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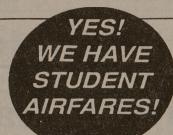
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Senate endorses Bush's MX plan

Missiles to be installed on railroad cars at cost of \$1.1 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday endorsed President Bush's \$1.1 billion request for making MX missiles mobile, heeding the warning of the Armed Services Committee chairman against "unraveling" Bush's defense

Wary of following the stringent steps taken by the House, the Senate voted 62-38 to turn aside an amendment slashing \$502 million from the billion-plus budget for placing the existing 50 MX missiles on railroad cars.

The House had taken that budget-cutting step last week, trimming the same amount from the MX rail-garrison system and then eliminating all \$100 million earmarked for the single-warhead Midgetman missile.

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arms control," Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said prior to

The House and Senate meet in conference in early September to complete a final version of the two \$295 billion defense blueprints the two

In voting to table the MX measu also accepted arguments that cuts in the would undermine the verbal agreeme by the White House and congressional proceeding with two mobile missiles.
Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., said approx
MX amendment would "blow apart the

crafted compromise" reached by the ad tion and Congress. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., sponsoro

amendment, had proposed using the si lion savings for the F-14D Tomcat jet fight Navy's carrier aircraft that Bush has elimination; the Army's Apache helicop cleanup of nuclear waste sites.

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In other action, the Senate approved, non-binding resolution warning the adm tion that "it is not presently prudent or to commit to the procurement of an oper force" of B-2 stealth bombers.

Energy Department unveils plan to correct pollution hazards at atomic weapon plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department unveiled on Tuesday a five-year program costing \$19.5 billion to correct environmen-tal and health problems at the nation's atomic weapons plants — the first part of a cleanup that officials predict will take 30 years and cost many billions more.

Energy Secretary James D. Wat-kins provided a blueprint for the initial phase of the cleanup and restoration plan, acknowledging "the cost will be high" and even an optimistic timetable "passes much of the burden to the next generation."

After a top-level review of the

shortcomings in environmental and health protection measures at the government nuclear facilities, the department said it proposes to spend \$2.4 billion next fiscal year in correction the shortcomings.

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After that the annual bill is expected to steadily increase, peaking at more than \$4 billion in both fiscal 1994 and 1995. Over the span of the cleanup effort, which will stretch well into the next century, costs have been estimated anywhere from \$90 billion to \$150 billion.

The money, which still must be approved by Congress, would be used to clean up pollution where federal and state safety laws are violated, repair faulty equipment and develop new procedures and technology for future waste disposal, the department said.

The plan commits the department

and assessing the extent of yet un-known hazards. The department also said it would release health records of workers at weapons facilities for scientific evaluation to determine

A series of disclosures this year has revealed widespread neglect of safety and environmental safeguards at the weapons production plants. A number of facilities, inplants. A number of facilities, in-cluding major weapons plants in Colorado and Ohio, have been the open dialogue 'an open dialogue on environmental, health and safety concerns" to ease public concern lish safe procedures for the true

subject of investigations by both the Environmental Protection Agency and the FBI. Some facilities have about the operation of the facilities have Environmental Protection Agency and the FBI. Some facilities have had operations shut down because of safety and environmental prob-

Watkins also promised more openness on the part of the department and plant managers with state and federal authorities, and "an

department's efforts over t to protect public health and ronment at the federal nucle ties has been shoddy and it cases virtually nonexistent.

"If we graded for quality or we wouldn't pass," Watkins The answer, he said, is to com

'Little Boy Blue's' father sentenced to 40 years for murder of roommat

AUSTIN (AP) — The man whose son's body was discovered on a Nebraska road and became known nationally as the "Little Boy Blue" case, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the 1985 murder of his roommate.

State District Judge Jon Wisser on Monday sentenced Eli Stutzman, 38, who had been found guilty in the April 1985 shooting death of Glen Albert Pritchett, 24. Stutzman faced a sentence of five years' probation to life in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

He must serve one-fourth of his sentence, or 10 years, before becoming eligible for parole, because jurors found that a deadly weapon was used in the slaying, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Connie Moore of Houston, Stutzman's attorney, told Wisser that the charge in connection with the slaying of his roommate was "based on a very weak circumstantial cases," and asked that Stutzman be placed on proba-

to develop a cleanup priority list, tion.
containing known contamination "We are still convinced that this man is being con-

victed for a crime he did not commit," Moore said. said Stutzman plans to appeal.
But Assistant District Attorney Carla Garde

Stutzman deserved a life sentence. She said Stutz showed no remorse for his actions and lied to acqua ances about Pritchett's whereabouts. 'This was a cold-blooded murder," she said.

Pritchett worked for Stutzman's remodeling bu and roomed with Stutzman and his 9-year-old st Danny, in Austin.

Pritchett's body was discovered May 12, 1985, culvert outside Austin. He had been shot once in head. Stutzman and Danny left Austin after dep questioned him about Pritchett's death.

Danny's body had been found in a ditch near bron, Neb., in December 1985. He was known of "Little Boy Blue" by townspeople because of the pajamas he wore. The cause of his death was new termined.

Firefighters able to advance on blazes in Idaho

Cooler weather allowed firefighters to advance Tuesday on forest blazes threatening three tiny Idaho

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But the weather was a mixed blesses are a crash course on using hand state began hasty training to join the battle against wildfires in four West-

Fire crews have "just been holding their own so the lower temperatures are really going to help things out,"

over the candidacy.

