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Director Michael Bennett's death is another reminder of the AIDS toll on the arts

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Reagan Calls For Economic 'Bill Of Rights'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, renewing Thomas Jefferson's call for a "wise and frugal government," today proclaimed an "economic bill of rights" to protect Americans against excessive taxation and government spending.

In a speech before the Jefferson Memorial, Reagan said Americans need greater protection in U.S. laws for "four essential economic freedoms" — the freedom to work, to enjoy the fruits of one's labor, to own and control property and to participate in a free market.

"The working people of this country need to know their jobs, take-home pay, homes and pensions are not vulnerable to the threat of a grandiose, inefficient and overbearing government, something Jefferson warned us about 200 years ago," he said.

Reiterating his longstanding advocacy of a balanced budget amendment and budgetary line-item veto authority for presidents, Reagan also proposed:

● A "truth-in-spending" plan requiring Congress, as well as the executive branch, to say how much a program will cost and how it will be financed.

The Congressional Budget Office, a non-partisan agency, already routinely estimates the costs of legislation and those figures are widely distributed on Capitol Hill prior to floor action.

● When tax increases are up for a vote, they should have to be approved by both houses of Congress "by more than a mere majority of their members."

● A bipartisan presidential commission on privatization "to determine what federal assets and activities can and should be returned to the citizenry."

"What we begin today is not a maneuver or an

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Iran Arms Sale Link To Oil Price Hike Investigated

By PATRICK J. SLOVAN
Washington Post-Los Angeles Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators are probing a possible link between President Reagan's secret arm sales to Iran and a reversal in policy by the Khomeini government that permitted OPEC to increase world oil prices.

According to sources on the joint committee looking into the Iran-Contra scandal, chief counsel Arthur Liman has ordered an investigation of the White House decision to ship anti-aircraft spare parts to Tehran last Aug. 4 — the same day Iran stunned an OPEC conference by jailing the cartel's effort to combat a worldwide oil glut that had driven the world price to an 11-year low.

Iran's decision, which ended a bitter rivalry within OPEC that saw the world oil price drop to \$9.10 a barrel, triggered a 50 percent increase in the price in a single day. The deal was made in Geneva by Iranian oil minister Gholam Reza Aghazadeh, one of the Tehran

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Walking On Water

Scott Lloyd and John Illegard appear to be walking on water at Lake Branson near Offshore Drive. Actually, their feet were on a sandbar beneath the shallow water.

Services For Crash Victims Set

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By JASON BRADY
Staff Writer

Airmen and soldiers at Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg will hold memorial services next week to remember their fallen comrades who died in a fiery airplane crash Wednesday before thousands of spectators.

The 317th Tactical Airlift Wing at Pope will hold a memorial service Monday at 2 p.m. at the Base Theater for four crewmen killed when a C-130 crashed during a low-altitude maneuver, Pope officials said.

Another memorial service will be held on Tuesday at South Chapel on Ardennes Street for a Fort Bragg soldier killed in the accident, according to Fort Bragg spokesman Carol Jones.

The airman killed were Capt. Gary M. Bardow Jr., 31, pilot; Capt. John B. Keiser, 28, navigator; TSgt.

Timothy J. Matar, 32, loadmaster; and Airman 1st Class Albert G. Dunse, loadmaster. Survivors in earlier reports was incorrectly identified as Larry and Keiser was incorrectly listed as a first lieutenant.

An 82nd Airborne Division soldier, SSgt. Douglas L. Hunter, 25, of HHC, 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor Regiment, died when the jeep he was sitting in was struck by the airplane.

The four airmen of the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron died when their Lockheed C-130 Hercules failed in its attempt to properly perform a low-altitude parachute extraction system (LAPES) maneuver, skidded off the end of the runway and erupted in a ball of flame and smoke at North Sicily Drop Zone during Wednesday morning's annual Army-Air Force capabilities exercise.

The aircraft was attempting to fly from five to 10 feet above the

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Survivor: 18 Aliens Died 'Little By Little'

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas (AP) — Eighteen illegal aliens trapped in a locked steel-walled boxcar "started to get crazy" and fought each other in 130 degree heat as they died "little by little," the lone survivor says.

Border Patrol agents on a routine inspection of a freight train near this city 87 miles east of El Paso found the bodies — some with their tongues chewed — inside the blood-splattered boxcar.

The car had been locked from the outside, apparently by the smuggler who brought the 19 into the country, and was littered with a bag of animal crackers, six cans of corn, bags of toiletries and six empty jugs, the officers said.

