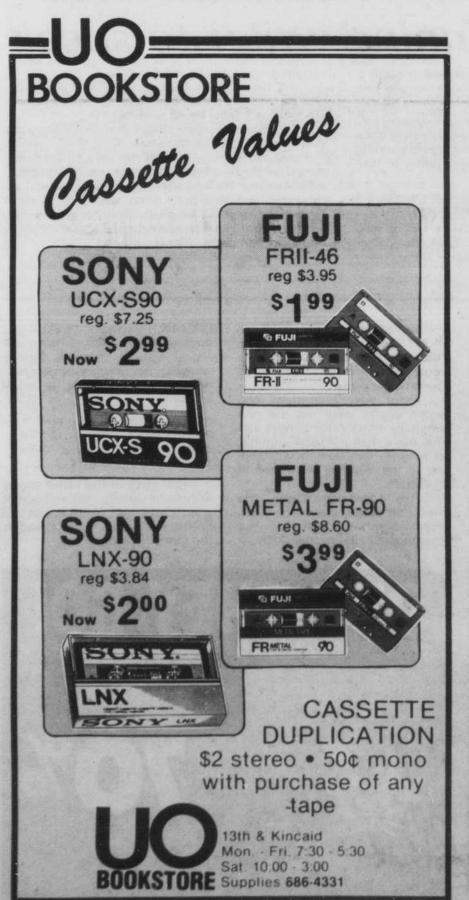


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Enlistment figures same

Army and Marine recruiters in Oregon said Wednesday the military situations in Beirut, Lebanon, and Grenada have had no immediate impact on recruitment in the state.

"Operations are pretty routine," said Lt. Col. Robert Brown in the Army's main Portland recruiting office.

A Marine officer in Portland who asked not to be identified agreed with Brown.

'Basically, there hasn't been a change one way or another," the officer said. He added that some potential recruits become interested and mull over the decision for weeks while others come join on the spur of the moment.

The officer said because recruitment fluctuates from week to week, there was no way to tie "outside stimulus" to recruitment in Oregon.

Sgt. Edward Ballo, an Army recruiting officer for the Ashland-Medford area, said, "It hasn't increased in this place at all" as the result of Grenada and Lebanon.

A Marine captain in Eugene said the same: "Local recruiting in Eugene hasn't been affected.

Geneva talks deadlocked

MOSCOW - Soviet Pres. Yuri Andropov said Wednesday deployment of new American nuclear missiles in Western Europe would make continuation of the Geneva arms talks "impossible."

The Soviet leader said, however, that the Soviet Union is willing to continue the talks on reducing nuclear weapons in Europe if the deployment does not start as scheduled in December.

He characterized the present state of the talks as at an impasse, according to the official Soviet news agency Tass.

Tass said Andropov's remarks were in answer to questions by Pravda, the Communist Party

There had previously been Soviet threats to break off the talks, but the Andropov statement

was the first clear statement from the Soviet leader.

Andropov said: "The appearance of new American missiles in Western Europe will make a continuation of the present talks in Geneva impossible. On the other hand, the Geneva talks can be continued if the United States does not start the actual deployment of the missiles."

The Soviet leader also said the Soviet Union was willing to end deployment of its medium-range SS-20 missiles in the Asian part of the Soviet Union, and is ready to consider altering its demands for cutbacks by NATO countries in the number of aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Tass said Andropov stressed that "unfortunately, there is no advance in the direction of the accord at the talks. The impasse continues there. The reason for this, I believe, is now clear even to the most devoted allies of the United States and it is only bloc loyalty that prevents them from admitting this openly."

Day set for gay issues

ROSEBURG - Local clergymen have called for a day of fasting and prayer to contemplate homosexuality and the church in the wake of one church's refusal to allow a predominantly gay congregation to hold worship services in their building.

The Rev. Roger Chamberlain of the Hucrest Community Church said area pastors decided on the action to be held from 6 a.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. Friday after they were unable to agree on a combined response.

'We feel that this day of prayer and fasting is vital to knowing how God would have us to confront these issues," read an advertisement for the observance in the Roseburg News-Review.

Last month, the congregation of the Roseburg United Methoidst Church voted to deny use of their building to the Metropolitan Community Church, which is largely made up of gay members.

The Rev. Betty Pedersen of the Metropolitan Community Church in Eugene said other congregations of the predominantly gay church throughout the Northwest in the hearts and the minds of the (Roseburg) people, fasting and praying," she said.

Cops catch more drunks

SALEM - The number of motorists arrested for drunken driving increased during the first weekend that a new state law against intoxicated drivers took effect, Oregon State Police Supt. John Williams says.

The law, which went into effect Oct. 15, lowers by 20 percent the blood alcohol content at which a motorist is presumed to be legally drunk.

During that weekend, State Police arrested 90 people around the state on suspicion of being drunk while driving. Prior to the law going into effect, about 70 such arrests would be made on an average weekend, Williams said.

It's not that troopers are pulling over more people, Williams said. Instead, police are administering more breath tests to people they stop who appear intoxicated now that the legal blood alcohol content standard has been lowered to .08 percent, he said.

"At .08, you don't have to drink that much to be under the influence," the superintendent said.

Porn doesn't pay for 7-11

DALLAS - An organizer of an anti-smut group, the National Federation for Decency, is urging a boycott of 7-Eleven stores for selling girlie magazines.

At a "rally for decency" Tuesday night in the Dallas Convention Center, the Rev. Donald Wildmon told about 3,000 supporters that 7-Eleven stores, owned by Dallasbased Southland Corp., are "the biggest sellers of pornography in the country."

Wildmon later mentioned Playboy and Penthouse magazines as examples of what he considers pornography. He praised the Winn-Dixie and Kroger grocery chains for keeping such magazines off their shelves.

Southland spokesman Allen Liles responded Wednesday that "7-Eleven has, in our opinion, the strictest policy on adult magazines of any retailer in America."

