

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Spring breakers decry 'too many rules'

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Some disappointed college students are finding "not everything goes" during spring break this year, after increased efforts to control the estimated 350,000 who are pouring into town for sun and surf.

"I wouldn't come back," said Steve Barckley, 22, a senior and student government president at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. "It's not an appealing place. The Bahamas is better."

City officials have banned drinking on the beach, vowed to enforce the state's drinking age, recently raised to 21, and said they would try to curtail destruction from the six-week party.

Police arrested 830 people during the first 18 days of the break, compared to 889 arrests for the entire period last year. Police Capt. Ed White attributed about 20 percent of the arrests to the drinking laws.

The city also erected a 6-foot cement and wire-mesh wall to widen the sidewalk and reduce automobile-pedestrian accidents. Last year, three people were killed and 100 injured along the narrow 1 1/2-mile strip of beach and bars.

"You can't drink on the beach. They put walls up. It's not as wild as last year," complained 24-year-old Lance Bronson, a veteran spring breaker and now an engineer from

Corning, N.Y.

His cousin Jeff Bronson, 23, added: "There's too many rules this year. They're going to kill this town if the old fogies get their way."

Police Chief Ron Cochran said the "anything goes" attitude is over in Fort Lauderdale. "Not everything goes, and there are rules. But we think they can still enjoy Fort Lauderdale."

Spending \$120 million in 1985 and expected to spend at least that much this year, students have a warm place in the hearts of local businessmen. But some students also drink too much, then leave tons of litter and destroy hotel rooms, residents say.

Not so 250 miles north, at Florida's other prime spring break destination, Daytona Beach. Police there say they expect less rowdiness and fewer problems from the estimated 500,000 students flocking to their beaches.

"We've got an altogether different breed of kids," said Daytona Beach Police Capt. Noel Ouellette. "We have the blue-collar kids and down there they get the rich kids."

Another advantage is the size of Daytona's beach.

"They have to crowd everybody into a real limited area," Ouellette said. "We've got 22 miles of beach."

Students also can choose among Miami Beach, Fort Myers Beach, Cocoa Beach and Key West.

Reagan takes Contra plea to public

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, seeking public pressure on Congress to approve \$100 million aid for "virtually defenseless" Nicaraguan rebels, declared Sunday evening that the funds are needed to "deny the Soviet Union a beachhead in North America."

Beseeching Congress "to vote yes," Reagan emphasized his belief that "it is not Nicaragua alone that threatens us." In a televised address from the Oval office, he asked viewers, "Tell them to help the freedom fighters. Help us prevent a Communist takeover of Central America."

In prepared remarks, four days before the House votes on his aid proposal, Reagan urged his countrymen not to ignore "the malignancy in Managua until it spreads and becomes a mortal threat to the entire New World."

Sen. James Sasser, leading the Demo-

cratic response to Reagan, agreed with much of the president's view of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, but said it was time for negotiation, not military buildup. Sasser has proposed compromise legislation that would give the Sandinistas time to talk.

Making his case for \$70 million in military aid and \$30 million in non-lethal funds for the so-called Contra forces, Reagan said, "We are asking only to be permitted to switch a small part of our present defense budget to the defense of our own southern frontier."

A senior administration official, briefing reporters at the White House on the president's speech but insisting he not be identified, said Reagan was about 10 to 12 votes short of victory in the House and would lobby members in search of support.

talks with the Sandinistas.

The official said the administration remains unwilling to compromise on the amount of money Reagan requested or by placing new restrictions on how the money is spent. But he acknowledged "the possibility of the president agreeing unilaterally to allow some time between the enactment of the legislation and the actual delivery of military assistance" to encourage peace

Displaying a map of the region and an airfield photo from Nicaragua, the president charged members of the ruling Sandinista regime with selling illegal drugs to Americans, using their country as a terrorist command post and threatening the security of the Western alliance by seeking to spread revolution through Central America to the Panama Canal.

OPEC split on oil price strategy

GENEVA — OPEC oil ministers emerged glum-faced and with no word of progress Sunday after four hours of emergency talks on strategies to halt the steepest oil price decline in history.

Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, was quoted by Britain's Sunday Telegraph newspaper as saying prices could hit \$8 a barrel unless all oil-producing countries, including those outside OPEC, agree on a price-support program.

Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Venezuela's oil minister, said participants at the Sun-

day meeting voiced their general positions but did not discuss the main issues.

"We will begin tomorrow to discuss what is the fair share of the market that OPEC is willing to defend," he said through an interpreter.

Grisanti said the 13 OPEC delegates would meet Wednesday with representatives of non-OPEC oil producing countries, but did not identify those countries.

Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto said several ideas were being considered but no consensus was reached. He declined to elaborate.

World oil prices, in decline for months, have plummeted from nearly \$30 in December to about \$15.

The Kuwaiti news agency quoted Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheik Ali Khalifa al-Sabah as saying he offered at Sunday's session to cut his nation's daily crude oil production if all OPEC members agree to a "new system of production quotas." There was no word on reaction from other ministers.

The OPEC ministers hope to reach agreement among themselves on a price-support plan before a meeting this week of five non-OPEC oil producers.

NASA's 'backup astronaut-teacher' reports to work

McCALL, Idaho — The woman who was the No. 2 choice as the teacher-in-space is ready to ride the next available flight and starts work this week on space agency educational programs.

Barbara Morgan reports today to NASA's Education Affairs Division in Washington, D.C., said Ed Campion, National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman.

She'll provide a teacher's view on how the branch can use interest in the space program to help teachers lure children into math and science, and act as liaison between NASA and the non-profit Young Astronauts Program, which is designed to spur interest in space careers, he said.

