

# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Chrysler plans to buy American Motors

DETROIT — Chrysler Corp. announced Monday it has agreed to buy out Renault's interest in ailing American Motors Corp. and to buy all outstanding AMC shares for a total of \$757 million in cash and stock.

The No. 3 automaker also would assume \$767 million in AMC debt, said Chrysler spokesman John Guiniven. The deal must be approved by the U.S., French and Canadian governments, the three corporations' boards and AMC stockholders, but analysts saw few obstacles to approval.

"For Chrysler, the attractions are Jeep, the best-known automotive brand name in the world; a new, world-class assembly plant at Bramalea, Canada, and a third distribution system giving us access to a larger market," said Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca.



Under the terms of a letter of intent signed by Chrysler and Renault, Chrysler would trade \$522 million of its stock for outstanding AMC shares, give Renault a \$200 million, 10-year, 8 percent note for its AMC interest and pay Renault \$35 million in cash, said Chrysler Vice

President James Tolly. Chrysler also agreed to a payment ranging from zero to \$350 million to Renault based on future AMC profits and sales.

Chrysler has been fighting to build its share of the U.S. light truck market

and has no sport utility or specialty vehicles of its own, while Jeep is the best-known name in that arena.

Renault, owned by the French government, bought into AMC in 1979 and holds 46.1 percent of its stock, making it AMC's largest stockholder. Renault has invested a total of \$645 million in AMC, said AMC spokesman Edd Snyder.

Six of AMC's 13 board members are Renault representatives, meaning only one additional vote would be needed for AMC approval of the deal.

Under the deal, which could be closed as early as June, Chrysler would leave AMC an independent subsidiary for a while but eventually would absorb the No. 5 U.S. automaker's manufacturing and produce development operations.

## Survivors, kin mourn dead of ship disaster

ZEEBRUGGE, Belgium — Survivors and victims' relatives joined in an ecumenical prayer service Monday for those who died when water rushed through a British ferry three days earlier and turned it on its side.

Salvage crews prepared to right the partially submerged vessel so scores of bodies can be recovered from inside. The Herald of Free Enterprise, which capsized Friday night while leaving Zeebrugge harbor for Dover, rests starboard-side-up on a sandbar.

More than 130 people are thought to have died in the shipwreck.

That left 81 people still missing and presumed dead. Van-neste said 409 people survived and 53 bodies had been recovered.

Paul Ellis, spokesman for the Townsend Thoresen line that owns the ship, announced a plan, beginning Monday night, to return bodies to Britain by ferry. Most of the dead were British.

Transport minister John Moore of Britain said Monday in Parliament that a public inquiry will be conducted into the disaster and the government will donate 1 million pounds (\$1.6 million) to the survivors and families of the dead.

Ship's boatswain Marc Stanley was reported to have said the accident was his fault because he left the front loading doors open, but Van Bale said he "denied under questioning he ever made that statement."

The government of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens issued a statement of condolence to the British government and families of the victims. In it, he also praised the international rescue effort involving Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, West Germany and France.

## In Brief

### Nicaraguan rebel leader steps down, son says

WASHINGTON — Nicaraguan rebel leader Arturo Cruz has resigned his post as a director of the United Nicaraguan Opposition, his son said Monday.

The son, Arturo Jr., said the reasons for Cruz's resignation will be spelled out in a letter scheduled to appear in Tuesday's editions of the Miami Herald.

Cruz, a former Sandinista ambassador to Washington, has been feuding with his rebel colleague Adolfo Calero. He was at the point of resigning last month but decided to remain on as a UNO director after receiving assurances that the rebel movement would undergo democratic reform.

Cruz's son gave no details of his father's decision to step down, saying only that he was fed up with the "whole mentality" of the rebel movement.

Cruz was reported to be in Costa Rica Monday and was not immediately available for comment.

### Omahan wins Mrs. Nebraska

BEATRICE — Rita Peters Carpenter of Omaha was named Mrs. Nebraska at the annual Mrs. Nebraska Pageant in Lincoln.

Mrs. Carpenter was crowned Saturday night.

Lana L. DeMarco of Omaha was first runner-up. Patty Nunn of Lincoln was second runner-up, Peggy Lee Chaney of Beatrice was third runner-up and Sharon A. Langvardt of Beatrice was fourth runner-up.

Langvardt was named Mrs. Congeniality and the Woman of Achievement for the pageant.

## Officials arrest two accomplices FBI nabs fugitive killer

LOS ANGELES — Two cowboys have been arrested on charges of harboring Claude Dallas Jr., the fugitive killer of two game wardens who was recaptured after roaming in disguise from Oregon to Mexico for nearly a year, the FBI said Monday.

Richard T. Bretzing, the FBI chief in Los Angeles, said authorities succeeded in catching up with the trapper, who fled the Idaho State Penitentiary last March 30, because they knew he had a past association with one of the cowboys and kept him under surveillance.

