

Senators reject loan request for Miracle Valley trial

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State lawmakers yesterday rejected a \$500,000 loan request from Cochise County to pay defense costs in a trial stemming from a Miracle Valley riot, saying county officials haven't shown the money is needed.

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted unanimously to tell the county super-

visors to come back when they can demonstrate that their funds are insufficient to meet needs.

Sen. Alfredo Gutierrez, D-Phoenix, said that gives the supervisors until April 20, when the Legislature is to adjourn.

Cochise County Supervisor Judy Gignac said she will be in Phoenix later today with county Finance Director Hank Nowak to try to show legislative leaders and staff mem-

bers that — contrary to a legislative staff report — the funds simply are not there to pay defense costs for six indigent members of the Christ Miracle Healing Center and Church accused of assault and rioting.

If she fails, Gignac said, the only remaining option may be to tell Pima County Superior Court Judge Thomas Meehan that no money is available. He then might have to dismiss the charges, she said.

Meehan, who suspended the start of

opening statements in the trial last week to await the Legislature's action, had no comment when asked what he might do.

News of the Senate's action fueled pessimism from court observers about the future of the Miracle Valley prosecution. Lawyers familiar with the case said the defense would have strong grounds for dismissal of charges if funds were available and Cochise County refused to use them.

Meehan earlier had suspended jury selec-

tion and warned in court that he would dismiss charges against the six indigent defendants and 13 others if payments to defense lawyers were cut off. He resumed pretrial proceedings after hearing testimony from Supervisors Gignac and J. Everett Jones Jr. that Cochise County was seeking the loan from the Legislature.

But Meehan stopped short of swearing in the jury; therefore he could dismiss the

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Marines to leave airport for warships off Lebanon

By Terence Hunt

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POINT MUGU, Calif. — President Reagan yesterday ordered the gradual withdrawal of most U.S. Marines from Beirut to the relative safety of ships offshore. At the same time, he gave wider authority for American warships to retaliate against the foes of Lebanon's government.

"We will stand firm to deter those who seek to influence Lebanon's future by intimidation," the president said.

Reagan gave the U.S. fleet off Beirut free rein to provide naval fire and air support against any units shooting into greater Beirut from Syrian-controlled Lebanese territory, as well as against any units directly attacking American or multinational force personnel and facilities.

The statement came hours after Marine helicopters evacuated non-essential American Embassy personnel and their dependents from Beirut in what the State Department

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called a "prudent response" to fighting in the embattled city. The statement was issued as Reagan began a five-day California vacation. *Related story on Page 3A.*

The Marines have come under fire during the recent, sharply intensified combat between the Lebanese factions. Reagan said he has directed Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to prepare a plan for the

★ Arizona congressmen praise the decision. Page 15A.

redeployment of the Marines from the airport to the ships.

"This redeployment will begin shortly and proceed in stages. U.S. military will remain on the ground in Lebanon for training and equipping the Lebanese army and protecting our remaining personnel," Reagan said.

A senior administration official,

who spoke on condition he not be identified by name, said the administration hopes the initial redeployment could begin before the end of the month, perhaps sooner, and would involve about 500 men.

"It will depend on the situation on the ground," he said, referring to the timetable for redeployment.

Marines and Lebanese army units had shared control of the airport. But in recent days, anti-government Moslem forces moved closer to the

zone, and there have been reports that the Lebanese army was letting the rebels move through checkpoints.

"If a moderate government is overthrown because it had the courage to turn in the direction of peace, what hope can there be that other moderates in the region will risk committing themselves to a similar course?" Reagan said.

The senior administration official

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TUSD gets long list of problems

Study of high schools finds 'serious' faults

By Susan M. Knight

The Arizona Daily Star

Profound problems in Tucson's high schools are seriously encroaching on educational opportunities for students, a community task force reports.

The report, titled "Change Now," comprises findings and 88 recommendations for improvement from the High School Task Force, which has been examining the quality of programs and equal opportunities for students in the Tucson Unified School District's 10 high schools.

The group was made up of 26 people from TUSD, the University of Arizona, city and county government, the legal profession, the business sector and other facets of the community. Parents, students and a private school representative were also in the group. Members were appointed by the school board.

The "clear mandate" for immediate change was released at a school board meeting last night.

Some of the "serious problems" mentioned in the report are deficiencies in educational quality; intra- and inter-school communications; organization problems, such as counselors spending too much time on clerical duties; a lack of leadership from principals, who suffer themselves from ill-defined job descriptions and insufficient authority to make decisions; and staffing problems, such as a lack of flexibility in determining class sizes and hiring teachers.

