

Hart will run for president in '88



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DENVER — Gary Hart, standing coatless before the snow-capped bluffs of the Rocky Mountains, announced his bid for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination yesterday and promised a return to American ideals and a "presidency you can be proud of."

The 50-year-old former Colorado senator opened his second bid for the presidency by stressing "idealism and the power of ideas, themes that almost wrested the 1984 Democratic nomination from former Vice President Walter Mondale.

This time, it is Hart who is ahead in the early polls, with the rest of the still-increasing field of candidates bunched far back.

"I intend to be a candidate for the presidency of the United States in 1988 and I do so for one simple reason: and that is because I love my country," Hart said as he stood in Red Rocks Park for the morning announcement.

Later, Hart asked several thousand supporters at a rally in downtown Denver to give him their support. "You give me 20 days in the next 20 months and I will give you a presidency you can be proud of.

Invoking the idealistic rhetoric of John F. Kennedy, Hart concluded: "Let us go forward from this day committed to restore this land to all of its people, to restore a sense of genuine true patriotism to America. And

if we do, we will have done the greatest thing for this country any of us could ever do.

His formal announcement came at Red Rocks, a park 16 miles from downtown Denver, before his wife and daughter, reporters, cameras and staff. Hart said the park, begun with federal funds during the Depression, "is a symbol of what a benevolent government can do."

"Sadly, in recent years we've fallen far short of the ideal of America," Hart said. "We've let personal greed replace a sense of social justice and equity and the national good. We've let right-wing ideology skew this nation's basic priorities. We've increasingly let narrow special interests finance our campaigns and control our political process."

"Most of all I think we have lost a sense of the national interest and are in serious danger of letting our future pass us by."

Hart, known in the Senate for his work on military reform and arms control, warned that domestic policies must not be changed as he said they have been under President Reagan.

"We must not be so preoccupied with the superpower confrontation, that we neglect as we have in recent years the genuine human needs of our people here at home, the poor, the elderly, our children, sick, disadvantaged and disabled," he said.

Hart spoke for eight minutes in a cold wind, without notes or a text.

World population breaks 5 billion

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The rate at which people are being born is speeding up again, just as the planet's population edges past the 5 billion milestone, a population study group reported yesterday.

The private Population Reference Bureau cited an easing of strict birth limits in China as a prime reason for the turnaround in population growth.

The Bureau's new World Population Data Sheet for 1987 estimates that the July 1 population of the world will be 5.026 billion.

The United Nations has projected that the world will pass the 5 billion milestone early in July, while another private study group, The Population Institute, calculated that the event occurred last year.

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current assumptions about a continuing slowdown in the global population's growth rate," said bureau specialist Carl Haub. "China's sheer size dominates the entire demographic picture."

China's policy of one child per family had been very effective in reducing growth in recent years, but that has not been stressed as heavily this year, said Mary Kent of the bureau.

As a result, China's birth rate jumped from 18 per 1,000 people in 1986 to 21 this year and "they may have trouble getting it back down," Kent said in a telephone interview.

"They didn't mean to ease up that much," she said, adding that there have been indications that Chinese officials plan to renew their stress on small families.

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Condoms distributed to New York inmates

By JOHN SHANAHAN
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NEW YORK — Homosexual inmates in New York City jails will be able to obtain condoms as part of a pilot program to prevent the spread of AIDS, the city health commissioner said yesterday.

The program also will include education about acquired immune deficiency syndrome for guards and inmates, and all inmates will receive educational material and condoms when released from jail, Health Com-

missioner Stephen Joseph said in a news conference with Correction Commissioner Richard J. Koehler.

"Sexual activity is a prohibited activity in the prison system and would be naive to think it does not go on at all," Joseph said.

Condoms will be available to the roughly 30 adult male inmates who have identified themselves as being in the homosexual housing area of one of the jails on Rikers Island.

The program is scheduled to be phased in over the next three months.



