Search on for cause of fatal Denver plane crash

DENVER (AP) - Flight recorders pulled from the twisted remains of a Continental Airlines DC-9 were flown to Washington on Monday to determine what caused the jet to crash during a snowstorm, killing 26 people and injuring 56.

The twin-engine plane was taking off at Stapleton International Airport Sunday afternoon when it flipped upside down and broke into three pieces as it slid down the runway three-quarters of a mile. At least 10 survivors remained hospitalized in critical condition Monday.

It could be months before the cause of the crash is determined, authorities said. As many as 50 investigators may be involved in the next seven to 10 days, said Bob Johnson, chief of the National Transportation Safety Board office in Denver. It was the deadliest crash in the 58-year history of the airport.

"There were like three separate explosions," passenger Robert Linnck said. "After the first explosion, there was a ball of fire shot up through the seats in front of me, engulfing four people in flames.

The plane's two black boxes, containing cockpit voice and flight data recorders, were recovered "with no evidence of external damage," said a spokesman in the NTSB office in Washington, D.C. The cockpit voice recorder will allow investigators to review exchanges between the crew the seconds before the accident. The second box contains a foil-faced data recorder which will provide various flight parameters such as air speed, heading and vertical acceleration of the DC-9 jet.

Three crew members, including the pilot and first officer, were among those killed.

The two recorders, which were housed in the tail section of the aircraft, were flown from Denver to Washington early Monday and immediately were sent to the laboratory at NTSB headquarters.

"There appears to be no evidence of any external damage," agency spokesman Michael Benson said. Preliminary information from the recorders was expected to be relayed to investigators at the crash site in Denver later Monday, he said.

Flight 1713 originated in Oklahoma City, stopped in Denver and was delayed by a snowstorm. It was on route to Boise, Idaho, when it crashed at 2:16 p.m. MST.

Snow had been falling most of the day in Denver and airport officials said visibility was low. The east-west runways were closed because of the storm, including that of Flight 1713, which was scheduled to arrive in Boise at 2:28 p.m. MST, minutes after it actually started its takeoff. The fuselage broke into three main pieces and many of the passengers were trapped inside. The plane came to rest about 2,500 feet from the end of the 10,000-foot-long runway with bodies, injured passengers and wreckage strewn between two runways.

Airport spokesman Richard Boulware described the scene as a "jungle gym of mangled metal." There was a gapping hole in the fuselage "big enough for a one-car garage," he said.

The twin-engine DC-9 was off the ground just seconds when the accident happened, passengers said.

Early snow allows skiers to hit slopes

After a dismal 1986-87 season, Sierra ski resorts are wasting no time getting ready for what they hope will be a recovery winter for their businesses.

With the first storm of the season barely past and another looming on the horizon, one ski area has opened its slopes and three more are hoping for enough snow to start up this weekend.

With a little help from nature and a lot from its snow-making machines, Boreal Ridge opened on Saturday. The Donner Summit resort had some 6 inches of natural snow and about the same amount of man-made powder for a base.

Marketing Director Earl Davis said Boreal, traditionally one of the first Sierra resorts to open and among the last to close, had a record season last winter despite the skimpy snowfall that plagued all the ski areas.

South of Lake Tahoe, Kirkwood ski resort plans to open on Friday if the approaching storm is as wet as it's forecast to be. Mount Rose Ski　See S81, page 8

Beyond Vietnam; a time for healing

This marks the first in a three-part series of articles on Vietnam war veterans by staff writer Marty Neidiffer. Today, a look at the war from the eyes of women nurses and their current quest for recognition.

By Marty Neidiffer

In 1969 Jan Wyatt volunteered for a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. She was 23 years old and looked at going to war as an adventure.

She decided to go because she was her duty, and also because the nurses she had gone through training with already had volunteered. She felt that if she didn't go, she might miss out on something.

She was stationed in an Army field hospital where she worked 12-hour shifts, six days a week, mending what seemed like endless stream of wounded soldiers.

She found out quickly that war was not an adventure, but rather a cruel and painful existence.

"It is something you can only experience emotionally," she said. "You couldn't hide from it. You couldn't go home at the end of the day and forget about it. You lived and breathed it every day for the whole year."

As with many Vietnam vets, the war has remained with Wyatt long after her return home. Certain instances remain etched in her memory, one case in particular.

