

News Digest

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U.S. Army helicopter attacks Iranian ship

WASHINGTON — A U.S. military helicopter flying from the frigate Jarrett attacked an Iranian ship in the Persian Gulf on Monday after discovering it planting underwater mines, administration sources said.

The sources, who demanded anonymity, said the American helicopter struck the ship and set it on fire. The confrontation occurred in the central Persian Gulf, east-northeast of Bahrain, the sources said.

The sources refused to specify the type of helicopter, but it appeared the aircraft was a specially equipped Army helicopter assigned to the Special Operations Forces.

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Navy warships.

The administration sources described the ship as an Iranian "amphibious vessel," much larger than the small ones that ply the gulf's waters.

The confrontation occurred after nightfall in the gulf, the sources said.

The officials said they did not know what type of weaponry the helicopter had used against the Iranian vessel, but said the ship had definitely been set on fire.

The sources said it was unclear at this point how serious the fire was, but added there were no reports as yet about any rescue attempts.

Another source, without elaborating, said the Iranian ship was discovered laying mines when the American copter moved in.

"Under our rules of engagement, that is sufficient justification to prosecute" an attack, this source said.

The sources said the confrontation occurred well away from the area around Farsi Island in the northern Persian Gulf where a British tanker was attacked earlier Monday by Iranian gunboats.

The sources said there were no American warships in the vicinity of the Farsi when the British tanker Gentle Breeze came under attack. The sources said they didn't know if the British had requested any U.S. Navy assistance for that vessel.

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Attacking pit bull destroyed

OMAHA — A pit bull terrier that was destroyed Monday at the owner's request after attacking four horses and a young boy earlier this year, Nebraska Humane Society records show.

Humane society records show it bit 8-year-old Steven Jensen of Omaha on the hand April 5 while the boy was walking through a yard. No action was taken after the biting. The dog was released from the pound after its owners had it licensed and had it vaccinated for rabies.

The pit bull inflicted tears and puncture wounds in the Sunday afternoon attack on the horses at Omaha's Dodge Park, the horse's owners said.

Two horses were "bit up pretty good" in the attack, said Robert Kues of rural Omaha. A third horse was not as badly hurt, and the fourth had superficial cuts.

Superpower suits shine; teams build fashion relations

MOSCOW — A weeklong exchange of ideas and a closed-door session in the southern Republic of Georgia has produced a new superpower agreement — a joint venture to produce a clothing collection called "Design for Peace."

Ten prototype outfits fashioned by a U.S.-Soviet design team were unveiled in Moscow over the weekend, though project directors say the splashy productions bear little resemblance to the mainstream sportswear to be designed and marketed next year.

A team of 10 young American fashion experts and 10 members of the Soviet Society of Designers will jointly produce about 600 pieces of clothing for fall 1988, said Michael Owen, a partner in the Dallas marketing firm of Owen-Breslin and Associates.

Owen said the designers then will select the best 40 items for production and sales worldwide.

Among the prototypes is a red, white and blue jogging suit depicting the U.S. and Soviet land masses stretching across the Pacific Ocean, and a man's

overcoat blending U.S. stars and stripes with red and gold hammers and sickles.

As part of a major effort to boost their economy, the Soviets are promot-

ing joint ventures that pool foreign ingenuity with indigenous labor and materials and require little of the country's limited hard currency.



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Administration: states better for resolving AIDS questions

WASHINGTON — The federal government should not bar discrimination against AIDS patients or impose confidentiality requirements even though some state approaches may not work, the Reagan administration said Monday.

"I'm not ruling out a federal role in this," Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen told the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health.

But he said states should lead the way in resolving the difficult confidentiality and discrimination questions arising from the AIDS crisis — at least until they prove they're not up to the task.

Subcommittee chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., has introduced a bill authorizing \$400 million for more AIDS testing and counseling. The measure also requires confidentiality of test results and bars discrimination against those who have AIDS or are infected with the virus.

"While the president has spoken against ignorance and malice, the White House has been silent about legislation or real protections,"

Waxman said in an opening statement.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, asked about the administration's stand on the Waxman bill, said, "We oppose discrimination... but we do believe the states probably have pre-emptive responsibility in this area."

Waxman and others, including many medical and public health groups, say federal assurances of confidentiality and protection against discrimination are needed to expand the testing program and attract the people at highest risk of contracting AIDS.

Bowen acknowledged that states may make mistakes and could slow down expansion of the testing program, but "I just think they ought to have the first shot. And then if their response is inadequate, we will have a lot more information about what works and what doesn't."

Leaders urge rejection of Bork

WASHINGTON — Civil rights leaders on Monday urged the Senate to reject the nomination of Robert H. Bork to the Supreme Court, with Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young attacking him as "a protector of privilege and power rather than opportunity and freedom."

Had Bork's views prevailed in the United States, Young testified, "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would not be a venerated national hero. He would instead be serving a jail sentence in Alabama."

"I might have been branded a terrorist and jailed for my participation in the civil rights movement instead of becoming the first black elected to Congress from Atlanta in more than 100 years," he said.

The mayor, who was ambassador to the United Nations in the Carter administration, said he agrees with Bork's characterization of himself as being neither liberal nor conservative.

"He is neither. He is an extremist whose zealous dogmatic view of the world allows him to travel many rationalized paths to his negative ends," Young said.

FAA to conduct safety reviews

WASHINGTON — Federal Aviation Administration chief Allan McArtor, citing public concern about air safety, announced Monday that his agency would conduct a special review of the U.S. aircraft manufacturing industry.

The FAA will at the same time examine its own procedures for overseeing the companies that make large and small planes and their components, McArtor said.

The administrator said the inspections, which are to begin next month, were sparked by a desire to make sure that manufacturers are keeping their procedures up to date for maintaining quality.

"We're not doing this because we have some alarm..." McArtor told a news conference. "This is to affirm that we are on top of this process."

FAA inspectors will examine the quality control procedures of 40 of the 1,300 companies that produce aircraft and airplane parts, McArtor said.

The U.S. aircraft industry had \$105 billion in sales last year, including \$20 billion worth of exports, and employed 1.2 million people, according to the Aerospace Industries Association.