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A Last Farewell

Mourners pray at a funeral mass for four Jemez Pueblo firefighters at San Diego Church. More than 350 people crowded into the church on Tuesday, and another 300 stood outside. The men were killed in a

truck accident on Sunday in Idaho, where they had been battling forest fires. The four were laid to rest in the small churchyard, which is located in the heart of Jemez Pueblo. Story on Page D3.

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More Snarls On the Way Along I-25

On-Ramps at Grand, Lomas To Be Closed

By Ellen Marks

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

State Highway officials on Tuesday unveiled a \$10 million redesign of Albuquerque's I-25 near Downtown that will eliminate two of the city's most frequently used on-ramps — Grand and Lomas.

Scheduled to begin in October, the project also ensures additional traffic snarls for motorists already facing detours at another I-25 construction site.

The plan is aimed at reducing an accident rate that is higher than on any other stretch of I-25 through Albuquerque, State Highway Department environmentalist Rochelle Byars said.

In addition to closing the two on-ramps, the project will widen the Grand and Lomas exit ramps to two lanes. It will involve southbound I-25 only.

The construction will affect thousands of Northeast Heights residents who travel Downtown daily by heading west on I-40 and then south on I-25, assistant district engineer Bill Moore said.

He said traffic congestion is likely to resemble the snarls caused by the \$15.7 million project under way near Candelaria, which involves building two new interchanges, improving frontage roads and reconstructing the Candelaria bridge.

That project began in July and is expected to last nearly two years. The new project also is expected to be completed in about two years.

"Believe me, if there were a better way, I wish someone would tell me so we could do it," Moore said. "We don't have any way of building the projects in some parking lot and airlifting them in... so we don't inconvenience people."

Luis Duffy, State Highway engineer of technical services, said if the projects were not done simult-

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Hotel Plans Involve Sticky Conditions

By Jim Martin

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BetaWest Properties Inc.'s plans to build a downtown hotel project involve several conditions it wants the city to meet, including one that may violate federal anti-trust laws.

Last month, BetaWest announced its intent to build an 18-story office, hotel and retail complex directly south of Civic Plaza on land owned by Mountain Bell. BetaWest is a sister company of Mountain Bell.

Attached to the proposal submitted

July 18 was a letter, which was not made public, describing what BetaWest wanted from the city.

BetaWest President David L. Sletta confirmed Tuesday that those conditions included:

■ The city would offer no incentives for a competing hotel to be built on city-owned land directly north of Civic Plaza before 1993.

■ The city would give BetaWest exclusive rights to the food and beverage concessions at the Convention Center and expansion facility.

■ The city would guarantee comple-

tion of the Convention Center expansion by 1989.

■ The city would build a parking structure in the 1,000-car range to supplement the 434-car underground facility BetaWest would build. This would be in addition to the 1,000-car facility the city plans to build for the Convention Center expansion.

"We consider those points negotiable," Sletta said from his Denver office. "During our initial talk with some councilors and other city officials, there were indications some of the things we asked for might be a problem."

Agreeing to the first condition would probably be illegal, Councilor Fran Hill said Tuesday.

"There is a general agreement that making such a deal on the city-owned land would be a violation of anti-trust laws," said Mrs. Hill, who is chairwoman of the Convention Center expansion steering committee.

The concessions issue requires some "sticky negotiation," Mrs. Hill said.

The Regent hotel currently has a contract with the city to provide all food

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THE H-BOMBING OF ALBUQUERQUE

Documents Explain Kirtland Accident

Safety Release Mechanism Blamed In Dropping of 10-Megaton Weapon

By David H. Morrissey

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

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A bomb that was accidentally dropped from a jet aircraft south of Kirtland Air Force base 29 years ago was hundreds of times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima, recently declassified government documents reveal.

The weapon — a hydrogen bomb — fell out of an Air Force B-36 bomber flying at 1,700 feet. It produced no nuclear explosion and no one was injured.

The bomb apparently fell from the jet because a safety release mechanism had been moved to the wrong position, the documents say.

The government first reported the accident in 1981, in a brief statement that said only that a bomber had dropped a nuclear

weapon of some kind in 1957.

