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Firm investigates pipeline spying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A security firm hired by the trans-Alaska oil pipeline's operator used electronic surveillance and set up a dummy ecology group to ferret out whistle-blowers, a newspaper reported Monday.

The Los Angeles Times also said Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., a consortium of seven oil firms, employed Florida-based Wackenhut Corp. to monitor Democratic Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of a House subcommittee investigating alleged environmental wrongdoing by Alyeska.

Alyeska has acknowledged hiring Wackenhut for an investigation of possible leaks of documents by employees to retired tanker broker Charles Hamel. Alyeska suspected Hamel, an in-

Alaska operator employs security company to find 'whistle blowers,' newspaper reports

dustry gadfly, of providing embarrassing information on the company's environmental record to Miller, the Environmental Protection Agency and the news media, the Times reported.

As a result of the information, the EPA last month proposed fining Alyeska \$20,000 for illegal waste water dumping.

Hamel also is a party in a civil lawsuit involving a business dispute with Exxon Corp., one of the Alyeska companies.

Alyeska officials couldn't be reached for comment during the holiday weekend, the Times said. But in an internal memorandum

— One female, posing as an environmental journalist, tried to befriend Hamel in an Anchorage hotel bar in March 1990 and on an airline flight and to "compromise him" in some way, according to court documents.

— Ecolit operatives conducted electronic surveillance of Hamel. Alyeska's manager of corporate security, J.P. "Pat" Wellington, spoke at least twice a week with Black about the investigation and knew all of its details, Black said.

Wackenhut has provided security along the 800-mile pipeline since 1977, Wackenhut spokesman Patrick Cannon said.

Miller's House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is looking into Alyeska's probe.

Inner-city school focuses on needs of African-American boys, girls

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The three Rs will take a twist this year at a school in Milwaukee's inner-city where the curriculum is geared toward the special educational, social and emotional needs of black children, especially boys.

But the enrollment of 560 students at Victor L. Berger Elementary School is half female, said Principal Josephine Mosley.

"The curriculum is focused on African-American males, but we will do the same for the females that we do for the males," Ms. Mosley said. "The needs of female students are just as great as male and everything we do here is good for all kids, regardless of sex or race."

The school is in a black neighborhood where most of the pupils live, she said.

Other immersion programs have been developed in Baltimore and Detroit, and have been discussed in San Diego, Miami, Washington, D.C., and New York.

Detroit, where 90 percent of public schools students are black, sought to open three all-male public schools for inner-city blacks, but a judge ruled last month that the restriction was unconstitutional and that girls also must be allowed to enroll.

The Milwaukee Public Schools system reports that, of the almost 93,000 students enrolled last year, more than 56 percent were black.

The black immersion program grew out of a 1989 citizens' task force study that found that fewer than 20 percent of the 5,716 black male students in Milwaukee high schools had a grade average of C or better.

The task force said many black students suffer because they lose their identity or become discouraged

International evangelist suffers stroke

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — The Rev. Robert H. Schuller, host of the internationally syndicated television show "Hour of Power," underwent emergency surgery today after suffering a stroke.

The 64-year-old evangelist was found unconscious in his hotel room hours before he was scheduled to fly to Rome for a meeting with Pope John Paul II.

Schuller suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and underwent three hours of surgery at the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam, said Michael Nason, a Schuller spokesman. He was in stable condition.

Schuller passed out in his room at the Hotel del'Europe and was taken by ambulance to the hospital at 11:35 a.m., Nason said.

"We found him in his room. He was unconscious. He had collapsed," Nason said. "His condition is regarded as stable."

Nason said doctors found blood between Schuller's skull and brain and that the operation was performed by a senior neurosurgeon, Dr. J. Wolbers.

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