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Mubarak wants peace this year

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CAIRO, Egypt — President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday he hopes the Arabs make peace with Israel based on President Reagan's formula sometime this year, before the U.S. presidential campaign complicates the negotiating process.



Hosni Mubarak

In an interview with The Associated Press, he urged Jordanian King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser

Arafat to quickly "negotiate and come to conclusions" on the plan Reagan proposed last Sept. 1. It calls for Palestinian self-rule in association with Jordan for the Israeli occupied territories of the West Bank of the Jordan River and Gaza Strip.

"The Israelis are building at a very quick tempo so many settlements in the West Bank and Gaza," Mubarak said in an office at the Uruba palace.

"If we are going to lose another year with just delivering statements without any activity so as to put the Reagan initiative into action, it will be a big loss and the problem will be more difficult to solve."

The Israelis oppose the Reagan plan, saying it would lead to a hostile Palestinian state and threaten Israeli security. They also reject a portion of the plan calling for an immediate freeze on Jewish settlements in the territories Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East War.

Most Arab states reject the plan because it calls for a Palestinian association with Jordan rather than an independent state. Egypt, the

only Arab nation with relations with Israel, supports the plan as an outline subject to negotiation.

Mubarak said "it will be very difficult for Reagan to implement his initiative" once the campaign for the 1984 U.S. presidential election begins.

"So I am urging those who are looking for a comprehensive settlement, those who want peace in this area, the factions concerned, to make the best use of this specific period of time so to negotiate and to come to conclusions maximum within six months or one year," he said.

Hussein and Arafat met yesterday in the Jordanian capital, Amman, to discuss a formula for joint Jordanian-PLO representation in possible peace talks with the Israelis. Details of their discussions were not disclosed.

Hussein met with Reagan in Washington last month but returned home without committing himself to Reagan's plan. Arafat's PLO has steadfastly rejected the plan, saying it fails to provide for Palestinian statehood.

"I am asking King Hussein with the cooperation of Yasser Arafat to

finish the negotiations... so as to start the negotiations for a comprehensive settlement of the (Middle East) problem," Mubarak said.

During the interview, Mubarak reaffirmed his commitment to peace with Israel despite its June 6 invasion of Lebanon to rout the PLO, the Israeli annexation of Arab east Jerusalem and Israeli refusal to grant autonomy to the 1.3 million Palestinians living on the West Bank and Gaza.

"Peace, a comprehensive peace in this area, is very important," Mubarak said. "Not only to the Arabs alone but also to the Israelis than being in this situation, no war, no peace."

Asked whether he believed Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin shared his commitment to peace, Mubarak replied: "I'm waiting to see what are the acts. The negotiations (about the Reagan plan) will prove whether Begin wants peace or doesn't want peace."

Mubarak said he and Reagan would discuss ways to resume Middle East peace talks when he visits Washington on Jan. 26, and said Egyptian-American relations were very good.

Rama Rao inaugurated after defeating Gandhi

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, a film star whose 9-month-old political group beat Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's party in last week's regional elections, was sworn in yesterday as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state.

More than 100,000 people packed Fateh Stadium to see the ceremony in Hyderabad, the southern state's capital. One person was killed and another seriously injured when thousands of people who could not get in stamped outside the stadium. Riot police used metal-tipped bamboo staves to push back the surging crowds.

After the inauguration, Rama Rao toured a section of the city scarred by several days of Moslem-Hindu rioting. Police reported two people were stabbed to death yesterday in the latest spate of religious feuding.

Rama Rao, whose film role was usually a Hindu god, has acted in about 300 movies since his first film, "Manu Desam" (My Nation), was released in 1947. When he formed his Telegu Desam political group last spring, he turned his National Art Theater Studio in Hyderabad into the party headquarters.

Rama Rao pledged to provide a "clean administration." He announced that students in public schools would get free lunch.

state news briefs

Couple found dead near Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG (AP) — An elderly couple was found bound with ropes and killed in the basement of their home and had been dead for as long as three days, police said. Clark M. Bollinger, 75, and his wife, Beatrice, 74, were pronounced dead by Craig Waters, deputy coroner for Dauphin County.

