

making the news

From Associated Press reports

SALEM — Gov. Vic Atiyeh said Thursday he will add \$31.6 million if necessary to his proposed basic school support budget to maintain a 40 percent funding level.

Atiyeh said the \$756 million he originally budgeted for basic school support may not have been enough to maintain the 40 percent funding level because the Department of Education announced last week that it had underestimated current school expenditures.

"My recommendations continue to be based on the concept that school districts will control expenditures within the 7 percent guideline which I have recommended for all state agencies," the governor said in a press release.

"If school districts across the state and their property taxpayers expect us to reach the 40 percent funding level, then it is up to the individual school districts...to exercise restraint," Atiyeh said.

He warned that "escalating local expenses will not be met with increases in basic school support."

Atiyeh said he may have to modify his income tax relief proposal by one or two percent to come up with the extra \$31.6 million for schools. His original proposal provided for a permanent income tax reduction of 12.5 percent.

LOS ANGELES — John Wayne, who is battling cancer of the lymph nodes, will not be subjected to chemotherapy "at this time," a hospital spokesman said Thursday.

Bernard Strohm, administrator of the UCLA Medical Center, said no decision on further treatment has been made but "at this time chemotherapy is not planned, as I understand it."

Strohm said Wayne, 71, one of Hollywood's biggest stars who has made more than 200 movies, is walking briefly and beginning to eat soft foods. Doctors still plan to release him from the hospital in about 10 days, Strohm said.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnamese-piloted American and Soviet warplanes darted over the skies of Cambodia on Thursday, bombing and strafing remnants of the Cambodian army still resisting the huge Vietnamese invasion force, analysts reported.

Units of the Cambodian army reportedly were engaged in ground battle in widespread areas of the country with the Vietnamese and their Cambodian rebel proteges.

FLORENCE — After five years and three months, Peter Jenkins ended his walk across the nation Thursday when he strolled to the edge of the Pacific Ocean near here.

Jenkins, 27, a native of Greenwich, Conn., was accompanied by his wife, Barbara, 30, whom he met and married in New Orleans.

He quietly entered the Oregon coastal community earlier in the week to await Thursday's "official" end to an odyssey that began in 1973 at Alfred, N.Y.

"This walk is not just for us, it's for all the people who have befriended us along the way," Jenkins said.

Iranian turmoil continues

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Armored troops ran down protesters' cars with their tanks, royalist gangs rampaged in the streets and guerrillas attacked from across the Iraqi border Thursday as Iran, sinking deeper into chaos, searched for a way out of its political limbo.

Between seven and 21 persons were reported killed and more than a dozen others wounded in bloody fighting across the country.

"Because of the chaos, the nation is headed for a new type of dictatorship," Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar declared in a nationwide broadcast address Thursday night.

Bakhtiar's shaky government, desperately trying to assert control, was dealt a new blow Thursday by Ayatollah Khomeini, moral leader of the movement that drove Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi from the country. Bakhtiar had sent an envoy to try to negotiate with the exiled Khomeini in France, but the Moslem holy man rejected any discussion of a reconciliation.

Aides said Khomeini still maintains that the shah-backed government is illegal, demands its abolition and intends to establish an Islamic republic - "no ifs, ands or buts," said one. This was a rebuff of President Carter's appeal to give the new government "a chance to succeed."

The worst bloodshed Thursday was in the western oil-belt town of Dezful. Iranian military sources said tank-borne troops battled several thousand

anti-shah militants after some of the protesters harassed the families of military officers.

The enraged soldiers battered protesters' autos with their tanks, the sources said. They said six persons were killed and more than a dozen injured. Other said as many as 20 persons had died.

U.S. Air Force planes evacuated 17 Americans, most of them military advisers, from a nearby air base as the violence flared in Dezful, a U.S. military spokesman said. Many of the anti-shah protests have been bitterly anti-American as well. The spokesman said the evacuation was a precautionary measure.

In Tehran Thursday night, witnesses said three gangs of club-wielding, pro-shah militants, each numbering about 300 persons, were attacking automobiles bearing Khomeini's picture.

There were no immediate reports of injuries in Tehran, however.

In other incidents pointing up the near-anarchy in Iran, the Tehran newspaper Kayhan reported that workers and farmers were trying to seize a machinery factory and farmland belonging to the shah's brother, Prince Gholam Reza, who is now out of the country.

The report said the factory workers claimed they had not been paid, and it said one of the farmers was killed in a fight Thursday with the prince's security men.

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Dedicated shoppers work to push back recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — An end-of-year holiday buying spree by shoppers pushed the nation's economy ahead at an unusually fast pace and reduced the chances of a recession, a government report indicated Thursday.

The 6.1 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter was nearly double what many economists had been predicting several months ago. It was considered high enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising above 6 percent for awhile.

The Commerce Department report showed that consumers led the fourth-quarter boom by buying more autos and Christmas gifts,

but they also borrowed more money for their increased spending.

One reason they went further into debt was worsening inflation, the report showed.

It said that prices for all of 1978 averaged 7.4 percent higher than they were in 1977, the highest inflation rate since the 9.6 percent figure recorded in 1975.

Inflation was getting worse at the end of the year as prices rose at an 8.1 percent rate in the fourth quarter.

Some economists have said that consumers may be overextending themselves. When borrowing eventually slows, they say, the economy may grind to a halt.

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