Montgomery County firefighters and police try to persuade a stray buffalo to leave a residential neighborhood Sunday after it wandered into the community. The animal was tranquilized and taken to an area farm until its owner could be found.

Coup attempt by 400 soldiers fails in the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Officers thwarted a plan by about 400 soldiers to seize a private school and hold foreign children hostage in a coup attempt against President Corason Aquino, officials and sources said yesterday.

The plot was at least the sixth reported since Aquino assumed power in February 1986, when former President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the country. According to reports, the plot crumbled over the weekend when officers learned of it and confined the men to their barracks.

Military sources said the mutinous enlisted men were led by a master sergeant. No arrests were reported.

In the 18-year-old Communist insurrection, soldiers captured northern Luzon's main guerrilla base and killed about 40 rebels during a three-week operation, the army said. It did not give government casualties.

Battles on Samar island, the Visayas chain last week left nine rebels, eight soldiers and two civilians dead. Reports said guerrillas in northern Mindanao killed five civilians.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, commander of the Manila military region, said intelligence agents learned of the plot against the International School in the capital two weeks ago and "temporarily neutralized it."

Col. Honesto Itele, chief military spokesman, said Marcos may have financed the plan but this could not be confirmed. Marcos, who was in power 20 years, now lives in Hawaii.

Military sources said a letter given to an army officer last month said the operation was led by a master sergeant, but they did not identify him.

The letter included a drawing of an inverted Philippine flag, said to be the group's insignia.

According to the letter, the insurgents intended to seize the International School and hold the 2,500 students and their teachers hostage.

Rebel enlisted men then planned to gather at the Manila race tracks, then take over military camps in the region, it said, indicating that enlisted men at each case were expected to help.

A report by the official Philippines News Agency said senior officers learned of the plan and put the entire military on full alert for the weekend, confining all units to base.

About 38 percent of International School students are American, many the children of diplomats or businessmen. Another 15 percent are Filipino, and the rest are from India, Pakistan, South Korea, Australia and various European and Asian nations.

Amelia Ramos, wife of armed forces commander Fidel V. Ramos, works in the registrar's office of the school.

Amidst tradition, Shultz talks arms

By BARRY SCHWEID
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MOSCOW (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George F. Shultz held three rounds of talks yesterday with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, taking up the critical issue of nuclear arms reductions at an unscheduled late night session.

There was no immediate word on the outcome. At the California White House, meanwhile, presidential Chief of Staff Howard H. Baker Jr. said he would not be surprised to see a decision on a superpower summit emerge by the end of Shultz' three-day visit.

The Soviet news agency Tass, however, accused Washington of "a fresh cock-and-bull story" of Soviet espionage at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

The dispatch said the Pentagon came up with the "spy scare" in an effort to undercut the State Department.

Charles E. Redman, the State Department spokesman, said Shultz and Shevardnadze brought their arms control experts to the evening meeting.

The meeting was held after a Pasover Seder attended by Shultz at the U.S. Embassy with about 40 prominent Jewish "refuseniks," — people who have been refused permission to emigrate to Israel.

Wearing the traditional Jewish skull cap, Shultz told those assembled at the supper, "Never give up, never give in."

Shultz also delivered to one of them, Vladimir Slepak, a photograph of the refusenik's grandchildren that Slepak's son Alexander gave him in Washington.

Shultz attended the Seder, which recalls Jewish deliverance from slavery under the Egyptian pharaoh, to demonstrate continued U.S. support for Soviet Jews. He told them U.S. citizens are praying for them.



Traveling Pope returns
Pope John Paul II descends the steps of the plane upon his arrival at Rome's Ciampino airport yesterday at the end of his two-week visit to three South American countries.

Legal action gives Texaco protection

By JOHN C. GIVEN
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NEW YORK — Texaco gained ground in its multi-billion-dollar legal war with Pennzoil Co. by filing for protection under federal bankruptcy laws, analysts said yesterday.

