

Officials say radiation release 'not hazardous'

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AIKEN, S.C. — Technicians at the top-secret Savannah River Plant say a malfunction that released radioactive tritium into the air was of "minor consequence," but steps are being taken to ensure a similar incident does not occur.

Department of Energy spokesman Jim Gaver said Sunday night he could not reveal what went wrong at the plant's chemical separation facility at 11:30 p.m. Saturday because the installation's operation is secret. "It was due to an equipment malfunction," Gaver said. "The cause of the malfunction has been identified. The piece of

equipment that was involved is back in service." State health officials in Georgia and South Carolina closely monitored the incident throughout the night as did officials of DuPont Corp., which runs SRP for the Energy Department.

Millionaire fights to be the porno 'McDonald's'

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PERRY, Mich. — Terry Whitman sneaked up on seven Michigan cities and became a pornography millionaire. Now he hopes to sneak up on Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois and Kentucky and become a multimillionaire. "I sneak up on cities. We use a lot of different names so they don't know who we are when we come in," Whitman said. "I'm challenging every single zoning ordinance in my way. They're all illegal and violate constitutional rights."

Whitman, 35, also known as Terry Shoules, said he wants to become "the McDonald's of the porno industry." From his 200-acre farm in Perry, where he grows corn and raises cows, Whitman told Sunday's Detroit News, "The law's on my side." "People all across this state have tried to keep me out of their towns, but they can't do it," Whitman said. Whitman opened a massage parlor and book store in Warren five years ago under the names Michigan Diversified Properties and Executive Arts Studio. It opened just after the city passed an ordinance requiring special permits for adult businesses and banning them from within 500 feet of residential areas. Whitman opened his shops within 50 feet of homes, without applying for a permit. The legal battle has gone on for five years. Last month, the massage parlor was ordered closed for one year. Whitman is appealing the decision and seeking compensation for lost earnings. Meanwhile, he earns an average \$1,000 a month from each massage parlor and about \$24,000 from each book store. Whitman says he plans to help Michigan's economy by making some films on his farm.

"Instead of spending millions on video cassettes from California, I could get tax credits for bringing money into the state," he said. "Porno is really a big industry that could benefit Michigan." Despite Michigan's bleak economy, Whitman's stores in the state doubled sales to \$2.2 million last year. He's opening new massage parlors and book stores in several cities and is looking to expand in the Detroit area. Whitman plans to file a \$20 million harassment suit against the Warren police department for allegedly photographing and recording the license numbers of his patrons. His lawyer, Gregory Lord, said Whitman is a self-made millionaire and that he usually wins his legal challenges. "He's a regular Horatio Alger story," Lord said. "He went from being penniless and literally living in the streets to a millionaire."



Give me a break! The Westlake Hyline Drill Team from Austin takes a break from an exhausting day of practice. From left to right: Anna Bayardo, Jana Howard, Erica Peterson and Elizabeth Benson. The girls were attending a U.S.A. drill team camp at University.

Safety council lists top causes of home fires

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CHICAGO — The National Safety Council lists the five top causes of home fires — and ways to prevent them: 1. CARELESS SMOKING. Fire most frequently occurs in the living room when someone drops a cigarette on upholstered furniture where it smolders for hours before bursting into flame. Never smoke when you are overtired, taking strong medication or drinking alcohol.

Never smoke in bed. 2. HEATING. Have your central heating system checked annually. Change the air filter to keep the fan from overheating. Never store materials near a furnace, keep portable heaters three feet from walls or objects, and use screens in front of fireplaces. 3. COOKING. Don't leave cooking unattended. Never throw water on a grease fire; it will spread the flames. Exting-

uish a pan fire by covering it with a lid, an oven fire by closing the oven door. 4. ELECTRICITY. Defective appliances and overloaded circuits are major causes of fires. Use approved appliances, and check power cords that are subject to wear. Don't run cords under carpeting or over nails. 5. CHILDREN. Keep matches out of the reach of children.

Ruled in Florida Monday

Court allowing execution

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Supreme Court refused Monday to block Tuesday's scheduled executions of two half-brothers who beat and raped a woman before setting her body ablaze. Attorneys for the two men — William Riley Jent, 32, and Ernest Miller, 27 — immediately filed a motion in federal court seeking a stay, and a hearing was scheduled for 3 p.m. in Tampa.

