

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

**SATURDAY**

**Weather** Page 3A

Mostly cloudy and a little cooler, with a 20 percent chance of light showers.

Today's high: lower 70s. Low: upper 40s. Yesterday's high: 80. Low: 55.

**Needlework**

Beating the taboos on tattoos

— Accent, Page 9B

**The Arizona Daily Star**

© 1987 The Arizona Daily Star

Vol. 146 No. 66 \* Final Edition, Tucson, Saturday, March 7, 1987 35¢ 68 Pages

# Ferry sinks; 244 feared dead



## Boat bound for Britain goes down off Belgium

**By Raf Casert**  
The Associated Press

**ZEEBRUGGE, Belgium** — A ferry bound for Britain with 543 people aboard capsized last night in an accident that sent 20 people running through the decks and trapped more than 200 people in darkness with little hope of survival.

Twenty people were confirmed dead, 97 injured and 202 saved by small craft, nearby freighters, helicopter winches and other available means of rescue, according to Olivier Vanmeir, governor of West Flanders province.

He said 224 people were missing.

A spokesman for the ferry's owners said a few hours later that there were 48 confirmed dead.

"There was little hope," for those unaccounted for and believed trapped inside the 120-ton, British-owned Herald of Free Enterprise, Belgian Transport Minister Herman de Croo said reporters more than seven hours after the accident.

"We are faced with a tragic accident, this is a real catastrophe," said Prime Minister Wilfried Martens, who went to the scene along with King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola.

The British coast guard at Dover, England, the ferry's destination 35 miles away, said earlier that at least 28 people were known dead and that there were about 200 survivors. The later information from Belgian government authorities upped the toll of those missing and presumed dead.

The rescued were taken to three nearby hospitals, and those not needing immediate attention were given first aid, coffee and blankets at waiting stations at the harbor.

Some 20 divers worked into the night, with searchlights blazing.

### AT A GLANCE

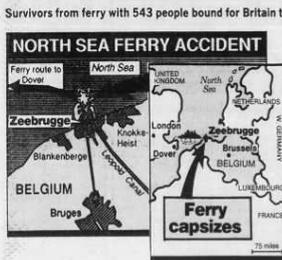
A ferry with 543 people aboard capsized off Zeebrugge, Belgium, and nearly 250 people are feared dead.

Authorities confirmed 20 people were killed, 97 injured and 202 saved, but there is little hope for 224 who are missing.

Divers worked into the night looking for survivors as the ferry lay on a sandy bed a half-mile outside Zeebrugge.

There were conflicting reports on how the accident occurred just after the ferry, loaded with people and vehicles, pulled out of the harbor bound for Britain.

Tagboats push the ferry to shore while rescue craft circle and helicopters hover overhead in the effort to rescue survivors and account for the missing, Page 2A.



Rescuers aid man pulled from Herald of Free Enterprise

## Blind man persists, gets truck insurance

**By Douglas Kruz**  
The Arizona Daily Star

Bonal Downing says he's delighted at finally getting liability insurance for his pickup truck.

And he promises never to drive the vehicle.

Downing, 55, is blind because of an industrial accident nearly 28 years ago.

Last month, it appeared he might have to sell his truck because he couldn't find an insurance company that would provide liability coverage for a man who couldn't see.

Downing, who said he desperately needed the vehicle so friends could haul lumber for his wood-working projects and also take him on camping outings, previously had the truck insured by a friend who held the title.

But when the friend moved away from his mid-town neighborhood, Downing was faced with getting mandatory insurance to qualify for registering the vehicle.

His search for a company willing to provide what sounds, at first, like extraordinary coverage was unsuccessful — until this week.

"I've got the insurance!" exclaimed Downing, who had lamented last month that "a lot of people feel that when you become blind, you're worthless."

Marge McLawhorn, an agent for the Civil Service Employees Insurance company in Tucson, confirmed that the firm is providing liability coverage for Downing's 1978 Ford pickup.

McLawhorn said company officials, who formerly insured the truck because Downing's friend was listed as the principal driver, explained that the policy was reinstated after another of Downing's friends, Jim Iyans, agreed to be designated as the principal driver.