The men, ranging in age from about 21 to 35, had clawed at the wood-lined door as the temperature rose as high as 130 degrees,

according to Border Patrol agent Stanley Sathoff.

The aliens had boarded the train late Wednesday afternoon at El Paso, authorities said.

The only person found alive inside the car Thursday, Miguel Tostado Rodriguez, 21, of the Mexican state of Aguascalientes, survived by breathing through an opening punched in the floor of the boxcar with a railroad spike, Sathoff said.

"People started dying little by little, little by little," Tostado said.

"They started fighting with each other because they were desperate to breathe and for water," he said. "They didn't have any water. So they started to get crazy and fight each other. They didn't have any oxygen so they started fighting each other."

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LT. GOV. BOB JORDAN
Bill would generate \$3.2 billion

RALEIGH (AP) — A Democratic plan for school construction financing based on a billion-dollar tax increase and elimination of the inventory tax has cleared a legislative committee and is on a fast track toward enactment.

The House was scheduled to take the first of two votes today on the complex package, which Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan said would generate up to \$3.2 billion to build and upgrade school facilities including \$830 million in new revenue.

With virtually the entire legislative leader-

ship backing the plan, it likely will be enacted within a week. It was unveiled Thursday and given quick approval by the Finance Committee.

Craig Phillips, state superintendent of public instruction, gave the plan a ringing endorsement.

He said the plan "indicates a true commitment to putting every child and teacher in North Carolina in the right kind of building and will solve the most critical building needs first."

The package "doesn't go as far as I would

like it to go, it goes as far as we can let it go within the present income that we have," House Speaker Ligon Ramsey said at a news conference with Jordan and other Democratic leaders.

The program would raise the corporate income tax from 6 percent to 7 percent, eliminate the 3 percent discount that merchants have been granted for collecting sales taxes, and eliminate the property tax on business inventories.

The plan ignores the school financing mechanism pushed for months by Republican

Gov. Jim Martin: a \$1.5 billion bond issue to create a pool of money from which local governments could borrow at low interest.

Martin, who was shut out of the negotiations of the past several weeks that produced the Democratic package, said at his weekly news conference Thursday he would decide whether to endorse or oppose it after studying it further.

"The people are willing to support a tax increase if that's what it takes to build schools," Martin said.

N.C. Stewardesses Ground Thief

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Stewardesses are trained to be friendly, but three flight attendants from North Carolina were anything but congenial when they chased down and struck a purse-snatcher on the streets of New York.

"This was just a little punk on the street that we just couldn't see giving in to," Kim Shipman, 28, a native of Hendersonville, told the Charlotte Observer. "Most people just hand everything over," Shipman said. "It just burns me up to think of people getting away with things like that."

The three stewardesses — Shipman, Amy Auten of Charlotte and Pam Pavelchak of Wilmington, who share an apartment in New York — grounded the purse snatcher and clubbed him with a wooden-soled shoe early Tuesday.

The three found themselves splashed all over the tabloid New York Post Wednesday. "Mugger In A Stew," the tabloid's headlines screamed. "Airline Gals Ground Thief."

The three, roommates for about 10 months, were five blocks from home at 1 a.m. Tuesday after dinner in

Greenwich Village. They were walking three abreast down the empty sidewalk with Auten in the middle when someone tugged at Auten's purse strap and the back of her blouse.

They turned to find a short, dirty man about 35, she said.

The women started kicking, screaming and punching. The man grabbed Auten's purse. She grabbed it back and tossed it to Pavelchak, who fumbled. The man picked it up and ran. "I was screaming for help," Auten said. "Kim said, 'let's run after him.'"

Auten and Shipman chased him while Pavelchak, 24, ran to call police.

When the barefoot mugger tripped, the two women closed in. Shipman began kicking him. Auten removed one of her heavy wood-soled clogs and bopped him on the head.

He ran away, purseless. The women were left with minor cuts and bruises. Like most New Yorkers, they say they are wary on the streets. Police officers, who couldn't catch the mugger, advised them to give a mugger what he wants next time.

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Mother Thankful Crash Victim Didn't Suffer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The mother of a Tennessee soldier killed in a fiery plane crash at Fort Bragg, N.C., said Thursday she was thankful her son's death was quick and without pain.

Army Sgt. Douglas Lance Hunter, 25, son of Douglas and Bertha Hunter of Charlotte, Tenn., was one of five people killed Wednesday when a C-130 plane crashed before 4,000 spectators on hand to watch a military exercise. Two others were injured.