"It's like combining the first best job in the world, which is teaching here in McCall, with the second best job in the world, which is being an astronaut," Morgan told pupils during a recent trip back to McCall, where she teaches second grade.

Morgan was to have shared the assignment with Christa McAuliffe, the nation's first space-bound teacher, who was killed when the shuttle Challenger exploded Jan. 28. Morgan had trained with McAuliffe and the other six members of Challenger's crew.

"We were real good friends and co-workers, and I loved her very much," Morgan told her

hometown newspaper, the Central Idaho Star-News, during a two-week vacation from NASA training and other duties following the shuttle accident.

Morgan, 33, lives with her husband, Clay, a novelist and smokejumper, in a two-story cabin on Payette Lake just outside of McCall, "made from old railroad ties, honest," she says.

NASA gave her no guidelines about talking to reporters, Campion said, but she joined astronauts in observing a period of silence after the shuttle accident out of respect for the victims' families.

Future shuttle flights are on hold pending

completion of the investigation into the explosion, but NASA announced Feb. 13 that the teacher-in-space program would proceed and offered Morgan the opportunity to ride on a shuttle.

She said that same day in Boise that she was ready to go any time NASA scheduled the flight.

"We have the opportunity to teach an entire generation a very important lesson. The Challenger's mission was the schoolchildren's mission," she said then. "Their whole orientation to space and to life depends on what happens next. They are waiting to see what adults do in situations like this one."

Casting agents still need extras for 'Amerika'

LINCOLN — ABC casting agents still are looking for extras for the network's miniseries "Amerika," even though shooting was scheduled to begin today at a farm near Elmwood, a Lincoln talent scout said.

Jackie Beavers, who is working with ABC on the television miniseries, said agents will be looking for people and calling them throughout the shooting schedule.

The most difficult part of casting extras is finding the real "nitty-gritty" people who will reflect the true Nebraska spirit, she said. The people they really would like to see apply are precisely the ones who think they wouldn't be wanted, she said.

Beavers said applications are available at 740 S. 17th St. and at the Nebraska Job Service offices in Lincoln, Beatrice and Nebraska City.

She said Nebraskans interested in an extra role need a photo and either an application or a letter with vital statistics, including age, height, weight, coloring, occupation and availability.

Good availability is crucial to getting a part as an extra, she said. Extras must be able to come in on short notice and spend a 12-hour day on the set. Most extras will be paid about \$40 a day, she said.

ABC also is looking for about 20 people with old, rusted cars to appear in a few scenes, she said. The cars must be in working condition. Car owners should send a photograph of themselves in front of their car to apply, she said.

In Brief

Happy St. Pat's

St. Patrick was toasted with parades, parties and even a chili cook-off this weekend, as celebrations began in honor of the patron saint of the Emerald Isle.

Parades were planned today, the official St. Patrick's Day, in New York, Chicago and Savannah, Ga., but plenty of folks, of Irish descent and otherwise, celebrated early.

Almost 4,000 partygoers jammed the streets of Shamrock, Texas, on Saturday and the Irish eyes of Memphis, Tenn., celebrated with a parade instead of what used to be known as the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl.

In New York City, where the country's largest St. Patrick's day parade is held, more than 100,000 marchers were expected, along with 750,000 spectators.

Booster recovery

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A salvage ship Sunday plucked from the ocean bottom a 3,250-pound chunk of debris that might be part of the right solid rocket booster suspected of causing the Challenger explosion.

The Stena Workhorse, which has a lifting capacity of 10 tons, hoisted the 6-by-18-foot piece aboard after a robot submersible attached lines to it at a depth of 400 feet, a Navy spokeswoman said.

Swiss won't join

BERN, Switzerland — Swiss voters on Sunday rejected by a 3-1 margin a

government-sponsored proposal to join the United Nations.

Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert, a vocal supporter of the proposal, said the government was disappointed that the measure failed but said it would not change Swiss foreign policy.

Switzerland will remain an observer in the United Nations General Assembly and a full member of all U.N. specialized agencies, most of which are headquartered in Geneva.

Ad protested

OMAHA — The leader of a Christian group says subscribers and advertisers will be asked to boycott the Omaha World-Herald to protest advertisements from a clinic that offers abortions.

About 100 people demonstrated outside the newspaper building Saturday to protest the policy to accept the advertisements.

Dennis Hartford, chairman of the Omaha Christian Action Council, and Chris Schlessiger, president of the South Omaha Christians for Life, presented petitions with 750 names to Larry Novicki, the newspaper's managing editor.

The petitions ask World-Herald publisher Harold Andersen to end the newspaper's acceptance of advertisements from the Ladies Center in Omaha.

John Gottschalk, World-Herald president and chief operating officer, said Saturday that the newspaper

has been fair in its policy on advertisements.

Seat-belt law

Enforcement of Nebraska's seat-belt law varies widely across the state, citation statistics and law enforcement officers indicate.

The most vigorous enforcement was reported by the Nebraska State Patrol and by Lincoln and Omaha police.

The patrol issued 98 citations and 4,730 warnings to motorists caught not wearing seat belts during the last four months of 1985.

In Lincoln, police Lt. Jim Hill said officers have issued 1,811 warnings and 489 citations.

Hotel rescue

SINGAPORE — Two men entombed for 36 hours under a collapsed six-story hotel were rescued Sunday night and workers labored nonstop, tunneling toward more people still alive in the ruins.

The two rescued survivors were among 11 or more people who called for help from under the rubble a day after the 67-room Hotel New World collapsed Saturday, according to the state-owned Singapore Broadcasting Corp. The confirmed death toll rose to seven as five bodies were recovered Sunday. In addition, 61 people were missing, their fate unknown. No Americans were known to have been in the hotel.

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