## Shultz plans Moscow talks on arms, summit

**By Michael R. Gordon**  
© 1987 The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz will go to Moscow in mid-April to hold talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the White House announced yesterday.

Shultz will discuss a proposed treaty on medium-range arms, a possible summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, and other Soviet-American issues, according to Frank C. Carlucci, the national security adviser.

The visit is to take place from April 12 to 16.

Carlucci told reporters at a White House briefing that progress in the talks on medium-range arms has improved prospects for a summit meeting.

"If there is progress, and I have just indicated developments look promising, (a summit) would be a possibility," Carlucci said.

The White House announcement was made after President Reagan met with the three top American arms negotiators to discuss developments in the negotiations.

The American negotiator on medium-range arms, Maynard W. Gillman, is returning to Geneva to continue negotiations next week. The parallel talks on long-range arms and defensive systems will recess until April.

The Russians have invited Shultz to Moscow several times, most recently in February, but Shultz has said he would wait until there were new developments to discuss.

The United States and the Soviet Union are now agreed on most of the basic elements of a treaty on intermediate-range arms, though important questions on verification and short-range missiles have yet to be resolved.

The United States has developed a verification plan that would require extensive on-site inspection. The plan would require that each side use inspectors to count the missiles that are already deployed and are kept in factories and storage sites.

Each side would also use inspectors and devices to monitor equipment that moves in and out of missile storage facilities and missile assembly plants.

Kenneth L. Adelman, director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, disclosed yesterday that more than 150 Americans would have to be permanently stationed in the Soviet Union to monitor compliance.

See SHULTZ PLANS, Page 4A

## Diabetics, epileptics protest plan for new driver's license standards

**By Cynthia Hubert**  
The Arizona Daily Star

Diabetics and others with chronic medical conditions yesterday protested what they called a discriminatory, "atrocious" plan that would force them to prove they're well enough to drive.

Nearly 100 people jammed a hearing room in Tucson to voice their dismay over proposed state regulations that would require drivers with chronic conditions to prove they are safe on the road.

Armed with signs labeled "DOT: Department of Transportation or Tyrants" and "Points for Drunks: Denial for Diabetics," they vehemently challenged the Motor Vehicle Division's proposed medical standards.

"I think it's totally disgusting," diabetic Craig Brown said. "I will do anything within my power to get rid of it."

"If they take away my driver's license, I can't work. How am I gonna support my family? Should I charge the state for that?"

Under current rules, the state must prove that people with chronic conditions are unsafe drivers before it can withhold their licenses.

But in 1985, the Arizona Court of Appeals said the state cannot restrict those standards for issuing drivers' licenses to people with metabolic disorders, such as diabetes, and neurological disorders, such as epilepsy.

So the Motor Vehicle Division has proposed making concrete regulations from its informal standards, beginning with metabolic and neurological disorders and vision requirements.

Yesterday's hearing was designed to gather

See STIFFER RULES, Page 4A



Sand trap — Staci Bonelli, 13, clings to a rope while Philadelphia firefighters gingerly pull her from a pile of cold, wet sand that had trapped her. The successful rescue took four hours Thursday night. Staci spent the night in the hospital, where she was treated for a mild case of hypothermia. Story, Page 5A.

**Sen. Zorinsky of Nebraska dies**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Edward Zorinsky, a Republican-turned-Democrat serving his second term in the Senate, died of a heart attack last night at 58.

Zorinsky was elected mayor of Omaha as a Republican in 1972 and switched to the Democratic Party to run for the Senate.

**INDEX**

Access	9-10B	Nation	4-12A
Classified	15C-16D	News summary	2A
Columns	16D	Obituaries	12C
Columns	18-21A	Public records	7B
Crossword	16B	Religion	14-16B
Dear Abby	16B	Sports	1-18C
Dr. Gert	16B	Tucson today	18B
Horsepower	16B	TV-radio	11B
Money	11-16C	Weddings	4-11A
Movies	11B	World	14A, 18A