

## The Rockies State educators disagree with ban of AIDS victims

Associated Press

**DENVER** — The state Board of Education Thursday recommended that local school districts deal with AIDS victims on a case-by-case basis, instead of instituting blanket bans of victims.

The board also directed the state Department of Education to develop a set of AIDS guidelines for adoption in November. These guidelines will be made available to local school districts.

Mesa County Valley School District 51 is setting up a task force to research AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, so the board will be prepared in the event a case should arise locally, said board member Tom Moore.

"That initial set of guidelines (the state board), I'm sure is going

to be a starting point for the local group to look at," said Gary Carr, District 51's community relations officer.

Carr said he did not know whether the local board would follow the state board's recommendations in their entirety or whether it would make changes.

The first case of a student with AIDS in Colorado occurred this week in the Denver Public Schools. The superintendent barred the teenage boy from the classroom, saying it was a precautionary measure for the safety of his classmates.

Responding to the superintendent's action, a teacher who heads a fund-raising committee for AIDS research on Thursday called school officials to let the teen and

boy return to school.

The district should allow children with AIDS at its sites to attend school unless exposure to other children would endanger them, said Tom Watson, a third grade teacher at Galpin Elementary School.

"If a child actually had AIDS and was in my classroom, no parents would be that he would reach children or a child at home from other members of the families," he said.

Some students at East High School in Denver also were upset by the Denver Public Schools decision.

"I don't think it's right," said Chris Black, 15. "I think he should be able to live his life, even though he has the disease."

## Panel OKs property tax hike limits

Associated Press

**DENVER** — A bill to head off a property tax revolt in Colorado two years from now got initial approval by the Legislature's tax policy committee and observers say it will become a major issue when lawmakers convene in January.

The measure would place a limit on the property tax hikes when a statewide property tax reassessment begins in 1987.

Property is now taxed at 1977 valuations but in 1987 it will be reassessed at 1983 levels.

"The effect is going to be astronomical unless we do something about it," said bill sponsor Rep. Chris Paulson, R-Englewood.

You can imagine what the reassessment means on the Front Range where there are areas that have seen a doubling of values," Paulson said.

Paulson said many homes have jumped in value from the \$50,000 range to the \$100,000 class. That would send property taxes soaring from the present \$800 a year to \$1,600 unless local governments are forced to adjust their mill levies downward.

The bill would limit local governments to a 4 percent revenue increase.

And Paulson said those local governments might not be so resistant to rising the type of backlash that produced California's Proposition 13.



Special delivery

David Randall, left, and Tracy Mead, director of the Mesa Southwest Museum in Phoenix, Ariz., delivered some unusual cargo to the museum recently. The replica of a tyrannosaur, along with five other statues, will go on display soon.

## No winner seen after Dems' vote

Associated Press

**DENVER** — After a first-over election by mail, Democrats in the Colorado House of Representatives remained without a new minority leader on Thursday and face a second round of balloting.

Contending as successors to Rep. David Skaggs, of Boulder, in the election were Reps. Bob Shoemaker, of Canon City; Larry Traudt, of Pueblo; and Phil Hernandez, of Pueblo.

Skaggs is stepping down as mi-

nority leader to prepare for a race in the 2nd Congressional District. His resignation is effective next month and Democrats had hoped to elect a successor before then.

Because the 11 caucus members could not all be in Denver for Thursday's election, balloting was carried out by mail. Members had decided earlier the winner must have a majority plus one margin.

When the related vote envelopes were opened and counted, Traudt had 9 votes, Shoemaker 7 and Her-

andez 2, Skaggs announced.

"We'll send out new ballots tomorrow (Friday) and count them again on Oct. 24," he said.

Shoemaker, a rancher, was not present for the balloting, but was in a committee meeting elsewhere in the State Capitol building.

When told the results by reporters, Shoemaker said he was surprised at his seven-vote total.

## Wire check

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**Denver**

**Hospitals sold in \$178 million deal**

American Medical International Inc. and PSL Health Care Corp. — Colorado's largest hospital system — announced Thursday that Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center had been sold to AMI for \$178 million cash. Included in the transaction were Presbyterian Denver Hospital, a 430-bed medical center; St. Luke's Hospital with 465 beds; Presbyterian Aurora Hospital with 134 beds and several allied facilities.

AMI also acquires management contracts for hospitals in Vail and Estes Park and Coffey, Kansas.

**Boulder**

**Frat fires set for revenge, expert says**

A string of Colorado fratricides were set on fire by an angry friend or someone who is disgruntled because he was admitted to a fraternity, a Boulder investigator said Thursday.

The fires are "almost textbook cases" of someone seeking revenge, said Boulder Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Harvey. "We are obviously dealing with a very sick person or persons."

He said he based his conclusion in part on a personality profile developed by Dr. John MacDonald, a forensic psychiatrist at the University of Colorado.

**Colorado Springs**

**Twins' human milk supply dwindles**

An urgent need for mother's milk for a set of Aurora twins has resulted from a statewide campaign into a national plan for donations, according to a woman who is helping the drive.

The 1-month-old twins, Sarahly and Ely Vincent, are sons of Bruce and Sharon Vincent. They are allergic to all baby formulas and gain's milk can drink only mother's milk.

The twins' requirement of 800 ounces of mother's milk each month has not changed but their steady supply has.

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