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### HUMANE SOCIETY APPEAL

DENVER — The American Humane Association is appealing to Denmark and the U.S. Air Force to provide assistance in rescuing 300 sled dogs stranded on a drifting ice floe off Greenland.

The dogs were abandoned Sunday near the settlement of Umanak during a major storm when helicopters from Greenland rescued 21 seal hunters and 15 others were picked up by boat after the floe broke up.

### DISPLACED ALLIGATOR

BELLEVUE, Wash. — A stunted, orphaned, 10-year-old alligator is headed from the chilly Pacific Northwest to the more hospitable climes of Florida. The 4-foot-long, 10-pound gator was brought to the Bellevue

Humane Society and director Gene Herrman immediately sought ways to get it south.

"It's a displaced alligator," he said. "He represents all the alligators that people pick up and forceably and unfairly remove from their natural habitat."

### ALASKA OIL SPILL SALVAGE

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — An oil spill resulting from sabotage on the trans-Alaska oil pipeline Feb. 15 apparently caused no serious environmental damage, state officials say.

Approximately 600,000 gallons of crude spurted from a 1½-inch hole punched in the line by a plastic shape-charge and spilled on Steele Creek approximately 6 miles east of Fairbanks. John Janssen of the state Department of Environmental Conservation

said water and oil had been pumped from the spill area. Most of the oil was recovered and the rest was burned. Janssen said vegetation was growing back at the spill site. No arrests have been made in connection with the blast.

### WANT TO HUNT ELEPHANTS

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Three organizations of sports hunters have gone to federal court in an attempt to force the U.S. Department of the Interior to remove the African elephant from its list of threatened species.

The Safari Club International, the Safari Club International Conservation Fund and the American Hunters Education and Legal Protection Fund claim the government classified elephants as threatened without taking into account pertinent scientific data.

## Marine says pot helps to control his 81 allergies

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (UPI) — Marine Sgt. David L. Strider told the North Carolina Drug Commission Thursday he was living proof of the beneficial properties of marijuana, saying he needs the substance to deal with his 81 allergies.

Strider, 25, a five-year veteran of the Marine Corps, said he was being threatened with discharge because of his admitted use of pot. A Marine spokesman said Strider was a candidate for a possible medical discharge.

He appealed to the 21-member commission to exempt him from state marijuana possession laws, a request the commission agreed to study.

"Not until marijuana was introduced to me did I receive the needed relief I sought," Strider said in his application for the exemption.

He said he was allergic to a number of substances including house dust, molds, trees, grasses, four grains and various foods.

## No disability benefits for retiring Singlaub

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, a vocal critic of President Carter's policies, is retiring from the Army next week without disability benefits.

The denial of those benefits comes as a surprise to many of his fellow officers, who had expected that battle wounds and the cumulative physical effects of a rigorous 35-year military career would entitle

Singlaub to the benefits.

But Army officials said Singlaub, 56, had been "medically evaluated," and that it had been decided he will not receive any Army disability benefits.

The action denies him the right to what could have been a substantial income tax break on his \$31,455 annual pension.

Officials said the Army action does not bar Singlaub from applying to the Veteran's Administration for some form of disability benefits.

For many years, it was common practice for retiring generals and admirals to collect generous disability benefits for their services. But the practice was tightened in 1973 after members of Congress complained of what they called unwarranted tax breaks for senior officers.

Singlaub, a decorated veteran of three wars, put in for retirement after he was called before Army leaders a month ago to explain his public criticism of President Carter's decision to defer production of the neutron warhead, the Panama Canal treaties and other policies.

It was Singlaub's second public attack on administration policies. A year earlier, he criticized Carter's decision to withdraw U.S. ground troops from South Korea, where Singlaub then was chief of staff of American forces.

## She doesn't traffic with kissin' cops

NEW YORK (UPI) — When it was all over, Gail Baxter said she wasn't going to "kiss and make up" with a traffic cop she took to court on charges he wanted a kiss to forget a parking ticket.

"It's not an issue of kiss or not to kiss," Mrs. Baxter said of the case she brought against traffic cop Toby Wilkins.

Mrs. Baxter lost her case Thursday when Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Jack Brickley said there was "reasonable doubt" as to the guilt of Wilkins, 30, who was charged with official misconduct and attempted coercion.

Mrs. Baxter, also 30, was disappointed by the decision. "I'm not going to kiss and make up," she said.

At the trial, Jerry Braddy, another traffic cop, claimed he — not Wilkins — was the one who jokingly asked for a kiss.



### Firefighters to the rescue

Firefighters worked for nearly two hours to free David Hogan in Boston's West Roxbury section. Hogan's car went out of control and struck a telephone pole. He was rushed to a hospital in critical condition. (UPI)

## Barefoot 'psycho' kills 1, hurts 2 in NYC

NEW YORK (UPI) — A barefoot "psycho" shot a police officer to death with his own gun during Friday morning rush hour in Manhattan's huge Port Authority Bus Terminal, then fired into a crowd of terrified commuters, wounding two.

Another Port Authority officer shot the gunman dead.

The slain officer, Henry J. Koebel Jr., 27, of Fords, N.J., was pronounced dead at Roosevelt Hospital after he was shot in the face and pistol-whipped with his own gun by a man identified as Nemiah Huger, 25.

One witness said he'd seen the shoeless gunman earlier in the morning

"dancing around" the Greyhound ticket stand heckling commuters.

A police officer said he thought the man was one of the "regular psychos who hang around the terminal."

Two commuters, Emma Rachko, 58, of New York, and Thomas Langan, 51, of Old Bridge, N.J., were hit by stray bullets from the gunman. Miss Rachko was shot once in the temple; Langan was hit in the right arm and leg.

Both were listed in satisfactory condition at St. Clare's Hospital.

Port Authority Detective Capt. John Boland said the gunman grabbed Koebel's revolver and started shooting

as Koebel was trying to either arrest him or escort him away from the entrance to the terminal.

The officer, shot twice in the chest and once in the face, fell on his stomach and witnesses said the gunman bludgeoned him with the revolver.

Then the man put the gun in his back pocket and began walking toward the Greyhound ticket area.

Officer Wayne Kontje spotted the man and ordered him to halt, Boland said.

The man went for the gun again, sprayed three shots through the crowd, and was shot dead by Kontje.

## Hayes to lead Coast Guard

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adm. John Briggs Hayes, 54, will take command of the U.S. Coast Guard as the 16th commandant in a ceremony Tuesday at the Washington Navy Yard.

Hayes will be sworn in by Transportation Secretary Brock Adams. He was nominated for the post by President Carter last February while serving as commander of the 17th Coast Guard District in Alaska.

He will succeed Adm. Owen W. Siler, who is retiring after 35 years in the service.

Hayes, born in Jamestown, N.Y., graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1946.