In the field hospital where she worked, the objective was to get the wounded stabilized and send them elsewhere for further care. It left little time to become emotionally attached to any individual.

"There was one case, though, where a guy came in who we couldn't get stable enough to move. Every time his condition appeared to improve, he would slip," she said. "After six weeks we were finally able to send him on. That was a very long time for us to have anyone. We later got word that he had died. It was very tough."

When her tour was over and she returned home.

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Review of the all-veteran production Honeybucket

Illustration of the woman veteran statue, sculpted by Rodger M. Brdin.

Dr. Norm Dinsman of Denver General Hospital, who helped coordinate crash site treatment efforts, said the fact that any passengers emerged alive was due to "tremendous luck, divine providence and the fact that the airplane had not gained a lot of altitude."

NURSE

I don't go off to war, so they say, I'm a woman.

Who then has worn my boots? And whose memories are these, of youths suffering of blood and burns, of their tears and their cries?

I'm a woman and I've tasted man's war. Our war, and he knows that I love him in no greater way than to share in his life or his death.

What are the rules? Man or woman, we all suffer to suffer and survive together.

Please don't forget me. I've been through war's hell and if only you will listen, I've a story of those chosen to sacrifice for us all.

— Diane Carlson Evans, 1983
Drawing the line on rights

Editor:
Your self-congratulatory Nov. 10 editorial "Raise your skirt and flash those Bloomers," complete with three Bloom County cartoon-strips, was more than a bit too much. That you can use the "Reagan sucks" strip is no big deal (in fact, I agree with your "freedom of religion" and decision). But to set yourself up at a different place than you did in yours. It would have been more helpful had you written a word that the editorial staff has apparently overlooked in your Nov. 10 editorial on Bloom County's wording problems when the First Amendment and a vigilant opposition to censorship because of your decision sheds no light on what is a very complex subject.

As you well know, the "freedom of the press" clause of the First Amendment and the "freedom of speech," "freedom of religion" and "freedom of assembly" phrases of that same amendment are not absolutes.

The Telegram-Tribune, basing its decision on the "standards of the community" and "off-color words" simply drew the line of what is acceptable for its paper at a different place than you did in yours. It would have been more helpful had you written a more extended editorial on where you would draw the line and why.

Recently, a movie opened in Los Angeles entitled "Sammy and Rosie Get Laid." In the Calendar section of the Sunday Los Angeles Times the full title is given in the summary of movies playing in Los Angeles, but only the abbreviated "Sammy and Rosie" is mentioned in the ad in the same section. How would you call it?

Moreover, what is your response when you receive this letter with the above paragraph? Do you immediately decide to print it in full? Or kill it because of the profanity? Or check with your faculty adviser? Or comp some "bible" you keep for "dos" and "don'ts?" In other words, where do you draw the line on what basis?

The issue raised by the Bloom County strip deserves a much fuller treatment than boing the Telegram-Tribune and cheering yourselves. The editorial you wrote was just too smug and too easy.

— Richard Krausdon

Our leader lacks respect

Editor:
This is an important word that the Mustang Daily editorial staff has apparently forgotten. It was with great disappointment that I read the Nov. 10 editorial on Bloom County's wording problems when the editors, in their collective eloquence, state that "Reagan really does suck." It is unfortunate that our own school newspaper lacks even a modicum of respect for our country and its Constitution. While Reagan is busy stuffing American policy down the throats of such peoples as the Nicaraguans, you, Mr. Conservative, feel morally correct in justifying the murder and destruction because someone shouted "COMMIES!"

There's a sign reading in a small Nicaraguan village which says "What the American government destroys, the American people rebuild." I feel much safer amongst liberal, narrow-minded, "peace-by-diplomacy" people that with paranoid, holier-than-thou Reaganites.

— Justin Laney
State

Deadheads mellow at concert although drug arrests made

LONG BEACH (AP) — Seventy-nine loyal counterculture disciples of the Grateful Dead were arrested, mostly for drug offenses, but police said that the concert series by the 1960s rock music dinosaurs was peaceful. "We didn't have any major problem. It was generally peaceful," police Sgt. Richard Wood said Monday, hours after the conclusion of the last of three weekend concert appearances by the Grateful Dead at the 15,000-seat Long Beach Arena.