The two men are scheduled to die in the electric chair at the Florida State Prison at Starke Tuesday morning, but their executions were viewed as highly unlikely since neither man has had an appeal heard on the federal level. Eleanor Jackson Piel of New York, who represents Jent, and Howardene Garrett of Tampa, who represents Miller, argued before the state Supreme Court earlier Monday that their clients

were innocent and asked for time to prove it. "I have an innocent client. My client passed a lie detector test in March. So did his co-defendant (Miller)," Piel said. Jent and Miller were convicted of murdering a girl known only as "Tammy" following a motorcycle club gathering on the banks of the Withlacoochee River in July 1979. The death warrants for Jent and Miller were the 56th and

57th Gov. Bob Graham signed since becoming governor in 1979. Only one of the warrants — that of John Dink on May 25, 1979 — has been carried out. Although Florida has only one execution in 10 years, Attorney General Smith said earlier this month that recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions could lead to more executions by this fall.

Reagan names Kissinger to panel

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HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — President Reagan has offered — and Henry Kissinger has accepted — the chairmanship of Reagan's special commission on the problems of Central America, a senior administration official traveling with Reagan confirmed Monday. The official said Reagan, who spoke with Kissinger by telephone Sunday night, would soon name eight other members to the bipartisan panel and that Republican and Democratic congressional leaders would appoint "senior consultants" to the study group. Reagan announced creation of the panel chaired by the former secretary of state in a speech to the International Longshoremen's Association convention, warning the United States "will pay a terrible price for our neglect" if it fails to end turmoil south of its borders. Reagan's speech to the union, expected to support his hardline

stance on Central America, offered few specifics on the makeup and broad mandate of the commission. "The function will be to study the nature of U.S. interests in Central America and the threat now posed to those interests," the official with Reagan said. The commission "will be asked to give advice to the president on long-term U.S. policy that will respond to the challenges of social, economic and democratic development in the region and to threats to its stability and its security," he said. The official said Reagan had not planned to name Kissinger in his speech to the longshoremen — but changed his mind after word of his choice leaked to the press Sunday night, the official said. The commission

would report back to Reagan by December 1. Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said special Central American envoy Richard Stone would continue to serve, independent of the new panel, and "will be returning to the region sometime in the near future." Reagan also pressed his case for more military aid for El Salvador and reinforced the line he has sought to draw against the spread of communism in the hemisphere. "This is the first real communist aggression of the American mainland," he declared. "We tend to forget sometimes that here in the Western Hemisphere we are American from pole to pole," he said in his prepared remarks. "We cannot afford the luxury of turning away from our neighbor's struggles as if they didn't matter," Reagan said. "If we do run away, we will pay a terrible price for neglect." In making his long-awaited announcement on the bipartisan commission, Reagan adopted the same conciliatory tack he used earlier to overcome political hurdles to Social Security reform and development of the MX missile.

The address was Reagan's most detailed statement on Central America since an April 27 speech to a joint session of Congress and one of his strongest to date. Reagan suggested a recent decline in public support for his policies was due to a lack of understanding of "the seriousness of the situation" in Central America, where, he said, a war

fueled by the Soviet Union and threatening budding democracy in El Salvador. Reagan also called attention to Tuesday's fourth anniversary of the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua, branding it a "volition of broken promises" and accusing the Sandinistas of replacing one dictatorship with another. Since April, Reagan said, Cuba has stepped up the military personnel and weapons to Nicaragua and added, "This cannot be allowed to continue." Reagan took note of complaints that El Salvador made inadequate progress in civil rights, but insisted the backed government "is moving in the right direction."

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WASHINGTON — Two key senators and a top Wall Street banker said economic recovery could be threatened unless Congress acts to control its \$200 billion-a-year deficits, but a leading economist said he expected little action before the 1984 elections. Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah,

chairmen of the Senate Banking Committee, said during an interview Sunday on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" that Congress must find the political courage to cut back on social spending. "We simply have not even scratched the surface" in reining back social programs, Garn said.

Similar views were expressed by Sen. William Proxmire of Wisconsin, the senior Democrat on the banking panel, and Henry Kaufman, senior economist in the investment banking firm Salomon Bros. The trio said the economic recovery now underway could be threatened by the deficits and growing interest rates. But economist Alan Greenspan, who was chairman of President Gerald Ford's Council of Economic Advisers, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that waiting until 1985 to act to bring down the deficit and growing interest rates would not endanger the recovery. Proxmire disagreed with Garn's contention that taxes