

# NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

## Another Democrat runs for Hatfield seat

**NORTHWEST**  
SALEM (AP) — An Oregon Democratic Party activist and former two-time candidate for state attorney general said Wednesday he will run for the seat held by U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield.

R.P. "Joe" Smith, a former Umatilla County district attorney and Oregon Democratic Party chairman, said he'll seek the Democratic nomination in the May primary election.

Smith ran unsuccessfully for attorney general in 1972 and 1980.

Hatfield, a five-term Republican senator, has not said whether he'll seek re-election next year.

Bend businessman Harry Lonsdale also is running for the Democratic nomination. Republican Bill Witt, a Portland businessman, says he will try for the GOP nomination.

## Service says there's no need to list pink salmon as endangered

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Washington's pink salmon fishery is running strong and does not need to be listed under the Endangered Species Act, the National Marine Fisheries Service announced Wednesday.

"It's heartening to know that pink salmon in Washington are in relatively good shape," said William Stelle, director of the fisheries service's Northwest regional office.

"This is particularly gratifying in view of the fact that other populations of West Coast salmon are declining and are either listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act," he said.

The agency had been asked to consider listing two populations of pink salmon on the Olympic Peninsula as threatened or endangered.

The fisheries service said the two petitioned runs are both part of a larger population that includes all odd-year pink salmon stocks in southern British Columbia and in Washington as far west as the Elwha River.

Because odd and even-year pink salmon are completely isolated reproductively, the fisheries service considers them separate populations.

## Pope brings message of peace on U.S. visit

**NATIONAL**  
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Pope John Paul II returned to America on Wednesday as a self-described pilgrim for peace, echoing Pope Paul VI's 1965 appeal to the United Nations: "No more war, war never again."

The pope told President Clinton and about 2,000 Catholic schoolchildren gathered to meet him at the airport that the ideals behind the founding of the United Nations 50 years ago are still needed in a world where "ancient rivalries and suspicions still compromise the cause of peace."

At a prayer service later, John Paul challenged countries in the United Nations to "clothe yourselves with humility. In particular, the powerful and the mighty ought to show meekness in their dealings with the weak."

The 1,800 invited guests at the evening prayer service included Clinton, comedian Bob Hope and about 120 cloistered nuns. Some of the nuns left their convent grounds for the first time since taking their vows as long as 50 years ago.

The pope met with Clinton for about 30 minutes before the service at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Unlike their meeting two years ago in Denver, the pope did not challenge the president's support for abortion rights. Instead, the leaders discussed efforts to forge peace in Bosnia and throughout the world.

"The president asked his Holiness to continue his prayers for peace," said a joint statement from Vatican and White House spokesmen.

In his airport address, John Paul called for America to be a moral superpower in the post-Cold War era, and he reminded the nation's leaders not to forget the poor as Congress considers cuts in social spending.

"Your country stands upon the world scene as a model of a democratic society at an advanced stage of development. Your power of example carries with it heavy responsibilities," the pope said. "Use it well, America! Be an example of justice and civic virtue, freedom fulfilled in goodness, at home and abroad."

## Atoll damage report prompts France to defend nuke tests

**WORLD**  
PARIS (AP) — A report that a South Pacific island used for France's nuclear tests is full of cracks put the government back on the defensive Wednesday over its underground testing program.

The Defense Ministry dismissed the report as "trivial and whimsical," and said it has the situation at Mururoa Atoll under "perfect scientific and ecological control."

The Paris newspaper *Le Monde* reported Tuesday that a 1980 French army map shows that years of nuclear pounding had cracked the atoll, the site of a 20-kiloton nuclear test blast on Sept. 5.

Some scientists have warned that the atoll could break open under the force of continued test blasts or a natural disaster, releasing radioactivity and poisoning an area known for its coral reefs and crystal waters.

France plans to conduct up to eight underground nuclear tests to check its nuclear arsenal and develop computer simulations that will make future detonations unnecessary. President Jacques Chirac has promised to then sign a global test ban treaty.

But France has angered many of its European neighbors and the nations of the South Pacific by breaking a three-year international testing moratorium.

France conducted its first test Sept. 5 beneath Mururoa Atoll, and on Sunday it set off a blast about five times stronger beneath nearby Fangataufa Atoll.

Greenpeace spokeswoman Lynette Thorstensen said the map of the cracks at Mururoa seriously eroded France's claims that it had made a thorough scientific study to determine if there were any safety problems at the atolls.

A diagram that appeared with the article showed several fissures several miles long, as deep as 28,000 feet and up to 11 1/2 feet wide. No information was given about when or how quickly the cracks developed.

France conducted its nuclear tests in tunnels up to 6 feet in diameter and about 3,000 feet beneath the sea bed.

## Trauma center fires surgeon for working years unlicensed

**STRANGER THAN FICTION**  
BALTIMORE (AP) — A surgeon who treated some of Maryland's most critically injured patients for two years has been fired because he had no license to practice medicine.

Dr. Arthur Boyd Jr. was dismissed Tuesday from the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center.

Boyd, 48, has failed at least 11 licensing exams in Tennessee, Michigan and North Carolina, and was convicted in 1985 of offering a Michigan state employee a \$20,000 bribe for an advance copy of the exam, *The Baltimore Sun* reported Wednesday, citing court records.

However, Boyd was "a capable surgeon" and records show no instances of his patients being harmed, said trauma center spokesman Joel Lee.

The registrar at Meharry

Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., confirmed Boyd graduated from the school in 1978, the newspaper said.

Boyd, reached at his permanent home in Shaker Heights, Ohio, declined to comment.

Practicing medicine without a license is a misdemeanor in Maryland. Officials at the state Board of Physician Quality Assurance said they would serve Boyd with an order to stop practicing medicine in Maryland Wednesday. The board can fine violators up to \$50,000.

Hospital officials repeatedly asked for proof of Boyd's license, and he said he would provide it, Lee said.

The Michigan bribery conviction brought Boyd a 30-day jail sentence and a \$450 fine.

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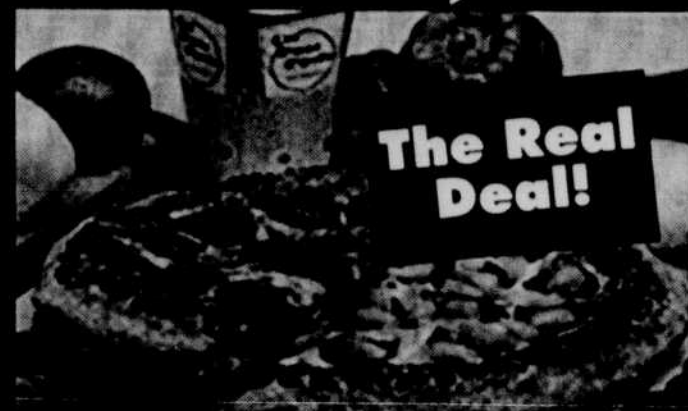
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