Officers said the drugs of choice for the so-called Deadheads were hallucinogens — LSD and magic mushrooms. "We've probably got every weirdo here from 200 miles around. They're talking to trees and plants. They're just hallucinating," Lt. Rod Mickelson said as the fans gathered.

Hells Angels leader OKs move to Louisville for trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hells Angels leader Ralph "Sonny" Barger agreed Monday to be transferred to Louisville for trial and explosives. They were among those killed.

Nation

Witness testifies wing flaps in right position before crash

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Wing flaps on a Northwest Airlines plane that crashed, killing 156 people, were in the proper takeoff position, but the jet took longer to get off the ground than expected, a witness testified Monday as hearings into the crash opened.

The conflicting testimony came on the first day of hearings by the National Transportation Safety Board into the Aug. 16 crash of Flight 255. The only survivor was 4-year-old Cecilia Cichan, whose parents and brother were among those killed.

Douglas Allington, a first officer with Northwest now based in Memphis, Tenn., testified that he thought the doomed airplane could have become airborne if it had not slipped a light pole in a rental-car parking lot.

Monkey studies explain why women lower in heart disease

ANAHEIM (AP) — A study of monkeys helps explain why women suffer heart disease better than men: female primates make more copies of a genetic blueprint that tells the liver to make proteins to remove fat from blood, scientists said Monday.

Child-bearing also may protect women from heart disease by widening their coronary arteries, according to another study presented during the American Heart Association's annual scientific meeting.

Both before and after female monkeys in the first study were fed a high-fat diet, their liver cells contained two to six times the copies of the blueprint — called messenger RNA — that directs the liver to produce a protein named apolipoprotein A-I, said George Melchior, a biochemist-physiologist at Upjohn Co.

Because monkeys are so similar to humans, the discovery helps explain the molecular reason for why women suffer the disease less than men, according to George Melchior, a biochemist-physiologist at Upjohn Co. DNA studies show that women lower in heart disease.

World

U.S., Soviet arms negotiators agree to extend Geneva talks

GENEVA (AP) — Top U.S. and Soviet arms control negotiators agreed Monday to extend talks on intermediate-range nuclear forces for at least one day after reporting progress in their quest to ready a treaty for next month's summit.

The two sides scheduled more talks for Tuesday "because they had not had sufficient time to cover all their points," said a source close to the talks. It originally was thought that the talks would end Monday.

"The talks are going very well, they are very positive," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity. But the source declined to provide details of the meetings between Max Kampelman and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov, accompanied by their chief negotiators.

The source said Kampelman was hosting a dinner for Vorontsov and Michael Armacost, a deputy U.S. secretary of state, Monday evening.

Ethiopian food pipeline cut; emergency airlifts are needed

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Emergency airlifts of food are the only hope for tens of thousands of drought victims in northern Ethiopia whose relief pipeline has been disrupted by rebel attacks, the chief of U.N. relief efforts said Monday.

"We had hoped to avoid the colossal expense of an airlift, but most relief agencies agree that an immediate airlift is needed," Michael Priestley said in an interview. He is in charge of the United Nations relief program in Ethiopia.

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Bishop argues against contraceptives in schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's Roman Catholic bishops were urged by one of their national leaders Monday to step up their battle against the "morally objectionable" practice of public school health clinics handing out contraceptives and giving abortion counseling.

The bishops, on the opening day of their annual meeting, got a formal first look at a lengthy statement that would declare their opposition to such practices on grounds that many Catholic young people attend public schools.

The statement, which will be put to a vote by the 300 bishops Thursday, calls for federal and state governments to outlaw school dispensing of contraceptives as not only morally wrong but of questionable use in dealing with what the bishops concede is a problem of pregnancy among teenagers.

"The provision of contraceptive and abortion services through school-based clinics is morally objectionable and is open to question even on practical grounds as a response to the problem of teen-age pregnancy."

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, a former president of the bishops' national organization, said at Monday's session that "the seemingly intractable problem of teen-age pregnancy is one that will not admit of an amoral or purely technological solution."

"To the extent that school-based clinics are part of a program for more efficient promotion of contraceptive and abortion-related services to minors, they are part of the problem rather than the key to a solution," Bernardin said.

Also on Monday, the bishops:

— Heard their president, Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis, give a glowing account of a "dynamic and vibrant" U.S. church in the midst of a healthy, affirmative relationship with Pope John Paul II in the wake of his recent American trip.

