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But will it sell? That isn't clear

Associated Press

If it smells like a cola and tastes like a cola, does it have to be brown? That's what Pepsi-Cola Co. wants to know. The company confirmed it is thinking about marketing a clear Pepsi.

Pepsi spokesman Andrew Giangola said the idea was only "one of several projects we are working on" and added that the company is "not ready to go to market or discuss any

details about it."

His comments came in response to a report Monday in The Wall Street Journal that Pepsi was developing a clear version that could be sold side by side with the regular brand. Pepsi is the nation's second-best-selling soft drink after Coca-Cola Classic.

Reaction from analysts using a clear-cola gimmick to boost sales was mixed.

"There would be a curiosity factor here," said Helen Berry, head of marketing for the Beverage Marketing Corp. "A lot of people would try it for the novelty factor."

But Emmanuel Goldman, beverage-industry analyst for PaineWebber, said, "It is not clear to me, no pun intended, that clear is better than unclear."



"Can a cola be a cola if it doesn't look like a cola? That is the question," he said.

What analysts didn't address was the practical bottom-line benefits of a clear cola. With a clear cola, Pepsi wouldn't have to pay for the caramel coloring.

Bitter Israel puts limits on agenda

Restrictions an angry reply to bringing meetings to U.S.

By Sergei Shargorodsky
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Embittered by its treatment by Washington, Israel signaled Monday that it will not negotiate issues of substance with the Arabs until they agree to move the talks to the Middle East.

Despite its anger that the United States announced Washington as the site of the next round of talks in disregard of Israel's wishes, Jerusalem is expected to accept the invitation to the Dec. 4 meeting.

But Israeli officials indicated they would take part only on condition that the talks be brief, stick to procedural matters and move quickly to the Middle East.

Secretary of State James Baker had set Monday as the deadline for response from nations participating in the talks. By late in the day, Jordan, Lebanon and a Palestinian delegation had confirmed they would take part.

But department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler indicated Baker was willing to extend the deadline while awaiting responses from Syria and Israel. The deadline, she said, was merely "for planning purposes."

Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinians, said the delegation

Israel sees Arab willingness to meet in the Middle East as a test of their desire for peace.

agreed in principle to the talks but that their final decision depended on "certain... concrete responses and actions," one being U.S. agreement to provide entry visas to PLO officials.

She also indicated the Palestinians wanted to appear as a separate team, instead of jointly with the Jordanian delegation, as they did in Madrid.

Whether Syria would attend was still in doubt. President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt held seven hours of talks with President Hafez Assad in Damascus on Monday. But he left without any indication that Syria would attend.

Also Monday, a rocket fired from Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon blasted a truck, killing

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Getting tough on red-light business

By Suzanne Perez
The Wichita Eagle

City leaders want to get tough on street prostitutes, pimps and customers, and now they are looking to the Kansas Legislature for help.

As part of a 1992 legislative agenda being discussed today, the Wichita City Council will ask state lawmakers to allow search-and-seizure laws to be used to confiscate property used in the act of prostitution.

Council member Jim Ward proposed the measure earlier this year, in an effort to help a South Broadway neighborhood fight street prostitution. He said the change, if approved, would allow city leaders to instruct police officers to seize cars, bed sheets, beds and perhaps even entire motels used by prostitutes and their clients.

Seizure laws commonly are used to confiscate houses, boats, jets or other property of convicted drug dealers. The property is usually sold, with revenues going toward the city's drug-enforcement or education programs.

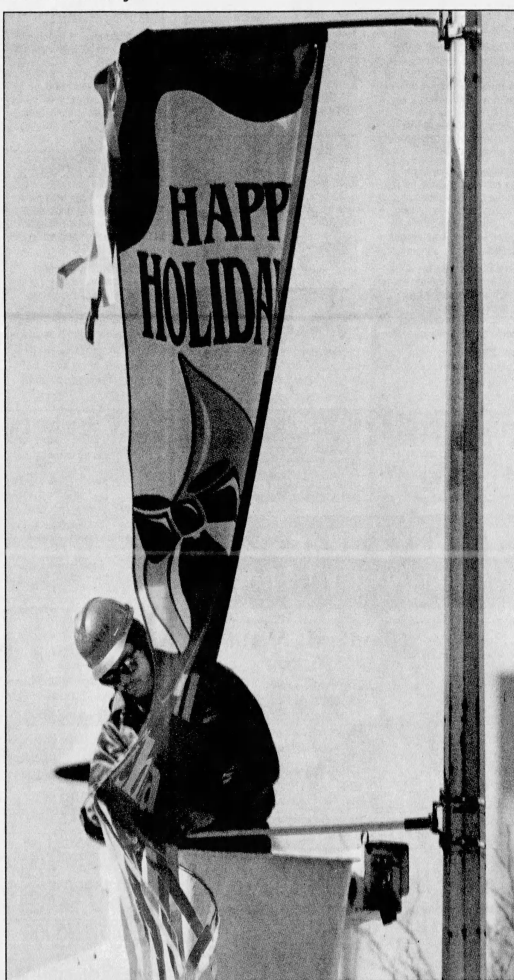
"But the goal with seizing this prostitution property wouldn't be to sell it," Ward said. "The goal here is to get the Mrs. involved."