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poles expressed shock Tuesday at soaring food prices, including the highest meat price increases in recent memory, and Solidarity

lawmakers heaped criticism on the outgoing adminis-

tration's economic policies.
Also on Tuesday, Lech Walesa urged his Solidarity

followers in Parliament to vote against Gen. Czeslaw

Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski, and members of the

communist coalition reported divisions in their ranks

Rakowski, who was elected first secretary of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party only four days

ago, was dismissed as prime minister by Parliament. It also postponed consideration of his proposed successor

Kiszczak, the proposed communist successor to Prime

Boise National Forest spokesman

to 2,000 lightning strikes an hour in the areas early Tuesday worried that lines around wilderness blazes. They continued strikes could ignite a new round of blazes like those that have been burning since the middle of last

Economic policies bring soaring prices to Poles

so postponed consideration of his proposed successor mid signs Kiszczak's candidacy was in trouble.

Food prices skyrocketed under the controversial right course," Solidarity parliament Deputy Ryszard Bugaj replied: "It seems to me that the situation is the exact opposite. This ship is sinking."

and power tools to cut containment were to begin heading for the fire lines as early as Wednesday, Capt. Martin Eckert, spokesman at Ft. Le-

"marketization" program put together by Rakowski's government. Across Poland, there were scenes of

empty shelves and bewildered shoppers.
"Where is the meat? Where is the meat?" cried out an

old man in a totally bare meat store near the capital's

'I am going to America," a woman shopper said in

Âuthorities say the price increases are needed to

prompt farmers to deliver to market and stabilize the

Referring to Deputy Prime Minister Ireneusz Seku-

la's claim that the "ship of the Polish economy is on the

evel of state subsidies to the food industry.

cluding National Guard troops crews from out of state, were in lines in the Pavette and Bois! tional forests.

Attacks were concentrated of the small mining town of Wa 120 miles north of Boise, which threatened by a 1,000-acre Wa doodle Fire, and around Idaho a small town 25 miles norther

Yellow Pine, a hamlet of per two dozen permanent resid across both roads into town, b settlement wasn't in immediate ger, authorities said.

Losses in Lowman, a town residents largely leveled over weekend, were estimated by the Disaster Services Bureau Tuesd \$10.3 million.

Helicopters crisscrossed the

Canyon area near the Idaho-On border looking for hikers who be endangered by the fires. Ran ferried in by chopper brought to direct about 40 hikers to the routes out of the backcountry.

Kids reappear 20 years after disappearing in Africa

Old Town section.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — It is an often-repeated tale in Addis Ababa: Two white children were kidnapped or abandoned 20 years ago, when the boy was about 5 years old and the girl but an infant, and raised in a tribal family.

amid signs Kiszczak's candidacy was in trouble.

The years have provided different variations on the story, and though many here know some version, there are no records to substantiate it. Now, however, a brother and sister have

stepped forward, claiming to be those lost children. They say they want to find their parents: On June 23, a cable arrived at the State Department in Washington from the U.S. Embassy

in Ethiopia's capitol. It began: "On June 14, two Oromigna-speaking Caucasians visited (consular officer) Conoff claiming to be the long-rumored kidnapped Americans of 20

"After I sent the cable, I called Washington to assure them I wasn't making this up on a slow day in Addis," Carol L. Rose, who retired this week as the U.S. consul in Ethiopia, said. "I was afraid the desk officer wouldn't believe it. It's all

just too fantastic Rose's 2-and-a-half page cable told the story of Haile Mariam Gadessa and Tegest Gadessa as they recounted it through an embassy interpreter and later repeated it to the Associated

Haile Mariam, now 24 or 25, and Tegest, about 20, speak haltingly and nervously about their story in the presence of what to them are strange, white foreigners.
What little they know was told them by the na-

tive couple who raised them. Haile Mariam has only the vaguest memory of those days, Tegest none at all.

They tell of being left by their parents in the care of a housekeeper, a man of the Oromo tribe who took them to live with his relatives in a house of mud with a thatched roof.

Haile Mariam said he was was raised as a herdsboy, keeping the family's cattle, sheep and goats, while Tegest was given to another family His eyes downcast and haunted, Haile Mariam

tells of frequent beatings by a foster father who never wanted them, of being taunted and abused by villagers who saw him and his sister as freaks.

His gnarled hands speak of a lifetime of hard work. He has never spent a day in a classroom. His sister has completed eight years of school. They said they are not sure why they were left with the housekeeper, but Haile Mariam thinks Ethiopia for treatment, accompanied by

"Under those circumstances, in this so the woman most certainly would have tried place the children with relatives," Worke 'The stigma of raising them alone would

been too great."
While Rose admits that scenario is possible doesn't believe it. Her cable to the State De ment said consular officials were convince two "are telling the truth as they know i Their skin is scarred from sunburn and the ring has caused some distortion of their features. They both have light brown eyes

curly light brown-dark blond hair.' With no record of their birth or national there is little that Rose and the U.S. govern can do for Haile Mariam and Tegest.

As the search continues for their parents, live together in a mud hut in the village of beta, about 25 miles from Addis Ababa.

There, Tegest cares for her 3-year-old son, toy, born out of wedlock, while Haile Mai supports them with odd jobs, earning about Ethiopian birr a month, the equivalent of \$8.



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