

Reagan OKs Challenger replacement

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Rehnquist 'helped plan' protester surveillance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has decided to order a fourth space shuttle to replace the lost Challenger, and an industry magazine says the vehicle would be stationed at Vandenberg Air Force base for use by the military when it is completed in about 1992.

Reagan rejected the suggestions of some advisers to ban commercial satellites as shuttle cargo, deciding instead to allow some such satellites on a selective basis, Aviation Week and Space Technology says in its Aug. 18 edition.

Reagan's decision was confirmed Thursday by a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity and refused to provide any details. The president's spokesman, Larry Speakes, has said the decision likely will be announced later this week.

Aviation Week cited no sources for its story. It said that Reagan's decision reaffirms the need for a four-orbiter fleet to counter Soviet advances and to support the space station, international commitments and advanced military flights.

Rehnquist's knowledge of the program in 1969 also goes to the question of credibility, Rehnquist indicated during his confirmation hearings that he had not learned of the Army surveillance program until the May Day protests against the war, which occurred in 1971.

"The evidence is clear he prepared a memo on military surveillance of civilians," and then violated "judicial ethics and judicial propriety when he did not remove himself from that case," Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said Thursday.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said, "It's obvious he had to have known the factual basis of that case. 'Everything points to his deciding to sit on the case so he could cast the deciding vote for the administration he just left.'"

And Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., argued, "He sat on the very case that upheld the very policy he helped to make."

In the Tatum case, Rehnquist took what then was the unprecedented step of issuing a memorandum explaining his reason for refusing to drop out.

In the memo, the justice denied intimate knowledge of the surveillance program under challenge.

"Respondents' reference . . . to my 'intimate knowledge of the evidence underlying the . . . allegations' seems to me to make a great deal of very little," he wrote.

He added that his specific testimony before a Senate panel in 1971, during which he mentioned an Army computer printout containing surveillance information, was supplied to him from another Justice Department office.

"I had then and have now no personal knowledge of the arrangement, nor so far as I know have I ever seen or been apprised of the contents of this particular printout," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 1969 memo by written by William H. Rehnquist shows he helped plan Army surveillance against antiwar protesters, although he later denied having substantial knowledge of the program.

World Briefs

Stock market shows moderate gain

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market continued its broad-based rally on Thursday, although gains moderated as trading slowed in what analysts described as a respite from advances earlier in the week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 61.87 in the three previous sessions, rose 0.42 to 1,844.91.

But as has been the case all week, broad market indicators showed gains and advancing issues outnumbered declining issues in New York Stock Exchange trading, this time by about 5 to 3.

Analysts said many investors moved to the sidelines Thursday to wait for further indications of the direction of interest rates, and of whether the market advance had the strength to continue.

13-year-old turns parents in for drugs

TUSTIN, Calif. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl who fought with her parents over their drug use finally turned them in to police, along with a trash bag of pills, pot and cocaine she found at home, officers said Thursday.

"She decided she was going to have to do something, and she did," said Police Chief Charles Thayer. "I heard she was a little reluctant to do this, but she had

Houses may contain radioactive radon

WASHINGTON (AP) — As many as 12 percent of the nation's homes may contain unhealthy levels of radioactive radon gas, and people living in them shouldn't compound the problem by smoking indoors, the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

The gas in those homes may account for 2,000 to 8,000 annual lung cancer deaths from radon, a

Gunman frees hostages, hides in lab

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A gunman took three people hostage in their car Thursday morning and was chased by police into the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where the captives were set free amid gunfire, authorities said.

No one was injured, and the gunman remained barricaded inside the complex through early evening, police said.

Firemen battle blazes in five states

Heavy smoke hampered air tankers Thursday, but more than 11,000 firefighters using helicopters, bulldozers and shovels gained ground against lightning-caused blazes that have charred 345,000 acres in five Northwest states.

Crews in hardest-hit Idaho carved a fire line between advancing flames and scores of houses about 40 miles north of Boise, and Ore-

Famed tenement house to be razed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Wrecking crews moved into place Thursday to tear down Casa Blanca, the tenement house that housed the Children of Sanchez, who told their stories in anthropologist Oscar Lewis' study of Mexico's urban poor.

