

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 12:40 a.m. and 11:40 p.m. Sunday.

12:40 a.m. — Window reported broken at 1433 R St.

1:01 a.m. — Person reported to be passed out in the lounge on the second floor of Harper Hall. Person was escorted home.

1:09 a.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported at 16th and W streets.

1:50 a.m. — Person reported passed out on the steps of Morrill Hall. Person was gone when police arrived.

2:45 a.m. — Noise disturbance reported at Schramm Hall.

2:56 a.m. — Noise disturbance reported at Abel Hall.

3:01 a.m. — Noise disturbance reported at Schramm Hall.

3:50 a.m. — Noise disturbance reported on the east side of the Nebraska Union.

4:15 a.m. — Items reported stolen from a vehicle at 19th and R streets.

9:25 a.m. — Flags reported stolen from the East Campus mall.

10:30 a.m. — Window reported broken at the metered lot near Abel Hall.

11:14 a.m. — Person reported tampering with emergency phone at 14th and New Hampshire streets.

11:43 a.m. — Window reported broken at 405 University Terrace.

1:12 p.m. — Wallet reported stolen at 2224 U St.

6:11 p.m. — Money reported stolen from a room in Schramm Hall.

10:04 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from Abel Hall.

11:40 p.m. — Person in Selleck Hall reported receiving obscene phone calls.

Wire Report

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

Mondale declared victor by post-debate pollsters

WASHINGTON — First voter polls on Sunday night's debate between President Reagan and Walter Mondale declared the Democratic challenger the winner but said the public still thought the president was more capable of dealing with the nation's problems. A poll conducted during the night for Newsweek magazine said Mondale beat Reagan by 54 percent to 35 percent, and a similar poll by ABC News said Mondale won by 39-38 percent.

As Reagan campaigned in the South, his aides admitted their man looked tentative in the first of two debates leading up to the Nov. 6 presidential election. Mondale marched up New York's Fifth Avenue in the annual Columbus Day parade Monday, exuding a rare feeling of success in a campaign that has lagged far behind Reagan's. His aides talked of turning a corner and waging an October offensive despite polls, taken before the debate, that show Reagan leading by up to 30 percentage points. "What Mondale did was to destroy the Republican argument that there is no election, that they have a superhero versus this dishrag guy," said Mondale press aide Dayton Duncan.

In the Newsweek poll, conducted by the Gallup organization among 379 registered voters, the Democratic presidential candidate was judged more confident and self-assured and more thoughtful and well-informed than Reagan. But those surveyed felt the president came closer to reflecting the public's views and was "more capable of dealing with the country's problems." Sixty percent of those surveyed identified themselves as Reagan supporters and 38 percent said they backed Mondale. The poll found that the debate on domestic issues would probably produce some political gains for Mondale.

The two men tangled on such issues as the federal budget deficit, religion in politics and abortion, with Mondale assaulting the Reagan record and firmly defending his own. White House Chief of Staff James Baker said neither Mondale nor Reagan made any factual errors and added, "We thought Mr. Mondale was capable of being more strident than he was." He could not explain the president's tentativeness but said, "I don't think he was uptight or nervous."

The next Mondale-Reagan debate, on foreign policy, is scheduled for Oct. 21 in Kansas City. The candidates' vice-presidential running mates, Geraldine Ferraro and Vice President George Bush, square off against each other in a debate Thursday in Philadelphia.

Iraqi jets end Persian Gulf lull

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iraq Monday shattered a three-week lull in the Persian Gulf tanker war with an attack that set fire to a supertanker south of Kharg Island and killed six of its crewmen, including two British officers. An Iraqi military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi jets had attacked two naval targets in the Gulf and returned safely to base. Shipping sources confirmed the 114,573-ton supertanker World Knight had been set afire in an air attack.

In London, Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence said six crewmen were reported killed and six badly burned in the attack. The British Foreign Office said the British officers were among those killed. It said Britain would make a formal protest "once the facts are clear."

In Baghdad, the Iraqi military spokesman said the strike was a warning to ships against approaching Kharg and other Iranian ports "in order to prevent the Iranian regime from using its oil resources to achieve its aims against Iraq." He said Iraq would continue to destroy all ships that approach Iranian ports, exercising its right to self-defense.

Shuttle loses communication link

CAPE CANAVERAL — The space shuttle Challenger lost its main communication link with Earth Monday as its crew sheltered in an overheated cabin. The tracking and data relay satellite used for most of the voice and electronic communication between space and ground went out Monday morning and was not expected to be working for at least eight hours. A space agency spokesman said the high-flying satellite received a "cosmic hit" — intense radiation from a "sun spot," an enormous eruption of energy from the sun.

The seven astronauts had to work with intermittent communications provided by old ground bases. They also had to work in shorts and T-shirts because a malfunctioning "space radiator" sent the temperatures in their double-deck cabin soaring into the high 80s.

Hitler birthplace provokes lawsuit

VIENNA — An Austrian court Monday barred the erection of a plaque at the birthplace of Adolf Hitler at Braunau, ending an argument that has split this small Austrian town on the West German border. The dispute began in September 1983, when Braunau's socialist municipal council voted to put up a marble plaque on the front of number 15 Salzburger Vorstadt, where Hitler was born in 1889. The plaque would have carried the words: "Never again fascism — millions of dead remind us of peace, freedom and democracy."

The present owner of the house, Gerlinde Pommer, obtained a court injunction against erecting the plaque, which she feared would attract violent demonstrations to her property. This was upheld Monday by the district court at Ried, Upper Austria. Small groups of neo-Nazis have occasionally turned up at Baunau.

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