

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Kidnappers deliver new ultimatum

### Videotaped American: Hostages die unless Israel releases Arab prisoners

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An American hostage said in a videotape dropped off by his kidnappers Sunday that he and three other men, including two Americans, will be killed if Israel fails to release 400 Arab prisoners within 24 hours.

A six-minute videotape showing Boston native Alann Steen, 47, was delivered to a Western news agency in the name of Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, which kidnapped Steen and three others from the campus of Beirut University College on Jan. 24.

The group's other hostages are Robert Polhill, 53, of New York City; Jesse Turner, 39, of Boise, Idaho; and Mithileshwar Singh, 60, a native of India and resident alien in the United States.

Israel indicated Sunday it was willing to discuss the swap of an Israeli airman missing in

Lebanon for the release of the 400 Arab prisoners, a proposal advanced Saturday by Nabih Berri, head of the main Shiite Amal militia and Lebanon's justice minister.

However, Israeli officials said in Jerusalem they would not respond to an ultimatum and would not conduct such talks in public.

Under Berri's proposal, all foreign hostages also would be released in Lebanon by the various extremist groups holding them.

Berri, meanwhile, backed away Sunday from an earlier weekend statement that Anglican Church hostage negotiator Terry Waite would be freed by Monday, now saying the release would take more time. Waite has been missing since Jan. 20.

A weary-looking Steen, reading from a statement in a monotone, said on Sunday's videotape:

**'If our lives are important to America, it must order Israel to release the 400 Palestinians as soon as possible. They (the captors) do not fear death because they perceive it as the start of their life, in other words, America can't scare them through its military actions.'** — Steen

"If our lives are important to America, it must order Israel to release the 400 Palestinians as soon as possible — that is, Monday as a maximum.

"We also tell America that if it commits any stupidity, we will be prone to be killed. Besides, Americans in the whole world will be the victims

of our administration's stupidity.

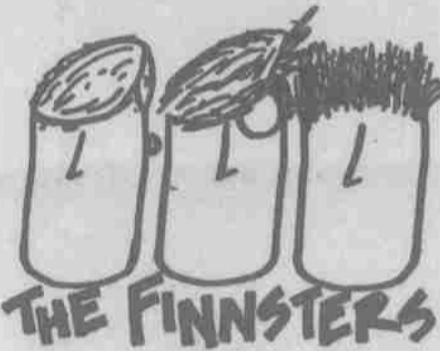
"They (the captors) do not fear death because they perceive it as the start of their life, in other words, America can't scare them through its military actions," the statement said.

Steen wore eyeglasses and a small beard grown in captivity.

## Bulemia

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## In Brief

### Playboy plans Vanna White pictorial

CHICAGO — "Wheel of Fortune" personality Vanna White will be the subject of a Playboy magazine pictorial this spring, a Playboy spokeswoman said Sunday.

The pictures of Ms. White, the well-known woman of letters on the syndicated game show, will appear in the May issue of the magazine, said Robyn L. Radomski, Playboy's director of corporate communications.

"I haven't seen the pictures yet because I have been out of town, but I can assure you they will be tasteful, quality shots," Ms. Radomski said.

Ms. Radomski said she understood Ms. White posed in lingerie for several of the pictures.

### Gunman forgets note, postpones robbery

STOCKTON, Calif. — A young gunman had to postpone his robbery of a hamburger stand when he forgot to bring his demand note with him, police said.

A man approached the window of the drive-in Saturday afternoon and ordered three cheeseburgers.

When employee Shirley Long asked the man if he wanted anything else, he said he had forgotten his note and couldn't remember what else to order, police said.

He left and returned minutes later with note in hand, police said. Long, expecting a list of menu items, was surprised to see a demand for money.

Police said the man, described as being in his 20s, then showed a handgun and the cashier handed over \$45.

The man ran away without the cheeseburgers, police said.

### Koo Stark gets nose ring

LONDON — Actress-photographer Koo Stark, former friend of Prince Andrew, arrived at a celebrity party in London's West End on Sunday sporting a diamond and ruby stud through her left nostril.

"I had my nose pierced when I was in New Delhi," she said. "It wasn't painful."

Miss Stark said the decoration, a ruby surrounded by seven diamonds, was "all to do with superstition, medicine and astrology."

"Everybody has a stone which is linked to the plant of their birth and which has special healing properties for them," she said.

## Correction

CFA members Steve Forney and Kim Kyles were among the supporters of the Campus Recreation budget, contrary to what appeared in a Feb. 5 Daily Nebraskan story.

In the story, Forney was quoted as saying "I realize there are many good programs, but we cannot fund them all." That remark should have been attributed to CFA member Doug Weems, according to Forney.

Although Kyles proposed an amendment to reduce combined salary for Campus Recreation graduate students, she did so to make their salaries equal to ASUN graduate assistant's salaries.

Both Kyles and Forney were members of a CFA subcommittee that recommended that Campus Recreation's budget of \$404,094 be approved, with a deletion \$3,100, (\$2,000 in miscellaneous funds and a \$1,100 increase in club sports.)

