

Senators reject loan request for Miracle Valley trial

By Howard Fischer and Mark Turner
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State lawmakers yesterday rejected a \$300,000 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 30, 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 wearing in the jury, therefore he could dismiss the case. See SENATE PANEL, Page 11A

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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 more 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 host 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

• Muslim rebels declare a West Beirut truce. Page 12A.

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 1A.

The Marines have come under fire during the recent, sharply intensified combat between the Lebanese factions. Reagan said he has directed Defense Secretary Casper 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 to critics, said the 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 Muslim forces moved closer to the

airport, and there have been reports that the Lebanese army was hitting the rebels more through check points.

"It is 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 See MARINES, Page 11A



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 unmoored for the first time, adding another milestone to man's conquest of space. But the first man set in the second. "Go enjoy it, have a ball."

First Bruce McCandless, and then Robert Stewart, unhooked their lifelines 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 18 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 30 spacewalks — 46 Americans and 23 Soviets — 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 aging 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 Intelsat, are in a useless low orbit. They were needed for high orbits and lack features 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 joyous folks down here." See 2 ASTRONAUTS, Page 12A

Some of the "serious problems" mentioned in the report are deficiencies in educational quality, extra- and after-school communications, organization problems, such as excessive spending, too much time on clerical duties, a lack of leadership from principals, who suffer themselves from ill-defined jurisdiction and insufficient authority to make decisions, and staffing problems, such as a lack of flexibility in determining class sizes and being teacher.

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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 66 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 28 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.

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Weather

Almost like spring. Today will be mostly sunny and breezy at times, with occasional high clouds. A high in the low 70s and an overnight low in the 40s are expected. Yesterday's high and low were 73 and 41.

Yesterday's temperature extremes in the lower 40 states were 23 below zero at International Falls, Minn., and 91 at Thermal, Calif. Details on Page 2A.

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Bank slaying trial. A sniper wounded during the attempted robbery of a Marana bank in 1982 testified that Walter and Karl Laford attacked her and killed her boss. Page 1B.

Apartments OK'd. The Pima County Board of Supervisors, according 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 18A.

Computing \$1 million. The U.S. will receive more than \$1 million in computer education assistance as part of a \$16 million, 14 university program. Page 18A.

News

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, 62-34, to allow evidence collected illegally, but in good faith, to be used in federal criminal trials. Page 14A.

Breaking away. A hot-air balloon being readied for an altitude record attempt is seen from its gondola at the launch site near Page when wind gusts snap cables in a "troupe effect." Page 1E.

Missing children. A Senate subcommittee, considering legislation to missing children boards assigned mother say kidnapping by a divorced parent cannot be stopped. Page 2E.



Money

Copper boosted. Energy Secretary Donald Hodel says copper will be included in a government study of the best metal containers in which to store nuclear waste. Page 1B.

Lifestyle

Good losers. Weight lifters took some new steps in its weight-loss program, and one satisfied member celebrates the loss of 160 pounds. Page 1B.

Comment

The envelope, please. Columnist Steve Emmerich says Ronald Reagan faces the greatest acting challenge of his career in 1984, making reporter R.H. Ring writes in the fourth of an eight-part series. Page 4A.

Sports

U.S. loses in hockey. Canada wins a first-round Winter Olympics game, 4-2, over the defending champion United States. Page 1F.

Entertainment

Of the trendy persuasion. "Backlash" borrows from several movies, but it uses the audacity an irony, says the Star's Jessica Tully. Page 1C.

Roundup

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