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It's time to 'fall back' UNL

WASHINGTON — Americans face two alarming reminders this weekend: "Change your Clock, Change Your Battery."

That's the motto set by Congress and the nation's fire chiefs in hopes that people will take a few moments from the extra hour they'll gain with the annual return to standard time, to replace the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Fall and winter are seasons when household fires are most common, and safety officials say many of the 5,000 fire deaths each year could be avoided if smoke detectors were properly maintained. Smoke alarms often fail to

work simply because their batteries are old or missing.

The time change officially occurs at 2 a.m. local time in most states Sunday, moving back to 1 a.m. standard time after more than six months on daylight saving. The usual advice is to set the clock back an hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Dusk will come earlier in the evenings now, with the extra daylight shifted back to the morning.

Daylight saving time will return next April 2, shifting an hour of light back to evenings for cookouts, sports and other warm-weather activities.

Bush talks jobs; Dukakis talks tricks

George Bush pocketed a labor endorsement Thursday and said his drive for the White House was "all about creating jobs and opportunity." Underdog Michael Dukakis retorted that Bush's plan to slash the capital gains tax was a treat for the rich "and a trick for the rest of us."

The pollsters' daily tidings were good once again for Bush, leader in all the nationwide surveys. Fresh polls showed a tight race in New York, one of the country's most Democratic bastions.

Dukakis made his way toward Harry Truman's home town of Independence, Mo., and likened himself to the "feisty little guy" who won the White House four decades ago in a storied upset. "Harry Truman was a fighter and so am I," he said. "My

friends, this election is up for grabs."

The Republican vice president continued his week-long emphasis on economic issues as he made his way down the Pacific Coast from Washington to California. Along the way he accused Dukakis of trying to "fan the flames of protectionism" in comments on trade and of "trying to scare the American people by putting Japanese flags on these American commercials of his."

GOP vice presidential candidate Quayle was in Asheville, N.C., pouring it on. He renewed his description of Dukakis as a liberal, and said, "Liberalism is a philosophy of the past. It is a philosophy that failed."

Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen told an audi-

ence in Los Angeles that U.S. allies in Europe and Japan should pay a greater share of defending their own borders. He also said Dukakis was firmly committed to maintaining America's defense, and said Republicans had "twisted the truth" to suggest otherwise.

Dukakis campaigned in Illinois and Missouri, and he ridiculed the idea that Bush's proposed capital gains tax cut was a jobs program.

He said Bush wanted to "give the people at the top the money and hope the crumbs fall off the table for the rest of us...."

"Who's he kidding?" the Democrat said. "What are they going to do with the extra money? Hire a second butler? A lifeguard for the pool?"

Kerrey campaign: Karnes broke rules

Sen. David Karnes dodged political shots from both sides Thursday as Bob Kerrey's Democratic campaign accused him of violating federal election laws and the state's Republican attorney general condemned his negative advertising.

Despite a big lead in the polls, Kerrey's camp went on the offensive by announcing it has filed a complaint against Karnes with the Federal Election Committee. The complaint accuses the Republican incumbent of exceeding campaign spending limits by utilizing the expenditures of a "so-called" independent committee.

Earlier Thursday, Attorney General Robert Spire said negative cam-

aign advertisements Republicans are using in the U.S. Senate race in Nebraska have "gone far beyond any sense of decency and fair play."

Spire, appointed by Kerrey, said he was speaking as a private citizen. He said he has contributed \$400 to Kerrey's campaign, but that no one encouraged him to call the news conference.

Spire objected to a television ad run by the Karnes campaign that he said portrays Kerrey as soft on drugs. "Ads of this nature undermine and demean the political process," he said.

At a separate news conference Thursday, Kerrey Campaign Chair-

man Bill Hoppner said Karnes is violating federal election laws by exceeding campaign spending limits through Concerned Citizens for Responsible Government.

Hoppner said the committee is linked to Karnes and should be limited to a \$1,000 expenditure on his behalf.

Karnes spokesman Brent Bahler said the charge is "nothing more than a smoke screen, a desperate attempt to divert the voters' attention away from the candidates."

"That organization is not and has never been affiliated with the Karnes campaign," he said.

Soviets present budget favoring long-suffering consumers

MOSCOW — The government presented its first budget designed to help the long-suffering Soviet consumer, and declared Thursday that state-run farms and companies will be shut down if they do not make profits.

Inefficient central planning also is to be curtailed, in keeping with President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's program of radical economic reform.

Officials painted a gloomy picture of Soviet life in a burst of honesty unique to the annual two-day budget sessions of the Supreme Soviet.

The national legislature's 1,500 deputies usually hear hours of dull speeches on the success of the current Five-Year Plan, but this time they were told of cramped housing, food

rotting en route to stores, jammed trains during vacation periods and new equipment unused on factory floors.

