

NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Kidnapped woman escapes from car



GRANTS PASS (AP) — "We're not sure what his motive was," police Sgt. Stan Long said. "We can't quite figure it out."

Anthony Wayne Masters, 27, of Merlin was arrested and held on charges of kidnapping, attempted murder, car theft and criminal mischief, police said.

Michelle R. Williams, 28, of Portland was on her way to Redding, Calif., for the Thanksgiving holiday when she pulled over for a nap at the Manzanita rest stop on Interstate 5 north of Grants Pass.

Before dawn, the kidnapper broke out the rear window of her car, climbed inside, grabbed her around the neck and threatened to kill her with a gun. He was later found to be unarmed, except for the 8-ball he used to break out the window, police said.

Following his directions, she drove south on Interstate 5 to Gold Hill, where she took the exit and then drove back to Grants Pass over back roads. Along the way he bought beer and forced her to drink some, police said.

They went to the Ford dealership in Grants Pass, where the kidnapper said he would fix the broken window.

The woman said she had to go to the bathroom and called for help. The kidnapper fled, but was caught a few blocks away.

Government shutdown extends to second day



WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Smithsonian's splendid museums shuttered and federal workers sent home in droves, the Clinton administration and Republican leaders failed to reach accord on the budget Tuesday and sharply attacked each other over a partial government shutdown.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., said there were no immediate plans to reconvene the talks, although he said staff contacts would continue.

Century old lotus seed sprouts to reveal anti-aging secrets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An ancient Chinese lotus seed that was dormant 1,288 years before sprouting into a green seedling may hold clues to fending off the ravages of time.

Scientists say a combination of an anti-aging enzyme, a tough shell and burial in a dry lake bed, away from moisture and light, probably helped to make it the oldest seed ever germinated.

But there could be still more special properties in its chemistry.

"This sleeping beauty, which was already there when Marco Polo came to China in the 13th century, must have a powerful genetic system to delay its aging," said Jane Shen-Miller, a plant physiologist at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Typhoon damages 8,000 homes, estimated 137 dead



HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The worst typhoons to ravage central Vietnam in decades have killed at least 137 people, destroyed more than 8,000 homes and caused more than \$57 million in damages.

Another 46 people were missing in the region, after three typhoons and tropical storms hit the coast this month and in October, said Dang Quang Tinh of the national committee for flood and typhoon control.

Typhoon "Zack," the most recent storm, hit southern central provinces on Nov. 1.

The seasonal storms demolished more than 8,200 houses and clinics, swept away hundreds of bridges and sank more than a thousand boats, Tinh said.

To cope with damages estimated at more than \$57 million, the government has mustered \$1.6 million in relief funds to be distributed among seven provinces, he said.

But severe flooding continues, hampering relief efforts.

Heavy seasonal floods in the southern Mekong River delta had killed 142 people as of late October, according to official news reports. Floods in the Mekong, Vietnam's biggest rice-growing region, began in August.

Unappetizing scents created for crayon-munching children

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Your children's coloring books are in for big changes. No, not new colors — new smells. Ones that the crayon company hopes won't tempt kids to pop the things in their mouths.

Scents such as coconut, licorice, chocolate, cherry and blueberry are being dropped from Crayola's scented crayon line. They're being replaced with such aromas as baby powder, leather jacket, new car — and dirt.

The new smells introduced today are in reaction to parents' fears that children are more likely to eat food-scented crayons than to color with them, company officials said.

"We're changing because consumers really believed food scents weren't a good idea even though our research showed they were as safe as any other Crayola product," said Sandy Horner, a spokeswoman for Binney & Smith Co., Crayola's owner.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

Since the Magic Scents were released in July 1994, Crayola has received fewer than 10 reports of children ingesting the non-toxic crayons. That's out of some 3 million boxes of scented crayons sold since then.

Among the scents considered but rejected for the new collection: alfalfa and rubber tire.

Instead, white crayons, formerly coconut, will smell like baby powder; black, formerly licorice, will be leather jacket; sepia, formerly chocolate, will smell like dirt; and blue, formerly blueberries, will have a new car scent.

And pink? Kids will no longer confuse it with bubble gum. Now it smells of shampoo.

Thousands of mink on the loose

LANGLEY, British Columbia (AP) — A mink farmer scurried Tuesday to gather up thousands

of the feisty creatures that were let out of their cages overnight.

No animal-rights groups claimed responsibility for opening as many as 6,000 cages at Fred Rippin's mink farm.

But chicken farmers were put on alert since the fur-bearers attack fowl.

Sightings were reported for miles around, although many mink stayed around home — and the hand that feeds them.

"They know where their food comes from," Rippin said. "They won't last long in the wild. They're domesticated animals."

In fact, some quickly became road kill.

"They've got to be idiots," said one of about two dozen volunteers who donned welding gloves to help catch the vicious ferret-sized animals.

"Some of them drowned. They won't last long in the wilderness by themselves, that's for sure."

It is the second such incident in three weeks.

Mink farmer Reg Dargatz of Chilliwack was hit without warning. He believes animal-rights activists are responsible.

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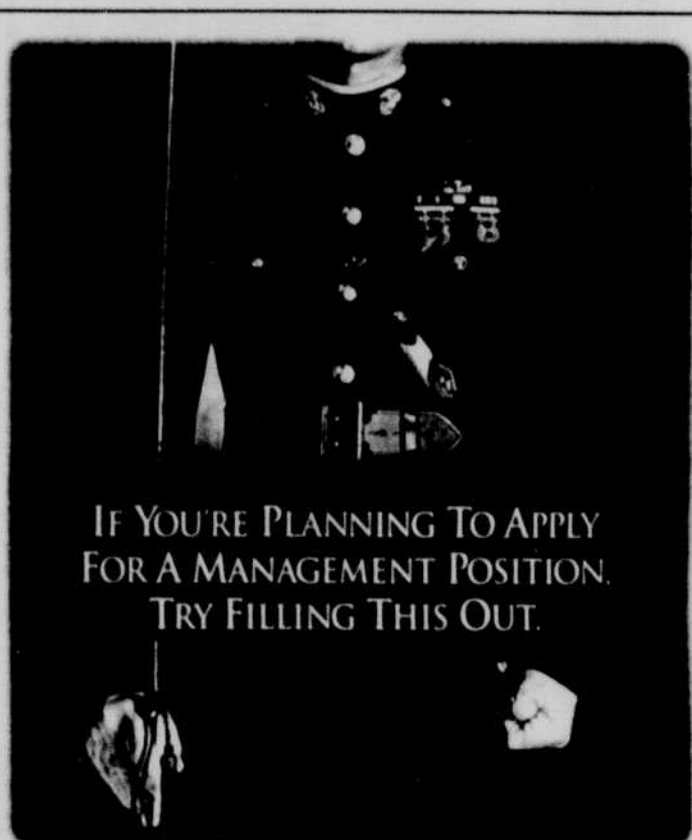
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