Dallas, who had vowed not to be taken alive and was listed as one of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted fugitives, was arrested unarmed on Sunday afternoon as he left a convenience store carrying groceries in Riverside, Calif.

U.S. Magistrate Lek von Kaesborg denied bail for Dallas at a hearing in San Bernardino on Monday and ordered him back to Riverside pending extradition to Idaho.

Dallas, 36, was using the alias Al Schrank when arrested and denied his identity until it was confirmed by fingerprints, said FBI spokesman Jim



Neilon.

FBI officials said they also arrested Gregory Brent Davis, 35, a cowboy from Perris, and Dan McCurry Martinez, 35, of Riverside, a cowboy and a welder, on charges they "knowingly harbored, transported and supported Dallas."

Dallas had escaped last March 30 from the Idaho State Penitentiary, where he was serving a 30-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter in the 1981 slaying of two Idaho Fish and Game wardens who had come to arrest him for poaching.

## Correction

Roger Fisher, president of the College of Dentistry's junior class, was incorrectly paraphrased in Monday's state of the college report as saying the uncertainty surrounding the college's future has panicked many students. Fisher really said the uncertainty has made the students very concerned. The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

## NASA: new supercomputer marks new era in aviation

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — NASA scientists on Monday dedicated what they called the world's most advanced computer system, saying it marks the start of a new era in aviation design and shows the space agency "is back on track."

The system's importance to flight design rivals the advent of wind tunnels and the first flight by the Wright Brothers, said Victor L. Peterson, director of aerophysics at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center.

The Numerical Aerodynamic Simulator, built around a Cray-2 supercomputer from Cray Research Inc., is an evolving system capable of making 250 million calculations per second and has enough memory to hold data equivalent to 256 million words.

The system, which cost nearly \$100 million to develop, will be upgraded to 1 billion computations per second by next year and 4 billion per second within a decade.

Although largely intended for aerospace research and design, the system's abilities will be applied in physics, chemistry, weather modeling and biology.

The new system already has been used to help redesign the space shuttles.

Scientists have been using it to analyze the structure of the O-ring gaskets that sealed joints between segments of the shuttles' solid fuel booster rockets.

Scientists also are using the computer to redesign the shuttle's main engine to allow it to develop more thrust.

## Scientist link ozone loss to increase in skin cancers

WASHINGTON — Prompt international action is needed against widely used ozone-destroying chemicals that are indirectly causing skin cancers at an almost epidemic pace, scientists warned a House hearing Monday.

"At the current rate, about one in seven Americans will develop (some form of) this disease during their lifetime," said Dr. Darrel Rigel, a research physician from New York University Medical Center.

"The rate of skin cancer in the United States is increasing at a near epidemic pace," Rigel told an Energy and Commerce health and the environment subcommittee hearing on depletion of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer.

He said physicians believe the major cause of skin cancer is the ultraviolet rays of the sun, which are filtered by

stratospheric ozone. Other witnesses said that while there is still scientific uncertainty, it appears that the ozone layer is being destroyed by chemicals such as chlorofluorocarbons.

Rigel said the estimated number of cases of malignant melanoma — the skin cancer type most often fatal — has risen eightfold in the last seven years, making it the fastest rising type except lung cancer in women.

He told the subcommittee that not only is the skin cancer rate rising, the disease is being found in people of increasingly younger age.

"Five years ago, it was unusual to see persons under the age of 40 with skin cancer," Rigel said. "Now we will often see persons in their 20s with this disease."

## North challenges court over Iran-Contra affair

WASHINGTON — A federal judge, taking unusually quick action, began hearing oral arguments Monday in Lt. Col. Oliver North's challenge to the legal standing of the independent counsel looking into the Iran-Contra affair.

Meanwhile, the president's daughter called for the court-martial of North and former National Security Adviser John Poindexter, and a member of the Senate Iran-Contra panel said grants of immunity to North and Poindexter could come soon though other officials said it was too soon.

The afternoon court arguments came after the independent counsel, Lawrence Walsh, filed a court brief asking U.S. District Court Judge Barrington Parker to dismiss a second lawsuit by North, calling it a "desperate" effort to derail a criminal investigation.

North, the former National Security Council aide who was involved in the arms sales to Iran and efforts to channel money to the Nicaraguan Contras, first challenged the legitimacy of Walsh's probe on Feb. 24, arguing that the law under which it was begun, the Ethics in Government Act, was unconstitutional.

At the White House, meanwhile, Maureen Reagan said on Monday that her father was very angry when he saw the Tower commission report, which she said showed that aides had deceived him.

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—M. Reagan



As for her feelings, she said Poindexter and North, both military officers, should be court-martialed.

She said that "a member of the United States military who lies to their commander-in-chief is guilty of treason and should be court-martialed." And she added that "by omission or commission, they did not tell the president what they were doing. And that's a lie."

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