

Tax rates...

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A third measure, LB869, would also set the income tax rate at 18 percent, but would place the sales tax rate at 3 1/2 percent.

Sen. William Nichol of Scottsbluff presented the bill on behalf of Gov. Bob Kerrey. Tax Commissioner Donna Karnes spoke on the proposal.

Karnes said the Department of Revenue is required to put out an economic projection for the coming year by the 40th day of the legislative

session, which comes around March 1 this year. Projected tax rates are based in part on the economic outlook, she said, but the outlook is always subject to fluctuation.

Motorcycle safety to be promoted

American Bikers Active Toward Education (ABATE) will sponsor a motorcycle safety program April 14 through 29 with displays in the Centrum.

John Bonebright, regional public relations coordinator for ABATE, said he hopes the program will convince young motorcycle buyers to take the Motorcycle Safety Certified Course.

Also, Bonebright said, the program urges safety on the part of motorists and will educate the rest of the motoring public about motorcycles.

The program is intended to get motorcycles into the conscience of the rest of the public, he said.

Mayor Roland Luedtke and Gov. Bob Kerrey have been invited to be in the ABATE parade on April 14, Bonebright said.

The displays in the Centrum will range from demonstrations to shows to presentations, he said. At least 400 people will participate in the program, he said.

ABATE is an incorporate system in Nebraska with independent ABATE organizations across the United States.

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Front runner Mondale suffers 'Hart' attack

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Sen. Gary Hart, promising new ideas and new blood, drubbed former Vice President Walter Mondale Tuesday in one of the most stunning upsets in New Hampshire presidential primary history. Rising like a meteor in the Democratic White House race, Hart, 47, not only beat Mondale by more than 10 points in the first primary of 1984, but beat him among almost every voting block in this New England state. Sen. John Glenn of Ohio finished a distant third as New Hampshire voters, apparently signaling a weariness with old faces, changed the Democratic race from a Mondale runaway into a David-Goliath duel between the upstart Hart and the well-financed, well-organized Mondale. A subdued Mondale conceded defeat here philosophically, predicting he would win the nomination anyway, and adding, "Sometimes a cold shower is good for you." An exultant Hart, from Colorado, proclaimed, "This campaign is just beginning."

Iran won't accept U.S. warnings

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iranian officials said Tuesday they would not accept a U.S. warning for vessels and planes to keep their distance from U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf, and said Washington would bear responsibility for any incident caused by its action in the Gulf area. The statement, carried by Iran's national news agency IRNA, appeared to be the first Iranian response to disclosure in Washington that a U.S. destroyer had fired Sunday to keep an Iranian reconnaissance plane from approaching it in the Gulf. A U.S. Navy destroyer in the Persian Gulf region fired warning flares or machine-gun bursts last Sunday at a plane and two vessels that approached it too closely, the Pentagon said today. Two of the incidents involved an Iranian patrol plane and an Iranian frigate in the Strait of Hormuz and the third involved a small surface vessel in the Gulf of Oman.

Sex discrimination law restricted

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Tuesday restricted the application of a 1972 law banning sex discrimination in colleges, dealing a blow to supporters of women's rights. The justices accepted the Reagan administration's narrower interpretation of the law, which bars sex discrimination "under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." The administration's position has infuriated some women's groups, who have charged that a Supreme Court ruling in favor of the government would undermine women's rights. The ruling came in a case involving Grove City College, a school near Pittsburgh. The school accepts no direct federal aid, but several students receive federal grants and loans to help pay tuition. The Ford and Carter administrations maintained that such aid made an entire college subject to the civil rights law, but the Reagan administration contends the law covers only college programs that receive direct federal aid.

\$2.4 billion cut from military aid

WASHINGTON — A congressional subcommittee has decided to slash \$2.4 billion from President Reagan's 1985 military foreign aid request as a way to make the bill more politically palatable in an election year, its chairman said Tuesday. Rep. Dante Fascell, who heads both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and its subcommittee on international security, said many factors forced the decision to cut Reagan's \$12.4 billion request to an estimated \$10 billion. "What we're dealing with is a deficit problem, an election year problem, a bottom line problem and getting a bill passed," the Florida Democrat said.

63 dead in riot in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria — The death toll in what authorities believe to have been a Moslem fundamentalist riot in the northern Nigerian city of Yola has risen to 63, most of them hacked to death, officials said Monday. A police statement issued in Lagos said four of those killed were policemen. Three policemen and 33 civilians were seriously wounded, according to the latest casualty figures, it added.

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Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL Police Department between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday:

9:50 a.m. — Two-car non-injury accident reported in the metered parking lot across from Selleck Quadrangle. Estimated damage is \$240.

10:44 a.m. — Yellow Schwinn 10-speed bicycle reported stolen. Estimated loss is \$150.

11:14 a.m. — Wallet reported stolen in Selleck Quadrangle. Wallet later was recovered. A small amount of cash was reported missing.

12:10 p.m. — Parking permit reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 19 behind Pound Hall.

1:09 p.m. — Wallet reported lost or stolen between Nebraska Union and Avery Hall.

3:01 p.m. — Car hood reported dented in Parking Area 2 near Sandoz Hall. Estimated damage is \$75.

3:08 p.m. — Person arrested on traffic warrant from the Lancaster County Sheriff.

3:53 p.m. — Billfold reported stolen from Smith Hall. Everything later was recovered.

4:08 p.m. — Billfold reported stolen from Selleck Quadrangle. Estimated loss is \$30.

4:51 p.m. — Wallet reported taken from Schramm Hall. Wallet later was recovered with \$10 missing.

4:51 p.m. — Wallet reported stolen from Schramm Hall. It was recovered later with all its contents.

9:38 p.m. — Argument between several persons reported at the Coliseum. People left before officers arrived.

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