— May's first "state of the church" address, unlike some of other presidents in recent years, gave hardly a hint of tensions between the Vatican and the 52.9 million-member U.S. branch.

— Received copies of a proposed document setting out guidelines for avoiding or, if necessary, resolving disputes between bishops and theologians.

Sponsors of the document took pains to note that it wouldn't be binding on either bishops or theologians, but several bishops complained anyway that more study might be needed and they suggested Thursday's vote on the document should be put off.

Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., a member of the committee that drafted the document, said at a news conference that the guidelines were meant to resolve disputes but to head them off.

He said, when asked, that if they had been in effect during the past several years they might have eased the dispute that led to suspension of Catholic University professor Charles Cueran, whose writing on sexual issues was criticized by the Vatican.

The guidelines generally call for civility and fairness in resolving disagreements short of formally labeling a theologian's position as "dissent." But they note that the church's laws on dealing with dissenters would not be affected by the processes outlined in the new document.

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Health director: Donating blood is safe

SACRAMENTO (AP) — At the weekend to the council's checkpoints return

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Motorists who might imbibe too much holiday cheer over the Thanksgiving weekend should be warned — the sobriety checkpoint will be back.

A state Supreme Court ruling last month allows the CDC to require sobriety checkpoints, at which motorists are stopped and checked for alcohol.

"We're gratified that we will be able to take advantage of this proven effective technique in the interest of the public," said CDC Commissioner James Smith Monday.

The state Court of Appeals has said that sobriety checkpoints are legal as long as there are safeguards to motorists constitutional rights.

"We want to be certain that all of our operations go even farther than the guidelines laid down by the court," Smith said. "We have the trained officers, we have the reasonable limits in terms of time and place."

The CDC experimented with sobriety checkpoints at the end of 1984 and much of 1985. They were halted in October 1986, when the court ruled that the state law was unconstitutional.

Smith said CDC checkpoints will be held in areas where the highway patrol and the California Highway Patrol have the most traffic problems. The law takes effect again on Nov. 26, one month after the state Supreme Court's decision upholding its constitutionality.

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The interviews underway in Rancho Cordova, but there is a lot of interest in them because of their potential in the president's re-election campaign, said Dale Treben, director of the oral history program at UCLA, which also helped in the project.

But because of Reagan's presidency, says Treben, some of the interviews may be tainted by politics.

"He says people may not be as candid about a President still in office, because he could affect their careers."

State car insurance law returns

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Beginning next week, a state law requiring uninsured motorists to carry proof of their automobile insurance will be in effect again after a two-year hiatus for an unsuccessful court challenge.

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The state Department of Motor Vehicles said Monday that next month it will begin written requests asking more than 200,000 motorists who were cited during the five months of suspended enforcement, just to go in time for Thanksgiving."

The CHP field divisions around the state. Division commanders will choose the locations, which will be on county roads with documented drinking

The CHP will also use checkpoints in December, during National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, Dec. 13-19, and continuing the Christmas and New Year's holiday period. Smith said.

Policy investigate child murder

RIVERSIDE (AP) — The body of a 3-year-old boy, who was killed two weeks ago in a child murder case returned to Southern California on Tuesday, said Riverside homicide detectives, authorities said.

Raymond Eugene Ferrell, 29, the last man to report seeing Bobby Payton Jr. alive, was questioned by social services directors. They were interested in the boy's whereabouts, said one of the detectives.

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The boy's mother, Karen Hill, told authorities she had seen the boy sitting in a car at a gas station.

Ferrell was questioned by deputies after the boy's body was found in a car. He was released and ordered to remain in the area. He was last seen by Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy John Lane at about 3 p.m. on the day the boy was last seen.

The child's body was found in a car near Glen Avenue. Ferrell, who lives in the area, said he had seen the boy sitting in the car on the day the body was found.
S. Korea eyes Dec. 16 election

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators were at an impasse Monday over a final push for a deficit-reduction agreement by Friday, with both groups holding firm against any cuts in Social Security.

"We're about a week and $2 billion short, give or take," said Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon, the senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

The negotiators, seeking to find the needed compromise, have increased their efforts to increase the chance that the required increase in Social Security taxes this year will have to be increased or limiting cost-of-living increases to reduce the deficit. But that would be a toughie," he said.