In taking the step, Texaco relieved itself of the necessity of posting a potentially debilitating security bond against the roughly \$11 billion judgment won by Pennzoil against Texaco in a 1985 Houston jury decision.

That effectively removed a negotiating club that Pennzoil had been wielding over Texaco, giving the White Plains, N.Y.-based giant oil company plenty of time to negotiate a settlement, they said.

"This is a benefit to Texaco because the more time it has, the more chance it has of winning a reversal of the decision, and the more time Pennzoil has to wait to get its money, or some part of the award."

Even if Texaco eventually loses the fight, it still stands to be better off, said Bruce Lazier, an analyst at the Prescott, Ball & Turben Inc. securities firm.

"Pennzoil could win the final suit. But it's up to the bankruptcy judge to determine how much Texaco is going to pay," he said.

In addition, Lazier noted, Pennzoil will have to stand in line for its money with other creditors whose claims are not backed by Texaco assets.

"I think it was a superb move," Lazier said of Texaco's filing for reorganization under Chapter 11 of bankruptcy law. "They had little choice. Their banks, their creditors, their suppliers were starting to shut them down."

In announcing the move Sunday, Texaco officials insisted the company will be conducting business as usual while reorganizing its finances.

A few industry watchers suggested this view was optimistic at best.

"It's not mirrors. It's not perception. It's a real bankruptcy," said Richard Lieb, a bankruptcy specialist at the Kronish, Lieb, Weiner & Hellman law firm. "Texaco's got real problems."

One of those problems stemmed from Texaco's previous warnings that it might file under Chapter 11 if it could not negotiate a resolution to the Pennzoil judgment.

Those concerns should be less of a problem, said Rosario Ilaqua, of the L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin securities firm.

"First," he said, "they had \$3 billion in cash on hand. Second, with Chapter 11, their interest and dividend payments are suspended — that's another \$1.5 billion; and third, their cash flow looks like \$3 billion."

Texaco Chairman Alfred C. DeCrane Jr. sought on Sunday to calm the fears of companies with which it does business.

Under Chapter 11, Texaco will be free to conduct its business while all debts to creditors remain frozen as it seeks to work out a way to pay the debts.

High on that list is Pennzoil, which won a 1985 judgment that Texaco wrongfully interfered with a merger agreement between Pennzoil and Getty Oil Co. and then acquired Getty itself.

A Houston jury awarded Pennzoil \$10.5 billion in damages, since reduced to \$8.5 billion, with interest it amounts to about \$11 billion.

Texaco denied a Texas state requirement that it post bond equivalent to the award — or an amount suitable to Pennzoil — while appealing the verdict.

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Mellon appoints new chief executive

PITTSBURGH (AP) — On the first business day after reporting the first loss in its 118-year history, \$39 million in the 1987 first quarter, Mellon Bank yesterday said Chairman J. David Barnes had resigned and a search was on for a permanent successor.

Nathan W. Pearson, 75, the senior member of the board of directors, was named by the board at a meeting Sunday to fill Barnes' posts as chairman and chief executive until a new leader is found. The shakeup was announced yesterday.

Barnes' exit offers no assurance that Mellon can extract itself any faster from a tide of non-performing loans in the energy-dependent Southwest and to developing nations, primarily Brazil.

AFL-CIO says treaty was broken

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania AFL-CIO President Julius Uehlein yesterday accused business leaders of trying to break faith with a 1983 unemployment compensation agreement.

Uehlein also said business leaders are "crying wolf" about the unemployment tax burden. Although a federal unemployment compensation tax is increasing, the state tax and overall average tax burden are dropping, the labor leader said.

He said the state Chamber of Business and Industry, the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and a group of small businesses are lobbying legislators for benefit changes that he called potentially devastating.

Heidnik's handwriting analyzed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The North Philadelphia man charged with killing two women and torturing others is a loner with a highly creative, emotional nature that leads to explosive outbursts, according to a handwriting analyst.