The proposed budget was rejected by CFA, Feb. 5.

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## Star Wars

### Weinberger supports phased deployment of SDI system

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger on Sunday continued to press for phased deployment of the "Star Wars" anti-missile shield starting as soon as possible.

Weinberger, in an interview broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corp., said the United States is not yet ready to make a final decision, but he added that he has always backed the idea of a phased deployment starting as soon as possible. During congressional hearings last week, he said the Pentagon was "close to being able to recommend deployment decisions" to President Reagan.

He told the BBC that, following the presidential decision, the first phase of Star Wars, formally known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, could be deployed "somewhere in the 1993-1994 range."

"Two or three years ago, people were talking about the year 2000. That's just an indication of how much more progress we've made on the research program," he said.

Weinberger hailed progress in two areas of research: sensors that could distinguish between real warheads and decoys, and work involving so-called kinetic kill vehicles. Those are rockets that could be fired from a space plat-



form or the ground to hunt down enemy missiles and destroy them by impact.

A transcript of the Weinberger interview, taped late last week in the BBC's Washington studios, was released by the Pentagon on Sunday.

Star Wars is an effort to develop lasers and other types of exotic weapons that could be deployed in space or on the ground to shoot down nuclear missiles fired at the United States or its allies.

Under a strict interpretation, the ABM treaty forbids either side from developing defensive systems or testing them before deployment. A broad interpretation would allow some testing.

## Filipinos blame communists for cease-fire collapse

MANILA, Philippines — A 60-day truce with Communist rebels formally expired Sunday without hope of extension, and the government said it would step up military patrols while pursuing peace talks on a regional level.

A rebel umbrella group urged its members to "wage militant and unremitting struggles on all fronts." Some groups have said they opposed regional talks.

The head of the committee that monitored compliance with the cease-fire urged President Corazon Aquino to intervene to prevent a civil war.

The truce had paved the way for peace talks in January, but the negotiations were suspended indefinitely Jan. 30 after the rebels accused the government of acting in bad faith.

The government responded by saying it would not agree to an extension of

the cease-fire unless the rebels agreed to resume "substantial negotiations" to end the 18-year insurrection.

The rebels said new talks would be fruitless because the new constitution, approved last week, imposed too many limitations on what is negotiable.

Since the talks ended, at least 22 people have died in scattered clashes. No reports surfaced of fighting Sunday.

## When you do . . . you do

### After 80 years — nation's longest married couple says they've never had an argument

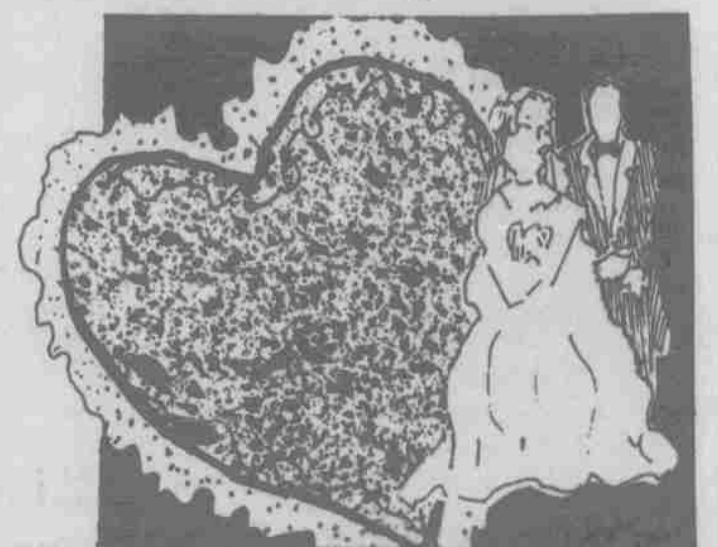
WEST KITTANNING, Pa. — Almost 81 years after they paid 50 cents for a marriage license and said "I do," Calvin and Mina Dumire are calmly accepting the fuss that comes with being named the nation's longest married couple.

"There's no secret to it. We just lived happily together," Dumire, 105, explained at the couple's southwestern Pennsylvania home, glancing at his wife, silent in her rocking chair.

"Mrs. just did the housework, and I did the outside work. That was all there was to it," he said Saturday. "It wasn't luck. We just loved each other."

To the best of Dumire's recollection, he and his wife, who will soon be 101, have never had an argument since their marriage on April 24, 1906, across the Allegheny River in Kittanning.

"We just enjoy each other, that's all," he said. Theirs is the kind of commitment Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a religion-oriented organization that sponsors marriage enrichment weekends, hoped to find in its third annual search for the nation's longest married couple. World Marriage Day is the second Sunday of



February.

With 82 years and three months of marriage, last year's winners, Oliver and Clara Lee Glenn of Elmore, Ala., are still technically the nation's longest living married couple, according to Worldwide Marriage Encounter.