The fiscal 1987 deficit was expected to be a tougher nut to crack, with the deficit this year already on the table. But the fiscal 1988 deficit is projected to be a tougher nut to crack, with the fiscal 1988 deficit estimated to be about $31.8 billion, which is the deficit for fiscal year 1988.

Although the details could not be confirmed, the savings will be stretched if a negotiated agreement is reached between the White House and the Congress.

The bargainers have been trying to compromise on the fiscal 1988 deficit by about $31.8 billion, which is the deficit for fiscal year 1988.
The Cal Poly women's soccer club closed out its regular season Saturday by defeating San Diego State, 2-0. Tami Schoniger scored both goals. Beth Barker, Carin McNamee and Lisa Shipley all were credited with assists. The Lady Mustangs, who raised their record to 8-2, will compete in the state tournament this weekend in Long Beach. They are seeded No. 2, while U.C.L.A., which inflicted both of Cal Poly's losses, is the top seed.

Men's team captures rodeo while women take second

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The Mustangs outplayed Santa Barbara most of the game, the Gauchos managed to score the only points on a tipped pass after a Cal Poly player fell. Cal Poly got excellent performances from its forward pack against San Luis, which lost to the Mustangs for the first time in six years. "I like what I saw out there," said head coach Paul Fritz, "We need a little work, but this team has league-championship potential. Cal Poly will be a force to be reckoned with this year.

Saturday's scores included Roark Schultz, Art Tracewell and rookty Darryl Stienbeck.

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Wendy Kaufman, the women's all-around champion, captured first in the breakaway-roping and barrel-racing events. Julie Adler won the goat tying. Hardy and Tami Vestal teamed for second place in the team roping.

The team victory was the men's first of the season.

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Pacific................................. 15 2
U.C. Santa Barbara........... 11 6
CAL POLY............. 9 9
San Diego State.......... 8 10
Cal State Long Beach... 7 10
U.C. Irvine.................. 4 14
Fresno State........... 6 10
Fullerton State........ 5 15

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Portland State............. 6 0
Cal State Northridge... 3 2
Santa Clara................. 3 2
CAL POLY............. 2 3
Sacramento State........ 2 3
Southern Utah State..... 2 4
Cal Lutheran.............. 1 5

Football

Shop early for great gift ideas.
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ski area south of Reno and Sierra Ski Ranch west of Tahoe also are eyeing Friday openings.
The expanded Ski Incline resort at Incline Village expects to open on Saturday.
It has doubled its size with the addition of several higher runs.
Squaw Valley officials will decide on Thursday whether they can open this weekend.
Echo Summit, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Heavenly Valley, Sugar Bowl, Soda Springs, Alpine Meadows and Homewood resorts all are shooting to launch their seasons on Thanksgiving Day, while Tahoe-Donner does not expect to open before mid-December.
The current snow forecast is an optimistic one for all of the Sierra ski resorts.
A storm expected to move into the Sierra Monday night and Tuesday has the potential to bring heavy snow to higher Sierra above 7,000 feet, according to the National Weather Service.

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Radar-controlled autos eyed to ease traffic jams

SACRAMENTO (AP) — State engineers want to study cars partially controlled by radar in the quest to ease traffic congestion on freeways with high-tech gadgets.

The state Department of Transportation plans to spend $300,000 a year outfitting 10 cars with the latest generation of a device that uses its own radar to beep a warning when vehicles ahead slow or stop.

The "Lookout," as it is called by its private manufacturer, automatically brakes if the driver fails to respond.

Department Director Leo Trombatore said the device could become an element in the development of automated highways, which would employ a combination of systems to control all aspects of driving.

"Speeds can be increased substantially and... the distance between the vehicles could be dramatically reduced" because the radar-braking device can react more quickly than a human, Trombatore said at a news conference held to unveil a van equipped with one of the units.

"The result is a quantum increase in the ability of the highway to carry more vehicles," he said. "Most of the technology for such a system is already available... I see it coming within the next 20 years."

Use of collision-avoidance radar also could reduce traffic accidents by 40 percent, according to state officials.

John Davis, the president of the San Diego firm that makes the radar-braking device, said individual units would cost $500 to $1,000 if they were placed in mass production, but added that convictions of the government and government to adopt them is a major challenge.

However, company officials are optimistic. Not only is the state interested, but auto makers are looking into the device, Davis said.

