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North Sea ferry fire kills 150

Danish owners say they suspect arson

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A North Sea ferry with nearly 500 people aboard caught fire before dawn yesterday, suffocating many passengers who tried to flee down smoke-filled corridors. About 150 people were reported killed and at least 20 injured.

The Danish owners of the car ferry said they suspected arson. Some passengers said the boat's fire alarms didn't work and the crew seemed unprepared for the emergency.

—There were plenty of people aboard, and I guess they all tried to leave at the same time," said Norwegian firefighter Sven-Johan Neson. "Some of those who got left behind and died just didn't find their way out."

Dr. Tom Brukopp, leader of a Swedish medical rescue team, told reporters at the Swedish port of Lysekil that 75 bodies were counted so far.

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Leaders plan 3-day parley in S. Africa

By Christopher S. Wren

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The South African government will hold its first formal meeting with the African National Congress on May 2, 3 and 4, the government announced yesterday.

The meetings are the rescheduling of a session planned for April 11.

Giving three days for the encounter, which will involve senior officials on both sides, suggests that the participants may try to accomplish more than their original one-day agenda envisioned.

A week ago, the ANC insisted on a postponement in protest over the shootings of demonstrators in a See S. AFRICA, Page 4A

Living it up downtown



Festival fun — La Paloma folkloric dancers Lillian Montanez and Tony Reis perform at La Fiesta del Presidio, where more crowds are expected today to enjoy more dances, mariachis, home-cooked food — and to look over the low-rider cars. Story, Page 1B

Poindexter found guilty on all counts

By David Johnston

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WASHINGTON — John M. Poindexter, the enigmatic rear admiral charged with deceiving and lying to Congress in an effort to cover up the Iran-Contra affair, was convicted yesterday of all five criminal charges against him.

He is the most senior official in the Reagan administration to be charged and found guilty of felony charges stemming directly from his official actions in the affair.

He is also the highest-ranking White House official to be convicted of criminal violations since President Nixon's top aides, John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman, were found guilty on Jan. 1, 1975, for their roles in covering up the Watergate affair.

Poindexter, 53, rose to his feet and stood stoically at military attention as the verdict was read. He rocked slowly and his face froze in a rigid, expressionless gaze as the jury foreman quietly uttered the word guilty.

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Secret U.S. missile offer doesn't suit Gorbachev

By Michael R. Gordon

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WASHINGTON — The United States last month secretly proposed a ban on land-based missiles with multiple warheads, but President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said last week that the plan was too limited, administration officials said yesterday.

In a letter delivered to President Bush on Friday by Foreign Minister Edward A. Shevardnadze, Gorbachev complained that the proposal excluded sea-based ballistic missiles, which Moscow has long wanted to cut.

Multiple-warhead missiles are considered the most deadly weapons in the American and Soviet nuclear arsenals.

The missiles are capable of destroying several enemy targets at one time and thus make a pre-emptive strike a more attractive option to military planners, while the missiles themselves represent attractive targets.

The closely guarded exchange proposal was the subject of a mission to three days of talks in Washington in which American and Soviet arms control specialists fo-

cusped most of their attention on a series of unrelated technical disputes blocking the completion of a treaty cutting long-range nuclear weapons.

The failure to at least narrow those differences surprised Bush administration officials, who believe that the Soviet Union's tougher position reflected a reassertion of the military's power in Moscow at a time when Gorbachev appears preoccupied with Lithuania's independence movement.

White House spokesmen refused to confirm the secret exchange over Bush's proposal. "We do not comment on confidential negotiations," said Roman Popadiuk, a White House spokesman.

The proposal represents the first significant effort by Bush to put his stamp on the strategic arms negotiations. Before the offer, Washington had essentially been following the approach taken by the Reagan administration.

The presentation of the American proposal was a political victory for Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, who has been multiplicit-

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Child-care bills

Legislature looks at incentives for employers

By Mary K. Reinhart

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PHOENIX — Jo Anne Bailey's two young children are in day care, and from time to time during her shift at Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson she wonders how they're doing.

So she looks out the window and watches them romp on the playground at Casilla Jose's.

"I can watch them for a few minutes and know they're OK," said Bailey, a pulmonary technologist at St. Joseph's. "The Casilla always welcomes us. I can come down anytime I want."

The Tucson hospital two years ago began to offer employees on-site child care, and is believed to be the first employer in the city to do so. Although the center has been operating at a loss (it's expected to break even next year), another is planned for Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital once the right piece of land is acquired.

More and more employers are beginning to see the wisdom of participating in the child-care needs of their employees. As one Tucson child-care expert said, child care is no longer just the parent's responsibility, but rather a duty that must be shared by par-

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3 in need of transplants must count on fund-raisers

By Tom Turner

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Three Tucsonans, their friends and relatives are working this weekend toward raising \$270,000 in donations for down payment on transplant operations the three need to save their lives.

The public responded well to similar drives last year to assist three bone-marrow transplant candidates and to help three other Southern Arizona men in 1988.

The three Tucsonans who now are seeking funds say they have no choice, because they cannot get the money they need through government programs or private insurers. They and their supporters wish it were otherwise.

Jeri Pause, 46, almost has the \$60,000 required to put her on a waiting list for replacement heart and lungs at University Medical Center. She hopes that tonight's Casino Night at the Doubletree Hotel will put her over the top (see related stories in Accent, Page 1E).

Pause, Renee Rosales and Paul Hummer need donations because they do not have private health insurance and because government insurance — Medicare and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System — consider the heart-lung and bone-marrow surgery they need too experimental to be worth the investment.

Even having \$60,000 in hand doesn't mean that Pause and Rosales will be spared. Only about 2,000 healthy human hearts become available each year for the 48,000 people nationwide who need them.

Jeri Pause is a determined woman. Star columnist Ed Severson learns. Page 1E.

Heart-lung transplant candidates have the longest waits.

And the \$60,000 is only the first installment on expenses that could total as much as \$200,000 in the first couple of years after surgery. Nor does it include the costs of transportation and three months of lodging for families of out-of-town patients.

Rosales, 35, suffers from pulmonary hypertension that has already done his lungs so much damage that he must be on an oxygen provider 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the past year he has spent almost as much time in hospitals as he has at home with his wife, Debbie, and their 2-year-old son, Rene.

Friends and the nurses who tend Rosales at Pima Heart Associates plan hike sales and car washes to raise the \$60,000 needed to get him on the waiting list for replacement heart and lungs. That might take a dangerously long time.

Hummer, 24, will need as much as \$150,000 to begin the difficult national search for a bone-marrow donor and to secure the surgery that could arrest his leukemia. LMC does not perform the kind of transplant Hummer needs. He will have to leave the state to get it.

Hummer, who grew up in Tucson, is youth director of the First Assem-

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WEATHER



Near 80. Today should be partly cloudy and breezy. Southwest winds of 15 to 20 mph are forecast. A high near 80 is expected, and a low near 58. Tomorrow should be sunny, with a high in the low 80s. Yesterday's high was 84, the low 56. Details on Page 1A.

Independence movement

Latvians reject party. Latvians supporting independence from Moscow bolt from a Communist Party meeting. Page 2A.

National symbol of hope

Ryan White. Teenager Ryan White has been an inspiration for AIDS victims in their fight against the disease's stigma. Page 6A.

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