Although Casa Blanca was not heavily damaged in earthquakes last September, its demolition falls under the government's

LTV retirees organize petition drive

Retirees of the LTV Steel Co. are gearing up for a petition drive to make sure that life and health insurance benefits are permanently extended beyond a six-month period agreed to in federal bankruptcy court in New York.

Retirees will meet Saturday in Poland, near Youngstown, to organize the drive that is planned to end with the delivery of petitions to the New

Deaver's lawyer says dinner was social occasion

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attorney for lobbyist Michael K. Deaver said Thursday that the former presidential aide did nothing wrong by entertaining three high-level White House officials at a fancy dinner party last March.

"Nothing in the law prohibits social contacts with current government officials," Randall J. Turk said when asked about the March 13 party that Deaver hosted for Korean Ambassador Kyung-Won Kim. Deaver represents the Korean government and the Daewoo Corp., a Korean industrial company.

Records filed at the Justice Department's foreign agents registration unit show that David Waller, then a senior associate counsel at the White House; Dennis Thomas, the

top aide to White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan, and Stephen Danzansky, a special assistant to President Reagan, were among the 60 guests who attended the party at a posh hotel.

The dinner occurred about 10 months after Deaver left the White House where he served as deputy chief of staff.

According to recently released congressional testimony, Fred Fielding, the former White House counsel, warned Deaver in the summer of 1985 that he was prohibited from lobbying top White House officials until May 1986.

Each violation can lead to a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

House OKs increase in credit for Treasury

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved an emergency credit increase for the Treasury on Thursday, setting up a confrontation with the Senate over plans to strengthen the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law.

The \$73.3 billion borrowing boost was passed 216-199 after the House defeated an attempt by House Republicans to force action on a cost-cutting package that Democrats opposed.

That sent the measure to the Senate, where action on it was expected Friday.

The Treasury has exhausted its statutory debt limit of \$2.079 trillion. Unless Congress approves an increase before leaving this week for its Labor Day recess, the government might default on its obligations, according to Treasury officials.

Democrats, saying it would be dangerous to mix the debt increase with other issues, killed a Republican plan to pass about \$7 billion in spending cuts before taking up the debt bill.

"Congress should not leave town for three weeks before it shows it is serious about deficit reduction," said Rep. Delbert L. Latta of Ohio, ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee.

But House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., said the debt bill needed speedy passage.

Otherwise, he said, the Treasury might be forced to use Social Security trust funds and default on some of its obligations.

House Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas promised the House would complete necessary budget cuts when it returns from the recess.

The Republican initiative was blocked on a 244-178 procedural vote.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. said earlier Thursday he was not sure the House can defeat Senate efforts, expected Friday, to attach an automatic Gramm-Rudman budget cut mechanism to the emergency debt ceiling bill.

Car-bomb in Beirut kills 19, wounds 90 in Christian area

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A car-bomb blew up in a busy Christian district Thursday, killing 19 people and wounding 90. Witnesses said the explosion tore whole balconies from apartment houses and hurled them through the air.

The blue Mercedes exploded at the entrance to a seven-story apartment building owned by President Amin Gemayel's family, about 100 yards from St. Joseph Hospital in the Dora district of Christian east Beirut. No members of the president's family lived in the building.

It was the fourth explosion in a deadly duel of car bombings that has killed 93 people and wounded 574 since July 28. Two cars have exploded in the Christian sector and two in Moslem west Beirut, but no group has claimed responsibility for any of them.

In another development, units loyal to Christian militia commander Samir Geagea crushed pro-Syrian

rebels within his Lebanese Forces, the largest Christian militia, in a counterattack that coursed through three residential areas of east Beirut.

Police said rebel leader Maroun Mashalani surrendered at midday. His men had seized control of east Beirut on Sunday in street battles with Geagea loyalists.

The bomb blast at 10:05 a.m. ripped the facades off the Gemayel building and another across the street, setting them ablaze, devastated 30 shops and wrecked 27 cars. It left a hole in the pavement nine feet wide and nearly five feet deep.

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