That's right. The John's wife.

"The main goal would be to plug in the customer's family about what's going on," Ward said. "If somebody's got to come pick up the car and find out what happened, I would think that would make you

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His banner day



Aaron Seigler hangs a holiday banner at Douglas and Topeka. Seigler and three Cablevision co-workers are hanging 60 of the seasonal decorations on both sides of Douglas downtown on Monday. The holiday banners replace United Way signs.

Murder charge filed in store clerk's death

Suspect's wife listed as witness

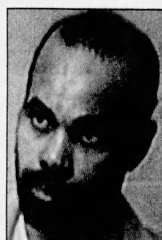
By Bill Hirschman
The Wichita Eagle

As he was being accused of intentionally running over and killing a Wichita supermarket clerk, Richard E. Stone never looked up at the closed-circuit television camera broadcasting his court appearance Monday.

As Judge Paul Clark read aloud the charges, Stone's head dipped lower and lower until all that was visible were a few wisps of hair covering the top of his balding head.

Stone, 37, of 1502 N. Fountain, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Donna Pauls, who was dragged underneath Stone's van. Pauls, 53, had been trying to take down the van's license plate number after a couple left the Albertson's store where she worked without paying for 15 cartons of cigarettes.

Second-degree murder is defined as a malicious, intentional killing which was not premeditated. Stone is accused of running



Richard Stone waits for his hearing, on closed-circuit television, to begin.

over Pauls, who was standing in front of his van. Her body was trapped under the vehicle, which dragged it nearly 250 feet across the parking lot before hitting a curb hard enough to blow out two tires, police said.

Stone was also charged with

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State panel urges tax cuts, increases

By Matt Truett
Associated Press

TOPEKA — A task force created by Gov. Joan Finney turned in a proposal Monday that would reduce property taxes but increase income and sales taxes to make up lost revenue for local governments.

Finney, briefed on the proposal by task force chairman Lionel Alford of Wichita, said she would have to study it

more closely before deciding whether to endorse any of the recommendations.

But state Sen. Dan Thiesen, a task force member who voted against the proposal, said chances were slim that the plan would make it through the legislative process without substantial revision.

"I expect some changes will

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TAX PROPOSALS

Here are some key recommendations made Monday by Gov. Joan Finney's tax task force:

■ Lower the assessment rate for commercial property to 20 percent, from 30 percent.

■ Exempt \$5,000 of the appraised values of owner-occupied, single-family homes from taxes.

■ At the state level, increase income and sales taxes, using the revenue to offset lost property tax revenue.

■ Freeze local mill levies or cap the amount of money local governments can raise from property taxes.

Little unity left in U.S.S.R.

Republics' leaders fail to agree on new treaty

By Fen Montaigne
Knight-Ridder News Service

MOSCOW — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's attempt to preserve a vestige of union suffered another blow Monday as leaders from seven Soviet republics backed away from signing a treaty that would establish the groundwork for a new confederation of states.

Leaders from the seven republics — representing less than half of the 15 republics that were the Soviet Union — gathered Monday afternoon at a dacha outside Moscow in anticipation of initiating a new union treaty. But after several hours of intensive discussions, Gorbachev emerged by himself to announce that the seven republic

can leaders had decided not to sign the treaty and were turning it over to their respective parliaments for discussion.

Gorbachev said the leaders had generally approved the treaty, creating a new country known as the Union of Sovereign States, and he expressed optimism it would eventually be signed. But he could not hide his disappointment that he had failed to clinch a deal preserving something of the old Soviet Union.

