

**Beirut bombing,  
one year later**

WASHINGTON — Children prayed for peace and an end to terrorism Tuesday, a year after

the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon killed 241 American servicemen.

The somber ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was one of a number of remembrances around the nation of the

attack last Oct. 23 which caused the highest death toll of U.S. servicemen from a single incident since World War II.

About 500 people, including Barbara Bush, wife of Vice-Pres. George Bush, attended the ceremony sponsored by No Greater Love, a non-profit organization founded 13 years ago to help the families of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

The program was highlighted by the dedication of a tree, a 14-foot-high Cedar of Lebanon, which had been planted last May in a section of the cemetery where a number of the Beirut dead are buried. The section sits near the front of the cemetery, surrounded on all sides by thousands of white marble tombstones.

As the ceremony ended, dozens of children dressed in costumes of peoples around the world, passed by the tree with roses symbolizing their hope for unity and an end to terrorism.

**Duncan disputes  
radio campaign**

SALEM — State School Superintendent Verne Duncan is disputing radio advertisements used by supporters of a property tax limit measure that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Duncan characterized as misleading ads sponsored by the Oregon Taxpayers Union that say that nearly half of all education dollars go for administrative costs, not for teachers.

"The truth is that administrative costs account for only 10 percent of school budgets, a figure well below administrative costs of other services and businesses," Duncan said Monday.

The state superintendent, who staunchly opposes the property tax limit, also said that "it would be in the best interest of the public if these ads were never heard."

But a spokesman for the Taxpayers Union says the group stands by its radio advertisements.

"Our ads are accurate," said Rick Bornemann. "They are based on a number of recent studies, by both state and private sources."

The ballot measure would limit taxes to 14 percent of property value and save most homeowners hundreds of dollars a year by cutting taxes by 40 percent or more in many areas.

**Employers may  
face lawsuits**

SALEM — In a ruling potentially affecting every employer in the state, the Oregon Supreme Court on Tuesday gave victims of sexual harassment in the workplace broader rights to sue for damages.

For the first time, the court ruled that a worker who is fired for resisting a supervisor's sexual advances has a common-law right to sue for punitive damages.

The court's unanimous ruling said employees have that right in addition to the right to file claims for reinstatement and back pay with the state Bureau of Labor and Industries.

A spokeswoman for the Oregon chapter of the National Organization for Women on Tuesday hailed the ruling as a "major breakthrough" that will "embolden" women to take action against harassment in the workplace.

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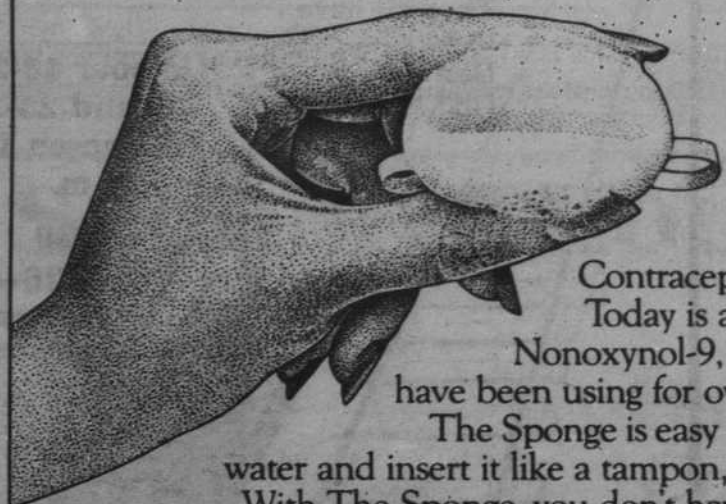
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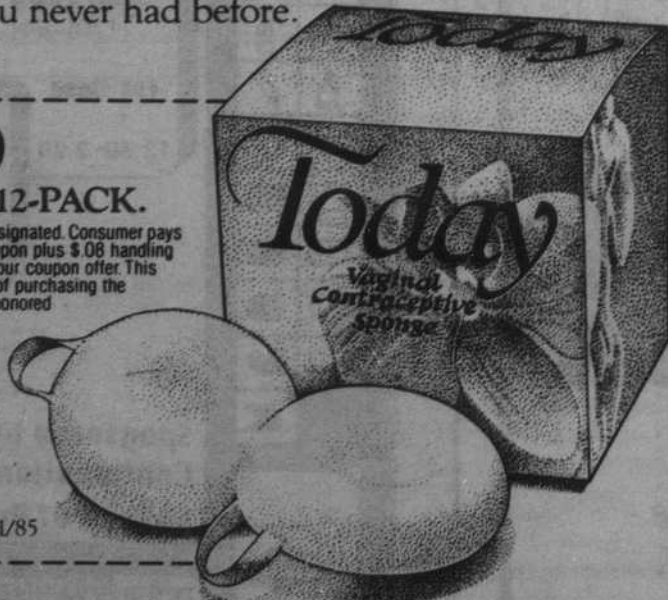
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