Dauphin County District Attorney Richard Lewis said the bodies were found Saturday lying face-down on the dirt floor in an unfinished extension of the main basement of their home in Susquehanna Township. Their hands were tied behind their backs with rope, which also was wound about their necks, he said.

Centralia fire keeps threatening road

CENTRALIA, Columbia County (AP) — State officials kept the main highway open south of town yesterday, but continued round-the-clock monitoring of an underground mine fire that has threatened the road and a natural gas pipeline.

The fire has raised temperatures to 770 degrees about 20 feet below the surface, causing a mine subsidence, which occurs when the ground settles into underground openings left by abandoned mining operations or crumbling coal, officials said.

nation news briefs

N.J. gasoline tanks continue to burn

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The sides of huge gasoline storage tanks that have been burning for three days were cool enough yesterday for firefighters to touch, but some pockets of fuel inside one of the three caved-in tanks continued to burn.

Firefighters were waiting for the blast to burn itself out before beginning a detailed investigation into the cause of Friday's explosion, which was felt as far as 130 miles away. Charcoal-gray smoke continued to billow into the sky. "The fire is not getting all the oxygen we'd like it to get," Newark Fire Director John Caulfield said. "If it would only burn more intensely, we'd be happy."

Bayous recapture smugglers' hearts

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The bayous of southern Louisiana, a smugglers' haven since pirate times, have become a favorite operating ground for drug importers chased out of Florida by a small army of narcotics agents, police said.

"Louisiana is a hot spot for drugs right now," said Robert Bryden, a special agent for the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Bryden said the amount of marijuana seized by agents working out of his office in New Orleans has doubled between 1980 and 1982.

He and other law enforcement officials say smugglers are seeking new operating areas after a series of major busts in Florida, which was receiving most of the marijuana and cocaine brought into the United States.

Nixon celebrates birthday quietly

SADDLE RIVER, N.J. (AP) — Former President Richard Nixon turned 70 yesterday, celebrating at home with his family in this affluent New Jersey community. Nicholas Ruwe, a Nixon spokesman, said no elaborate celebration had been planned. Nixon was home with his wife, Pat, their two daughters and three grandchildren.

Neighbors said Nixon appears to be in good health when he takes his daily morning walk. Saddle River Police Chief William Smith said he occasionally meets with Nixon to discuss security.

world news briefs

Bombs injure 9 during soccer match

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Two shrapnel-filled bombs exploded in the stands during a soccer match yesterday, injuring nine fans, police said.

One of the injured, a 23-year-old man, was in serious condition with wounds in his legs, arms and stomach, Police Superintendent Wim Berendsen said. The other victims were treated at hospitals.

Charles, Di arrive for Swiss holiday

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana arrived yesterday for a Swiss winter holiday and were immediately whisked away by car to an undisclosed destination.

A spokesman at Zurich's international airport confirmed the couple arrived without their 6-month-old baby, Prince William, in a twin-engine royal jet piloted by Prince Charles. "They are going on holiday," a