The Soviet president has said repeatedly that he will resign if a new union is not forged from the rubble of the old. A growing number of politicians think the disintegration of the U.S.S.R. has gained such momentum

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Rival Yugoslavs talk of possible peace

BEGRAD, Yugoslavia — The 14th cease-fire in the bloody five-month-old Yugoslav civil war seemed to be taking hold Monday as leaders of the rival Croatian and Serbian republics made new pledges to seek a peace settlement as quickly as possible.

Croatia, whose secession from the six-republic Yugoslav federation in June triggered the conflict, hinted broadly Monday that it may be willing to sign a peace treaty without demanding the return of lands seized in attacks by Serb guerrilla forces and the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army.

Muslims get death sentence

AMMAN, Jordan — Eight members of a militant Muslim group were sentenced to death Monday after being convicted of trying to assassinate government officials and foreign diplomats.

Korean-tension warning

BEIJING — Disputes concerning nuclear weapons could lead to a new outbreak of war on the Korean peninsula, Chu Chang Jun, North Korea's ambassador to China, warned at a news conference.

North denies Waite report

LONDON — Former White House aide Oliver North on Monday denied that former British hostage Terry Waite had been carrying a transmitter given to him by North when he was kidnapped in Beirut. North was interviewed while promoting his book "Under Fire," in a London store.

Police kidnap ring broken

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Interior Minister Jose Luis Marzano said authorities have broken up a kidnapping organization of former and current federal police officials that has operated for a decade.

Deaths

Nimeno II, 37, considered France's greatest bullfighter, committed suicide Monday at his home in southern France, police said.

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High definition TV takes viewers' breath away

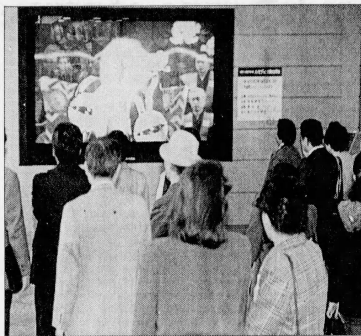
Los Angeles Times/
Washington Post Service

TOKYO — With a strikingly clear, almost three-dimensional screen shot of a rocket blasting into space, Japan's public broadcasting giant NHK Monday launched the world's first TV station broadcasting full time in HDTV, or high-definition television.

"This is definitely flagship technology," said Barry Rebo of the Rebo Studio, a New York television production company that has been using Japanese HDTV equipment in film production for several years. "I think the Japanese wanted to get there first just for that reason," Rebo said. "They are tired of being called imitators. They want to show that they can lead the world in some key areas of innovation." He traveled to Tokyo for the opening broadcast.

Japan launched an HDTV satellite despite concern that ordinary consumers may not be ready for the new technology's high costs. In the meantime, major Japanese electronics companies are hedging their bets, investing heavily to find ways to squeeze better picture and sound quality out of conventional television technology.

The United States, meanwhile, is hoping to come from behind by establishing in the mid-1990s a more advanced form of HDTV, based on



Japanese broadcaster NHK offered its new "HiVision" programming Monday, with a picture vastly better than normal TV.

the digital technology of computers. This might put the United States in the position of leap-frogging the Japanese system, which — although it is the world's first HDTV system — relies on older analog technology.

In the United States, the world's most important TV market, an industry-sponsored lab in Alexandria,

Va., is testing six proposed standards for U.S. HDTV broadcasts. The Federal Communications Commission hopes to select one by mid-1993 and, after that, makers of TV sets, VCRs, and broadcasting equipment around the world probably will start producing to the U.S. standard.

A TV picture is a constantly

changing pattern of tiny lines of light sprayed across the screen by an electronic "gun," the dynamic works something like a spray paint-er shooting lines of color on a wall. One of the chief innovations of HDTV is that the spray gun crams many more lines onto the screen — about twice as many as on a normal TV. At that density, the lines meld into one another, and the viewer sees something much closer to reality.

The technology is expected to have spinoffs for computer displays, radar, and display screens on scientific instruments. As a result, HDTV seems likely to be a key industrial technology for the next quarter-century or so and is one of the industries the U.S. government has targeted for development. The United States and Europe, however, are thought to be two or three years away from HDTV broadcasting.

