no longer than the length of the marriage.

In the House

On a vote of 51-46, the House approved a bill Thursday intended to block frivolous appeals of local government budgets by raising the number of signatures required on appeal petitions.

Supporters of the measure said so few signatures are required under current law that just about anyone with an ax to grind against a school board, city council or county board of supervisors can round up enough signatures to seek a hearing before a state budget appeal board.

Branstad adds new spending to budget

By THOMAS A. FOGARTY Register Staff Writer

Prompted by strong tax collections and some newly identified cost savings, Gov. Terry Branstad has asked the Legislature for \$100 million in additional spending next year.

In a letter to legislative leaders, Branstad revised the Jan. 10 budget plan he laid out, suggesting more spending on human services, corrections and conservation.

The proposed changes would set state spending for fiscal year 1990, which begins July 1, at \$2.81 billion. Highlights of Branstad's proposed budget revisions include:

• \$8.4 million for a 3 percent increase in basic welfare grants under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and in payments to foster parents and other social service providers.

Branstad told lawmakers the increases can be paid for without increasing the Department of Human Services' budget because reduced caseloads create some savings.

• An extra \$800,000 for this fiscal year to operate Iowa's prisons and corrections facilities, which Branstad said are 9.5 percent over capacity.

"In spite of the best efforts of the department to serve this extraordinary excess population within existing means, it is clear that a supplemental [appropriation] will necessary," Branstad wrote.

 Spending a \$3 million increase in lottery profits on recreation projects and acquisition of open land. Another

\$575,000 would be spent on a plan to revitalize the Iowa cattle industry.

Branstad warned of the need for the additional spending at the time he addressed lawmakers in January. At the time, however, the amount needed was unclear.

• \$45.8 million for a pay raise for state workers. At the time Branstad originally proposed his budget, negotiators had yet to reach their collective bargaining agreement for the next two years.

• \$28 million in capital improvement projects including: \$11.3 million for a pharmacy building at the University of Iowa; \$5.2 million for restoration of the Capitol; \$2 million for fire safety improvements to state buildings; \$1.1 million for completion of a boiler installation, and \$2.5 million in improvements at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

In January, Branstad included the projects on a list to be financed if the sufficient money materialized in the state's tax collections.

Democrats who control both houses of the Legislature said the practical effect of Branstad's revisions will be minimal. They already had decided to include in the legislative version of the budget more spending for welfare recipients and service providers and for conservation.

"I'm glad to see the governor got religion," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Jochum.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



66I think what really causes marital abuse is small families. If all women had a lot of brothers, this would never take place.99

- Representative Charles Poncy, an Ottumwa Democrat in a House committee debate on a law to make marital rape a felony.

Panel kills limit on farming near streams

By THOMAS A. FOGARTY Register Staff Writer

A Senate committee Thursday rejected a House-passed environmental measure that would have required Iowa farmers to leave an uncultivated strip between their fields and nearby rivers and streams.

The bill, which was approved in the House last month on a 73-23 vote, failed to clear the Senate Environment and Energy Committee after some members complained that the proposal would intrude too much in the affairs of private landowners. The committee killed the bill, 5-4.

In an effort to limit farm chemical runoff into rivers and streams, the bill would have required a 16.5-foot buffer between cultivated fields and the bank of a river or stream. The bill also would have prohibited the spraying of chemicals along the strip.

"It bothers me that we'd set a precedent of being able to go in and remove privately owned land from production," said Senator H. Kay Hedge, a Fremont Republican and a farmer.

Senator Michael Gronstal, a Council Bluffs Democrat and a supporter of the bill, argued that government frequently limits the use of private property when a societal benefit is at stake. He said the city forced him to build a sidewalk in front of his house and "they even make me shovel it."

Senator Alvin Miller, a Ventura Democrat who voted against the bill, said government ought to pay farmers for the idle acreage if the bill ultimately passes.

The committee also voted 7-3 to establish a state agency to act as an advocate for the environment. The panel approved the bill after amending the House-passed version of the bill to let the governor, not the attorney general, select the environmental advo-

Supporters of the bill said Gov. Terry Branstad is less likely to veto a measure that leaves the selection to the governor.

Commission votes opposition to bills

The Iowa Natural Resources Commission Thursday voted to oppose several pending bills in the Legislature, including a measure that would abolish the board's sister commission, the Environmental Protection Commission.

The Resources Commission also said money from a proposed \$5 habitat stamp for fishermen should go mostly to the state, instead of being split 50-50 with counties,

The board opposed a sportsmen's license that would give a discount to people who buy a combined permit for hunting, fishing, trapping and park entry.

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gy efficiency. 47-0. To House. S.F. 368 - Sets procedures for the return of

S.F. 424 - Changes provisions for child custody orders. 38-9. To House. S.F. 293 - Changes regulation of animal health pesticides. 44-1. To House. S.F. 484 - Establishes an agricultural research

coordinating council. 48-0. To House. PASSED IN THE HOUSE H.F. 698 - Relates to the accountancy examining board. 91-0. To Senate.

H.F. 620 - Relates to requirements for citizens

to appeal local government budgets. 51-46. To Sen-

Bill to protect gays is killed in Senate committee

By THOMAS A. FOGARTY Register Staff Writer

A House-approved bill to outlaw discrimination against homosexuals in Iowa has been quietly killed in the Iowa Senate.

A judiciary subcommittee voted Wednesday to kill the measure, 2-1, with Senators Joseph Coleman, a Clare Democrat, and Ray Taylor, a Steamboat Rock Republican, siding against Senator Patrick Deluhery, a Davenport Democrat.