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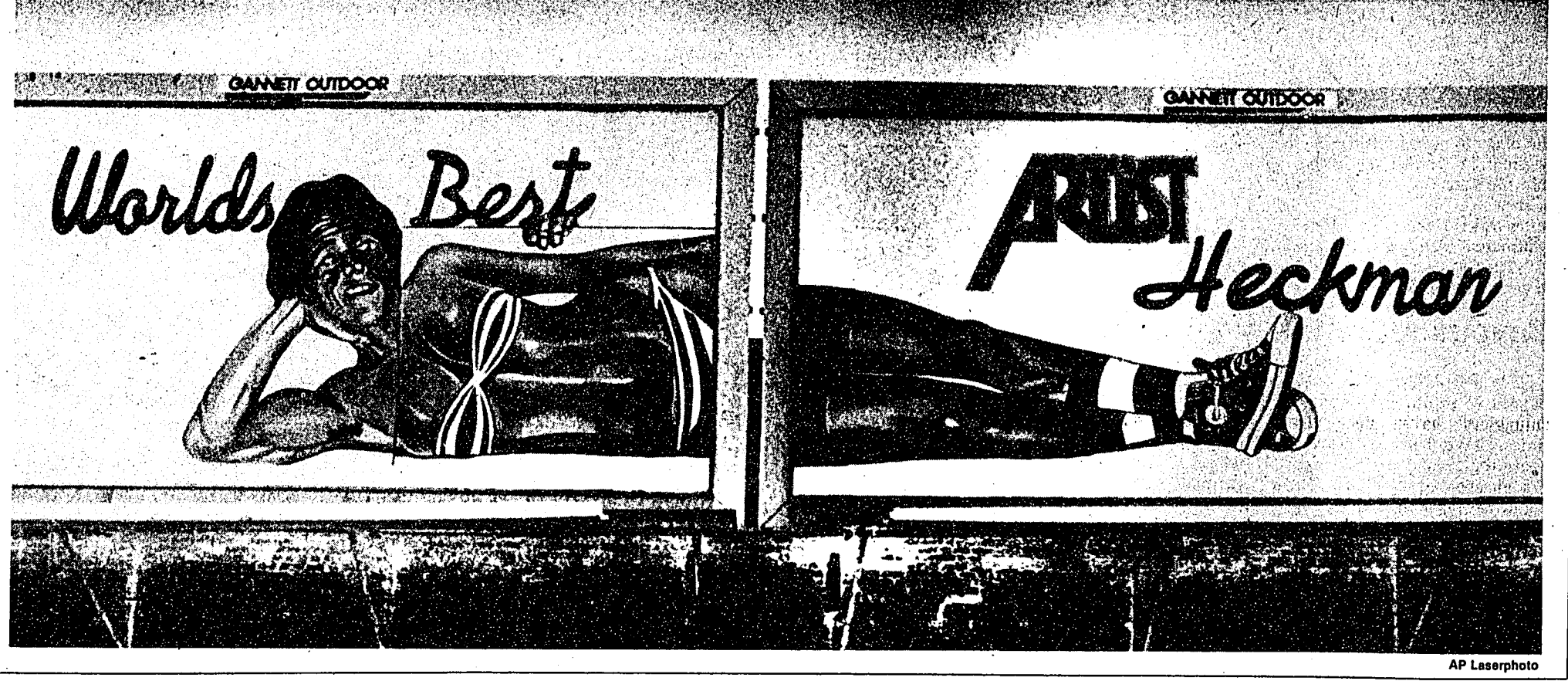
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Mark Heckman, 22, poses for a double billboard in Grand Rapids, Mich. Heckman, who works for a drug company, wants to earn his living as an illustrator so he convinced an advertising agency to give him free space. Except for the torso, the painting is a self-portrait.



Horror movie made through classified section

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SAN DIEGO — A psychiatrist cast in the unfamiliar role of horror movie producer wanted some advice on what scares young people, so he went straight to the source — with newspaper ads asking for help.

The result is the movie "One Dark Night," a film about a "school wimp" who takes a dare to spend the night in a mausoleum and ends up being kept company by living corpses with glittering eyes and coffins popping out of walls.

About 100 young people between the ages of 12 and 25 responded to the ads in San Diego newspapers last September and helped in the film's production by offering their comments, criticisms and suggestions throughout the moviemaking process.

"Basically, this is their film," said psychiatrist Thomas P. Johnson, executive producer and senior consultant with Comworld, the Orem, Utah-based studio that bankrolled the \$885,000 venture.

Johnson said he solicited their thoughts because "I wanted their feedback, with the potential advantage being that we would be in closer touch with the grassroots ticket buyer."

"Some people feel that people in Hollywood start making movies for each other and lose touch with the public and what the non-Hollywood people would like to see on the screen," he said.

Having the young people help select the script, make plot changes and vote on versions they liked best had never been tried before on such a large scale, Johnson said, and the experience to the participants was likely a positive one.