Gary Heidnik's handwriting shows "he is easily annoyed, has a volatile temper, is quite domineering and has a strong need to control others and his environment," analyst Robert J. Phillips told the Philadelphia Daily News.

Phillips, trained as a handwriting expert with the Secret Service and now self-employed, was hired by the Daily News to analyze three letters by the 45-year-old Heidnik.

Heidnik's handwriting indicates strong talent in art and music, and he probably would benefit from some kind of art therapy to relieve tension, said Phillips.

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FAA investigating 4 near accidents

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating four incidents over a 10-hour period in which commercial jetliners came within danger of colliding with smaller planes, officials disclosed yesterday.

The four near-collisions last Friday involving jetliners from United Airlines, Trans World Airlines, Northwest Airlines and American Airlines are considered an unusually high number, according to aviation safety experts.

The FAA is already under criticism because of an increasing number of such incidents.

Two neo-Nazis convicted

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. (AP) — Two former White Patriot Party members were convicted yesterday of conspiring to buy stolen military weapons for a series of robberies and assassinations, while a third was acquitted of his conspiracy charge.

"Today's convictions prove that the white supremacist movement is not alive and well in North Carolina," said U.S. Attorney Sam Curran after a six-man, six-woman U.S. District Court jury handed down its decision midway through its second day of deliberations.

"If we had lost this case, it would have been a real shot in the arm for the neo-Nazi movement," he said.

Stephen Miller, 36, of Fayetteville, could be sentenced to 25 years in prison and fined \$30,000 for his convictions of conspiracy to obtain illegal weapons, possession of an illegal machine gun and possession of an illegal silencer, Curran said.

Death row inmate in legal limbo

EDDYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Henry Rogers Anderson has spent 27 years on death row, longer than any other U.S. prisoner, sentenced to die under a law that no longer exists and prevented from pressing an appeal by his demand to defend himself and a diagnosis of mental illness.

An appeal by Anderson, 73, is still on the U.S. Supreme Court's special docket, cases the court does not expect to act on in the near future, where it was placed in 1983.

"No one speaks for me," is the law school graduate's motto. U.S. Supreme Court justices once informally agreed he probably had the right to argue his own case, but they also agreed to wait until his mental health improved.

world news briefs

East German chief refuses invitation

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Erich Honecker rejected an invitation yesterday to become the first Communist East German leader to visit West Berlin.

The official East German press agency ADN, in a brief report, said Honecker decided not to accept the invitation from West Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen to attend April 30 ceremonies marking Berlin's 750th anniversary.

Explaining Honecker's refusal, the agency cited statements by Diepgen last year objecting to East Germany's claims on East Berlin. West German sources said Moscow also apparently objected to Honecker visiting West Berlin.

Soviet space station links

MOSCOW (AP) — Two cosmonauts working in space for nearly four hours removed an "alien object" caught between the orbiting Mir laboratory and a space module, allowing a firm linkup between the two craft, Soviet media said Sunday.

The object, which had prevented an airtight connection, appeared to be a plastic bag, said the official Tass news agency.

"The object was removed," said Radio Moscow. "On command from ground control of the two spacecraft were then docked into a single complex."

The linkup ended a week of efforts by Soviet mission control to dock the Kvant module, which is carrying important research equipment, with the Mir.

Posters criticize Pope John Paul II

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II denounced riots that disrupted a Mass during his visit to Santiago and said yesterday the trouble underscored his belief that violence will not solve Chile's political problems.

John Paul returned yesterday from a two-week trip to Uruguay, Chile and Argentina.

He praised the "dignity" of the many faithful who remained until the end of the Mass he conducted April 3 at a park in Santiago, Chile.

Groups of young Chileans in the crowd of 600,000 threw stones, prompting police to respond with water cannon and tear gas. At least 200 people were injured.

The pope's homily at the Mass warned against violence both by the 13-year-old military government of President Augusto Pinochet and by its leftist opponents.

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