In an interview, Taylor said he opposes extending civil rights protections to homosexuals because they unlike protected categories such as minorities and the elderly - have a choice in the matter.

"There may be a tendency," Taylor said of the possible biological aspects of homosexuality, "but it's still a choice."

Taylor also expressed concern that the proposed change in law might encourage homosexuals to try to convert heterosexuals to a homosexual lifestyle. It also might inhibit the practice of religions that teach homosexuality is a sin, he said. "You could have a preacher hauled to court for teaching it's a sin," said Taylor.

Coleman declined comment on his opposition to the bill.

The measure, however, could be revived in the Senate during the

remaining weeks of the 1989 session. Supporters could attempt to force Senate consideration by offering it as an amendment to another bill.

Recent reports of discrimination against homosexuals spurred the House to approve the bill, 57-41, on

Dubuque Democrat and chief sponsor of the measure in the House, said he isn't discouraged by the subcommittee vote.

"If nothing is done this year, the bill will still be alive next year," said Jochum. "The idea certainly isn't go-

Representative Thomas Jochum, a

ing to go away."

Rawlings calls for freshman sports ban

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were given permission 17 years ago to participate on varsity teams, the change opened the door to allowing abuses of some athletes' academic careers.

"Freshmen never should have been eligible to play because, in my view, it is where most of the errors get started," Rawlings said. "It sends the wrong message to these young people when they arrive on a campus, and the message they are getting is that athletics come first. Well, academics should come first.

"The rule should be changed. It might be a radical step to make a unilateral move. But I'm prepared to do it," he said.

One Year

Rawlings said it is vital for athletes to have one year after they arrive at a university before they begin practicing and playing on the school's teams. That time is needed to allow them to adjust both academically and emotionally to college life, he said. The time also would permit athletes to develop good study habits without the additional pressures inherent in intercollegiate athletics.

Freshmen also would have a chance to prove to the university that they are able and willing to devote the time to their class work that will be necessary to maintain their eligibility during their playing years.

"We have to see to it the students have a year to adjust," he said. "Any average, well-prepared student has trouble making the transition to a university. They have difficulty adjusting socially, academically and psychologically.

"I'm saying we need to allow them to make that transition. We absolutely must tell them: 'Show us you can do it and that you're willing to take the time and effort to do it."

A U of I committee presented Rawlings with a list this week of recommended changes in the university's athletic program. The threemember investigating committee considered recommending that freshmen be made ineligible but decided

against it. Rawlings said he will begin his campaign immediately to change the

NCAA rules and will start by contacting the presidents of the other Big Ten universities.

Under Big Ten rules, the university's Board in Control of Athletics would have to approve a ban on freshman participation in sports. But Rawlings appoints members of the

Rawlings said the role of college athletics in America has expanded far beyond any reasonable level and circumstances will force broad changes.

"Sports play a huge role in America today - maybe too big - and colleges and universities have gotten caught up in that," he said. "Americans have a passion for sport, and at times may have lost their sense of priority.

"It's more than money. Think of how much general support and loyalty go to our universities because of athletic programs. It gives people a tie to their universities. But it goes too far when it causes a skewing of priorities."

Asked if priorities have become skewed on the Iowa City campus in recent years when Hawkeye teams have blossomed into national powers, Rawlings replied: "They may well have. There may have been some student-athletes who did not take their education seriously — probably only a few. But the point is, there shouldn't be any.'

Seasons Too Long?

Another result of what he calls misplaced priorities is the length of seasons in many sports. Rawlings said he will raise that issue with his fellow college presidents, too.

"The basketball season has too many games," he said. "The baseball season is becoming too long. Some schools play 50 or more games a year. You tell me how a baseball player is supposed to do justice to his class work while playing that kind of

schedule. "So we, as college presidents, have

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to ask ourselves if the schedules have become too demanding. I believe we have reached that point. Should it be allowed to continue or even get

worse? No way." Rawlings said he is sensitive to criticism of the U of I in recent

Last year, Hawkeye football player Keaton Smiley was convicted of assaulting a woman and then rejoined the team after serving a jail sentence. In February, it was disclosed that three Hawkeye basketball players underwent drug treatment at university expense.

In the trial in Chicago of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd loom, the university has been portrayed in some people's minds as a "football factory" that brought talented players to Iowa City but showed little concern for their class

Avenson: Retirees should benefit if tax is imposed

By DAVID YEPSEN

Register Staff Writer

House Speaker Donald Avenson said Thursday the state should provide more health care for its retired workers if lawmakers are forced to tax their pen-

The Oelwein Democrat and candidate for governor told reporters at a press conference that legislative staffers are studying a U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring the states to treat their retirees the same as federal retirees.

Iowa state retirees currently don't pay state income tax on their pensions, although federal retirees in Iowa pay state income tax on their pensions. In a Michigan case, the court said that is discrimination. Most state officials believe the court decision will force Iowa to impose

taxes on state retirees or to lift the tax on federal retirees. Avenson said the state can't afford to lose tax revenue paid by federal retirees, but doesn't necessarily need more from state retirees. So "I'm exploring the possibility of setting up a trust fund for revenues" collected by the tax "to provide a supplemental health care system for our

retirees," Avenson said. He said public employees worked at lower salaries than many private workers. And public employees don't get health benefits as a condition of their retirement, he said, so it is fair to provide them with some sort of health insur-

"If the federal government forces us to take up a tax on Iowa public employees, we ought to focus the money on a medical benefit for them," he said. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance officials are studying the ruling to determine how many retirees it would affect and the implications for state

tax policy. Some lawmakers have estimated the state could gain an additional \$7.3 million if state retirees paid Iowa income tax.

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