"HiVision," as NHK's new broadcast system is known, won't do much for ordinary Japanese viewers, at least for a few years. While NHK has set up a new satellite station, Channel 8, to broadcast in "HiVision" eight hours per day, there are only a few hundred television sets in place that can display the broadcasts in their full, high-definition glory.

TV sets that can receive and dis-

play the complex HDTV signal cost about \$30,000 each. Most of the sales to date have been to NHK itself, which plans to set up the TVs in public places so people can see the new technology. Among other things, Channel 8 will broadcast next February's Winter Olympics in the high-definition format. Because high-definition TV also requires expensive new cameras and broadcast facilities, there is only limited programming available to take advantage of the new display wizardry.

The result, as Rebo put it, is a potential "stalemate." TV makers don't want to produce HDTV sets in volume because there's not much HDTV programming. Broadcasters and video makers don't offer many programs because their aren't many HDTV sets to receive the shows.

The "HiVision" programming that Channel 8 offered for its grand premiere Monday demonstrated a picture quality that was vastly sharper and brighter than normal TV.

Not every scene was noticeably better. During a broadcast of aerial views of New York, the distant shots looked pretty much like normal color TV. But when the camera zoomed in for a close-up of the Statue of Liberty, the clarity and detail was so stunning that the audience gasped aloud.

CITY

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think twice about doing it."

The move is part of a growing trend to fight prostitution by humiliating johns.

City leaders in Long Beach, Calif., this month voted to publish a list of men convicted of soliciting sex from prostitutes. The Police Department was instructed to compile the list and buy advertising space in the city newspaper.

Such tactics may be radical, said Wichita attorney Charles O'Hara, but they are not likely to hinder the world's oldest profession.

"Why don't we go ahead and have public hangings?" said O'Hara.

"I think they will vote for anything that they think is politically popular, even though it's unfair, unworkable and probably illegal," he said.

Earlier this year, O'Hara spoke out against a local ordinance that

makes it easier for judges to impose mandatory, 5-day jail terms for those convicted of prostitution or related offenses. Despite flickering opposition, the law passed unanimously.

"They make it look like a vote against these laws is a vote for prostitution," O'Hara said. "In actuality, it would just be a message that we've got more important things in this city to worry about."

Mayor Bob Knight said Monday that he supports measures to crack down on prostitution, even though the changes are not likely to eliminate the problem.

"But you do make a distinction between discreet and indiscreet behavior," Knight said. "When they're out on the streets and it's flagrant and disrupts the lives of children, schools, businesses and neighborhoods, we want it stopped."

Ward said the proposed legislation also would allow officers to seize hotel property if they discover that prostitutes are conducting busi-

ness inside.

"It's just blatant, in some places, what they're doing," Ward said.

Dale Churchman, who lives on South Broadway, said he favors any measures to get tough on prostitutes and their customers.

"Right now there's not much teeth in the laws they have," said Churchman, a member of the South-Central Progressive Association, a neighborhood group that proposed the new laws.

"I would think that if somebody would lose the family station wagon, they'd think twice," he said.

O'Hara said officers would probably bypass the city's upscale hotels, where he says higher-priced call girls and upper-class customers break the same law as the 200 to 250 prostitutes who are arrested each year for walking streets like South Broadway.

"It's another case of 'Let's arrest the poor people,'" O'Hara said. "Let's arrest the ones who are so desperate that they're selling their

bodies. Let's not worry about the real problem, the social problem."

Council member Stan Reeser said he will support the city's legislative agenda, although he questions the anti-prostitution measure.

"We should at least have the freedom to enact something like that if we want to," Reeser said.

Also as part of their legislative agenda, city leaders will:

■ Support a bill that would increase penalties for crimes committed by gang members and would make drive-by shootings felony offenses.

■ Support measures to streamline the procedure for condemning buildings.

■ Support legislation that would provide financial incentives for local governments to consolidate.

■ Oppose legislation that would include all property values — even that of property that is exempt from the tax rolls — from the school finance formula.

COUNCIL AGENDA

The Wichita City Council will meet at 9 a.m. today in the council chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main. Some of the items on the agenda:

■ Historic preservation plan. The council is expected to approve a general guide for protecting and preserving Wichita's historic buildings and other landmarks.

■ Old Town. The council will consider a new development agreement with Marketplace Properties that will guide the second phase of development in the city's warehouse district.

■ Water conservation. After the meeting, council members and city staff will meet to discuss ways to sustain Wichita's dwindling water sources.

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