Yuri Maslyukov, head of the state planning committee, promised dramatic improvements as the government shifts from its traditional emphasis on heavy industry to improving the living standard.

One cost of that departure is a deficit of \$58 billion in the 1989 budget of \$804 billion.

Finance Minister Boris Gostev blamed the deficit on past mistakes.

He described it as "a problem that has not emerged just now, but is a result of the unbalanced economy, of the policy of extensive subsidizing

and huge losses, of all that was brought about by extensive methods of economic management, parasitic attitudes and a passive financial policy."

Gostev said drastic changes are necessary. Among those on his list was the possibility of bankruptcy, a device of capitalism that will be new to Soviet society.

"A number of enterprises are on the brink of being eliminated," because they are incapable of operating without massive losses, he said, and some state-owned businesses may even be turned over to private cooperatives.

Maslyukov said farms will have

two years to straighten out their operations before facing "elimination."

Central planning will be reduced by limiting the powers of planning ministries, he said.

This year, the state bought and redistributed 86 percent of production. It plans to cut that to 25 percent in the next budget year and everything else must be sold on an open market subject to consumer demand.

"The state will cease to be the sole distributor of resources," Maslyukov said.

He listed several development plans that were dropped because of environmental concerns, including two-thirds of 50 planned water projects.

Gostev promised increases in pensions and payments to low-income families and pledged that price reform would not lower the standard of living.

One seat on the leadership dais was vacant as the deputies convened their regular fall session. The empty chair separated Yegor K. Ligachev, believed to be the major conservative force in the ruling Politburo, from Gorbachev and Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov.

The seat arrangement might symbolize a diminished role for Ligachev, who was removed as the Communist Party's chief of ideology earlier this month and put in charge of agriculture.

Problems may 'constitute public health emergency'

New demands for overhauls at nuclear weapons plant

WASHINGTON — Demands for improved safety procedures at U.S. nuclear weapons-making plants mounted Thursday as 31 members of the House Armed Services Committee appealed directly to President Reagan.

"This crisis has not arisen suddenly but over a long period, and it stems from inadequate attention to maintenance, safety and operating conditions," the lawmakers said in a

companion letter to Energy Secretary John S. Herrington.

The letters, drafted by Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., and signed by committee chairman Les Aspin, D-Wis., urged Reagan to appoint quickly the five-member Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, which Congress ordered created this fall to oversee the troubled weapons complex.

The lawmakers expressed particular concern over the Savannah River

Plant at Aiken, S.C., where the Energy Department's last three operational weapons production reactors have been shut down for safety reasons. The first will not resume producing nuclear weapons material until January, Energy Department officials have said.

"We will expect the department not to restart a reactor before assuring our committee that the applicable operating procedures assure an ade-

quate margin of safety," they said in the letter to Herrington.

Four of DOE's 16 major plants have been partially or wholly shut down this year over safety concerns, prompting hearings before House and Senate panels. On Wednesday, a nationwide anti-nuclear group, Physicians for Social Responsibility, said the problems "constitute a public health emergency," and urged medical studies on cancer rates among workers and neighbors of the plants.

Father sues Kearney fraternity in son's death

KEARNEY — A Colorado man whose son died while falling from a balcony during a party filed a lawsuit Thursday against the Kearney State College fraternity that held the gathering.

The lawsuit was filed in Buffalo County District Court by John Rehberg of Cleveland, Colo. Rehberg is listed in the lawsuit as personal representative for the estate of his 22-year-old son, Jeffrey J. Rehberg.

The younger Rehberg, a former Kappa Phi member, died Oct. 22 from injuries sustained when he fell from a balcony during a party held at the

Kappa Phi house in Kearney during a July 17 party, Rehberg died July 21.

Named in the suit were Nebraska Omega Alumni Corp. of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon National Fraternity and J. S. Alexander, who is identified as owner of the fraternity house.

The lawsuit is the second against the fraternity in connection with the incident.

A suit filed in September by Reedy Chapman, Miss Chapman's father, is pending. Miss Chapman, a high school senior, was returned home after undergoing rehabilitation

at Inman Memorial Medical Center in Omaha for head injuries.

The Rehberg lawsuit alleges negligence on the part of the fraternity resulted in the death. The suit does not seek a specified amount of damages.

Jay Grant, local chapter counselor and alumni board member, said it was too early to comment on either suit.

Ken Maddox, national executive director of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said Thursday from Richmond, Va. that the accident was unfortunate and that the Rehberg family

had a right to bring the lawsuit. However, he said he could not immediately respond to the suit's allegations of negligence.

Misdemeanor charges of contributing to the delinquency of a child and selling alcoholic beverages to minors were filed in Buffalo County Court after the incident against three of the fraternity's officers. A fourth officer was charged with false reporting.

All have pleaded innocent and are scheduled for trial in November.

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