"They said there was no pain," Mrs. Hunter said in a telephone interview. "He loved the military and was doing what he liked, so those are my two consolations."

She said she was notified of the accident when she got home from her job Wednesday night and

later watched a film of the crash on the evening news.

Three military vehicles were destroyed in the crash of the plane, which careened over an embankment and burst into a fireball in a nearby wooded area.

Four of six Air Force crewmen on the plane were killed, as well as Hunter, who was on the ground, said Capt. Brian Irving of Pope Air Force Base, where the four-engine turboprop was based.

"He was sitting in a jeep when the plane crashed," Mrs. Hunter said. "Some of the debris from it flew and struck him in the back of the head and killed him instantly."

The mother-in-law of another crewman who died in the crash, Airman 1st Class Albert Dunsen,

said the demonstration flight was to have been just another routine day for her son.

"He wasn't even going to fly today," his mother-in-law, Clara Kirby, said in a telephone interview from the Dunsen home in Fayetteville, N.C.

"He said it was just going to be a dry run. The really big performance was going to be today and he wasn't going to be in it," Dunsen, 23, who was born in Savannah, Ga., has 12,000 hours of flying time. He was a loadmaster on the C-130, in charge of the tank that was being dropped through the plane's cargo bay.

Hunter had entered the military immediately after graduating from Dickinson County Senior High School at Dickson.

Discussing Crash May Be Best Medicine

A STAFF REPORT

Spectators witnessing the crash of the C-130 Hercules transport airplane on Wednesday may experience some anxiety, depression, and nightmares, according to local mental health experts.

But symptoms caused by the accident will pass within one or two days for most people, experts say, and allowing witnesses to discuss the crash openly is probably the best medicine.

The accident was witnessed by 4,000-5,000 spectators who sat in bleachers an estimated 50 to 100 yards from the dirt runway where the C-130 crashed. Witnesses said a few spectators screamed when the plane skidded down the runway and exploded in a ball of flame beyond a line of trees. Several women collapsed and children in the crowd were visibly shaken and crying.

Adults who stifle discussion about the accident in order to protect their children may be doing more harm than good, according to Dr. John Whitehead, a psychologist.

"The child's fantasy about what happened can be worse than anything talked about," he said.

But forcing the child to talk about the event is not healthy either, he said. Rather, adults should give children the opportunity to discuss the event.

"Telling a child this type of thing doesn't happen very often isn't very useful," he added.

Counseling may be advisable for some, Whitehead said, especially for people who are already insecure and experience a great number of fears.

For a few, the accident could trigger itself again after a passage of weeks or months. But Whitehead noted that this would depend on the degree to which a person tried to repress the memory.

Wednesday's crash will have different effects, according to Timothy Flynn, another psychologist.

"Some people can see things like that without it bothering them and others will be bothered," he said.

"It's all about how much they personalize it," Flynn said. "For example, if you are a military wife or dependent you'd take it much harder probably than someone who isn't."

Anyone who saw the crash could have nightmares, Flynn said.

"The nightmares may not happen immediately, however," he added.

Flynn doesn't think people will rush off seeking therapeutic help immediately, but they could later. "I haven't received any calls yet and I don't know that they will."

Staff writers Laurie Willis and Walt Wintermute wrote this story.

Stark Survivors Back Home At Last

MAYPORT NAVAL AIR STATION, Fla. (UPI) — Forty-four survivors of the missile attack on the USS Stark are home with their families today, and their damaged vessel is returning to port from the war-torn Persian Gulf.

The sky trembled in the 90-degree heat as the sailors, non-essential personnel aboard the ill-fated guided missile frigate, disembarked Thursday from an Air Force C-141 cargo plane at 4:40 p.m. at Mayport Naval Air Station, the Stark's home port.

There to greet the men were about 150 family members, who swept forward in a mass, a Navy band and a small girl's carefully lettered sign with the misspelled message, "Welcome back, heroes."

"It's like my bringing my own children back after I'd lost them for awhile," said Adm. Michael Kalleres, commander of Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12, the Stark's unit.

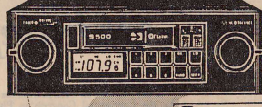
The Stark had a crew of 220 men when it was struck in the Persian Gulf May 17 by two Exocet missiles fired by an Iraqi Mirage F-1. Thirty-seven sailors died in the attack, which Iraq later said was unintentional.

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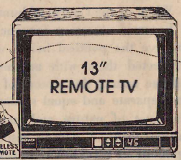
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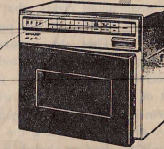
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