"These problems are such that See MANY STUDENTS, Page 2A



The Associated Press

McCandless maneuvers about 150 feet from the shuttle, left, and operates the Manned Maneuvering Unit nearer the shuttle, right

Untethered astronauts take 'big leap' in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two American astronauts left the safety of their shuttle yesterday and flew unrestrained for the first time, adding another milestone to man's conquest of space. Said the first man out to the second: "Go enjoy it; have a ball."

First Bruce McCandless, and then Robert Stewart, unhooked their life lines and slowly rose up and away from the space shuttle Challenger, carried by a \$10 million jet-powered backpack to a distance greater than the length of a football field.

"McCandless and his Manned Maneuvering Unit comprise a spacecraft of their own," said Mission Control.

Although they had no sensation of speed, the astronauts were traveling 4.8 miles a second as they zipped over the spinning Earth below. They'll do it again tomorrow.

McCandless, who has spent more than a decade preparing for his historic but brief flight, happily parodied Neil Armstrong's words upon becoming the first man to step on the moon in 1969.

Said McCandless: "That may have been one small step for Neil, but it's a heck of a big leap for me."

Never before in 59 spacewalks — 46 American and 13 Soviet — had a man ventured out without a lifeline. Yesterday's exercise was a rehearsal for the next shuttle flight when other spacewalkers will try to retrieve an ailing satellite, bring it into the cargo bay for repair and release it to orbit again.

Unfortunately, that procedure won't be possible for the two communications satellites

launched on this 10th space shuttle flight. The satellites, launched for Western Union and Indonesia, are in a useless low orbit. They were intended for high orbit and lack fixtures for retrieval.

When the spacewalkers re-entered the Challenger, Mission Control congratulated them on a super job.

"It was a real thrill," said McCandless in an aw-shucks voice. "A real honor to be up there."

"There are some jealous folks down here."

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Weather

Almost like spring. Today will be mostly sunny and breezy at times, with occasional high cloudiness. A high in the low 70s and an overnight low of 44 are expected.

Yesterday's high and low were 73 and 43.

Yesterday's temperature extremes in the lower 48 states were 23 below zero at International Falls, Minn., and 90 at Thermal, Calif. Details on Page 2A.

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Bank slaying trial. A teller wounded during the attempted robbery of a Marana bank in 1982 testifies that Walter and Karl LaGrand attacked her and killed her boss. Page 16A.

Apartments OK'd. The Pima County Board of Supervisors, acceding to a court order, approves the building of a controversial apartment complex at the corner of Swan Road and Skyline Drive. Page 1B.

Palo Verde investigation. The Justice Department is still investigating the "possibility of criminality" in construction practices at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Page 16A.

Computing \$1 million. The UA will receive more than \$1 million in computer-education assistance as part of a \$16 million, 14-university program. Page 16A.

Hazardous to U.S. health. A senior Navy officer says proposed changes in the way the press has covered combat could be hazardous to national security and the lives of soldiers. Page 13A.

Exclusionary rule. The Senate votes, 63-24, to allow evidence collected illegally, but in good faith, to be used in federal criminal trials. Page 15A.

Breaking away. A hot-air balloon being readied for an altitude record attempt is torn from its gondola at the launch site near Page when wind gusts snap cables in a "zipper effect." Page 2E.

Missing children. A Senate subcommittee considering legislation on missing children hears an anguished mother say kidnapping by a divorced parent cannot be stopped. Page 5E.



Taming the forests
By R.H. Ring

The Forest Service expanded wilderness areas of Arizona's national forests, but few big pines were included in such protection, Star reporter R.H. Ring writes in the fourth of an eight-part series. Page 4A.

Money

Copper boosted. Energy Secretary Donald Hodel says copper will be included in a government study of the best metal container in which to store nuclear waste. Page 11B.

Good losers. Weight Watchers adds some new steps to its weight-loss program, and one satisfied member celebrates the loss of 185 pounds. Page 1D.

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Watchers adds some new steps to its weight-loss program, and one satisfied member celebrates the loss of 185 pounds. Page 1D.

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U.S. loses in hockey. Canada wins a first-round Winter Olympics game, 42, over the defending champion United States. Page 1F.

Entertainment

Of the trendy persuasion. "Reckless" borrows from several movies, but it owes the audience an apology, says the Star's Jacqi Tully. Page 1C.

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Madera and Molina's. Madera Canyon is a scenic, bird-filled retreat for hikers, campers and picnickers. But those who forget to pack a meal would do just as well to hurry back to Tucson for carne seca tacos at Molina's Midway Restaurant. All this and more in today's Roundup.