The firm, Radar Control System Corp., believes it has virtually perfected the device, which it spent $1.5 million and four years developing.

Court shields pretrial evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let stand a ruling that the public has no right to hear or see criminal-case pretrial statements given under oath.

The court, without comment, refused to hear arguments by Florida newspapers that their reporters have a right either to attend sessions at which the statements, called depositions, are given or to obtain written copies of them.

The issue is one left unsettled by previous Supreme Court rulings upholding the public's constitutional right to attend criminal trials and pretrial hearings in criminal cases even when defendants object.

The justices have said the public may be barred from such court proceedings only as a last resort to ensure a fair trial and only after the judge explains why secrecy is essential.

In the case acted on today, the Florida Supreme Court had refused in April to allow access for newspaper reporters to depositions in highly publicized criminal cases.

"A deposition is nothing more than a statement of a witness taken under oath in accordance with a formal procedure, the state court said.

"Transforming the rules into a major vehicle for obtaining information to be published by the press even though the information might be inadmissible, irrelevant, defamatory or prejudicial would subvert the purpose of the rule and result in the tail wagging the dog," it added.

The Florida court said allowing such public access could result in unfair pretrial publicity and might violate the privacy rights of those involved in the case.

Taking depositions and making the information available to the opposing side in criminal cases is intended to help both sides prepare strategy and to guard against surprise witnesses at trial. It is done more commonly in non-criminal cases.

The Florida Supreme Court said its ruling was guided by a 1984 decision by the nation's highest court that refused to allow a newspaper used for libel to publish a 4-mation obtained as a result of pretrial proceedings in its case.

The April ruling denied access to reporters for the Miami Herald and the Palm Beach Post who sought information in three cases.

In one, Linda Aurilio is accused of trying to kill her husband, Carl, in 1982. Mrs. Aurilio was a key witness for the state against her husband and others, including government officials, in an alleged multi-million dollar bookmaking operation. A trial judge ordered that the depositions be sealed.

The second case involved John Hagler, arrested in connection with a major undercover investigation of drug dealing in 1983. Palm Beach County State Attorney David Bludworth, a U.S. Senate candidate at the time, gave a deposition in the case and it was sealed.

In the third case, Dr. John Freund, a former Palm Beach cancer specialist, and John Trent, owner of a drugstore shop, were charged with murder in the 1984 death of Ralph Walker. A prosecutor succeeded in barring news reporters from depositions given to defense lawyers by four of the state's witnesses.

The newspapers said access to deposition sessions is vital because 97 percent of the criminal prosecutions in Florida never reach trial.

"Press access to that (pretrial) process is essential for the public to understand and monitor its workings," lawyers for the Miami Herald said.

They added that since Florida has abandoned elaborate public preliminary hearings, depositions are often the only source of pretrial information in criminal cases.
Enthusiastic students supported by downtown Democratic group

By Coleen Bondy

A little known and less heard of club is making a comeback on campus, with the aid of two enthusiastic students.

Marcella Newlands and Shara Peters sparked new life into the hibernating Young Democrats club at University Union during their first week at Cal Poly, but were never contacted.

They decided to get the club going, and went to ASI to find out how.

"They were kind of shocked and surprised," said Newlands. ASI representatives told them that the club had been inactive for two years. No one had turned in the end-of-year reports required to keep the club active, so it was necessary to fill out all of the forms again.

Newlands and Peters found themselves faced with a $6.92 deficit, some unopened mail from way back when, and no members to call on for support.

The papers were all turned in last Thursday, and it should be a new club again soon. The first meeting was held last Wednesday at the Democratic Headquarters, with a turnout of six people.

Peters and Newlands recruited political science professor Richard Kranaderof to advise the club, and acting officers were appointed at the meeting. The two were not disappointed with the turnout, they were just happy that the mission was officially underway.

"Everything has its time and place," said Peters. She is optimistic about the club and realizes that it will take time to find the Democrats on campus and bring them together.

"All the rest of our friends are Republicans," said Peters, adding that it is hard to find Democrats at Cal Poly.

Newlands and Peters don't think of their club as competing with the Young Republicans, and they hope that the two clubs can work together to raise political awareness on campus.

They urge anyone interested to come to the next meeting. They believe that this is a perfect time to become involved, since the club is starting from scratch.

The Dec. 1 meeting will be held at 9:00 p.m. For details about the meeting location, call 546-9179.

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