"They are at a very critical stage of development," Johnson said. "Many of them feel that this is an adults' world and adults don't listen and this is a chance for them to find

themselves in a position like (producer-director Steven) Spielberg — they got to call the shots."

The movie was shot in Hollywood, and was produced by Michael Schroeder and directed by Tom McLoughlin. McLoughlin co-wrote the script with Michael Hawes.

It opened last week at 300 theaters in Los Angeles, San Diego and other Western cities. "I liked it, but I expected it to be more scary," said Julie Phillip, 22, a student at Mesa College who contributed suggestions to the movie.

"I would recommend it to my friends. It has good suspense," she said after seeing the finished product Friday. "It's pretty creative. And it was nice to be part of the moviemaking process, even if it was a small part."

Bobby Straker, 16, a La Jolla High School student who answered the ads "because I like movies," said some of his ghoulish concepts about decaying corpses were made into reality. He said the movie is "100 percent better" because of the input from young people.

The moviemakers didn't use all the suggestions. While the young people came up with some pretty macabre situations, Johnson said he was surprised that the consensus was for a non-violent ending — which the studio vetoed.

"It just goes to show you that young people don't need to see a chainsaw hacking someone up or violent scenes with a lot of blood in a movie thriller," he said.

The young people who participated in the novel arrangement were not compensated for their time, nor did they receive any screen credits. "I wish we could have done something about that, but we had to follow traditional Hollywood protocol," Johnson said.

Fla. man finds a 'hot piece' waiting in bed

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) — When a big hunk of metal crashed through the roof and into his bed, Bill Peebles thought he might have his very own souvenir from a falling Soviet satellite.

An investigation, however, established that the unidentified flying object had not come from a Sputnik or even from a fighter at nearby Eglin Air Force Base, but from a Chevy Camaro six doors down the street.

Richard Hammerschmidt, an 18-year-old high school graduate, said he was preparing to take his just-tuned red car for a test drive Friday when the motor "just blew in a heartbeat."

"I pushed or revved a couple of times," Hammerschmidt said. "It exploded. Went through the hood."

Launched into the air was a 6-by-8-inch chunk of alloy weighing 5 to 10 pounds. It had been part of the car's flywheel.

More than 250 yards away, the rocketing fragment smashed a 6-inch hole in Peebles' shingle roof.

Peebles, who was out to dinner, said the first thing he noticed after returning home was a piece of ceiling tile on the bedroom floor.

Then he found the metal, still warm, lying on the bed.

Peebles said he thought it was a piece from a Soviet military satellite that scientists say is falling to Earth. Then he saw an American-style serial number and thought it had come from a plane.

Eglin security officers went to the house and checked the bank and said it didn't come from a military plane, police officer Skip Gatwood said.

But on Saturday morning, Hammerschmidt telephoned the newspaper and she told me what had happened," he said.

Police raids:

Soviets bring workers back to work from bars, stores, barber shops

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MOSCOW — Police and Communist Party officials have started raiding bars, barber shops, restaurants and stores, searching for people who slip away from their jobs during working hours, Soviet sources said.

The raids apparently are part of new party chief Yuri V. Andropov's campaign to strengthen the ailing Soviet economy by improving worker productivity.

State newspapers acknowledge the high absenteeism. But they say one reason for it is that workers are forced to go shopping during office hours if they want to obtain necessary but scarce consumer goods and services.

ing a squad of uniformed police enter a bar near his apartment recently and demand the documents of all the patrons.

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Investia, the government newspaper, complained in an article Saturday night that in the republic of Turkmenia, the amount of production lost from workers running errands on state time was monumental.

"In the past half year alone industrial enterprises in the republic have lost 35,770 man-days because of absence from work with the permission of the administration of the enterprise," the newspaper said.

It quoted textile worker L. Sotnikova as saying services were so bad in Ashkabad, the Turkmenian capital, that she could not get a haircut "because the beauty parlor is open only until 7 p.m. and when you go there after work there is always a big long line."

Workers in Moscow complain of similar problems. With most all consumer goods in chronic short supply, they have developed a private system for alerting friends when desirable items go on sale.