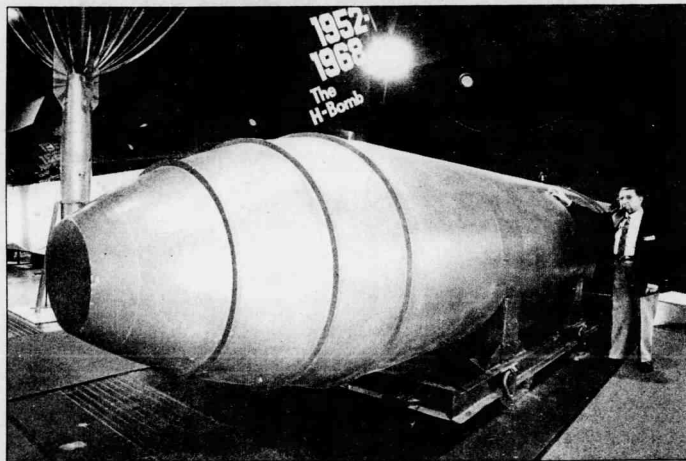
Documents declassified under the Freedom of Information Act and released to the Journal this week contain the first publicly reported description of the type of weapon and why the accident occurred.

Although the accident did not produce a nuclear explosion, the non-nuclear high explosives in the bomb detonated when the bomb slammed into the ground.

The documents say the weapon that fell from a B-36 bomber on May 22, 1957, was a "Mark 17" hydrogen bomb.

According to the "Nuclear Weapons Databook," a reference work on nuclear weapons, the Mark 17 was "the first droppable thermonuclear bomb to be tested." It was designed by Los Alamos National

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National Atomic Museum worker Woody Underwood lends perspective to a replica of the Mark 17 hydrogen bomb.

JOURNAL PHOTO / RICHARD PIPES

De la Madrid Discounts Doomsayers

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

MEXICO CITY — President Miguel de la Madrid said Mexico is not on the brink of collapse and needs more understanding on the part of the United States.

"My response to the prophecies of catastrophe, which in fact began when I took over the government, is the actual reality in the country," De la Madrid said. "In spite of the fact that it (Mexico) is a restless, effervescent country, social peace

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has been maintained. The institutions of the republic have acted with flexibility and efficiency as regards the crisis.

"The country is not paralyzed, the government continues to act and Mexican society is vigorous," he said.

Since early this summer, there has been much criticism of Mexico from within the United States. Part of this came from Senate hearings held by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and has centered on official corruption and allegations of election fraud in Mexico and increased illegal migration and drug trafficking to the United States.

A picture emerged of Mexico on the brink of financial, political and moral collapse.

De la Madrid, 51, said there was a need on the part of people in the United States to better understand Mexico.

"It seems to me that it is positive that American public opinion should show greater interest in Mexico," he said. "A greater understanding of our problems is the basis for increased cooperation and for increased mutual respect."

He said that, though his entire administration had been one of austerity, he thought Mexicans understood the problems the country faced.

"I believe that in general, public opinion has very well understood

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High Court To Review 'Dual Role' of Judge

By Patrice Locke

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GALLUP — A State Judicial Standards Commission recommendation that a Gallup judge be ordered to stop running a DWI school that his court refers clients to will be considered by the State Supreme Court next week, Chief Justice William Riordan said Tuesday.

A Judicial Standards Commission report filed with the Supreme Court Aug. 18 recommends that Lidio Rainaldi, who is both city judge and state magistrate, "be ordered to cease the simultaneous performance of his duties as judge and his ownership in the corporation

operating a DWI school."

According to the report, the commission held a hearing on the issue Aug. 1 and concluded "that the dual roles of Judge Rainaldi as municipal judge and owner and director of the DWI school violates canons 2 and 5D1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct in that his actions create an appearance of impropriety and his financial dealings tend to reflect adversely on his impartiality."

The report also concluded that Rainaldi's "direct pecuniary interest in having individuals appearing before him attend the DWI school creates an unacceptable potential

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WEDNESDAY

Good Morning

■ Another new project is planned along Albuquerque's I-25. The orange barrels have turned the city from a tourist attraction to a de-tourist attraction.

Weather

■ A 20 percent chance for thundershowers. Winds 10 to 20 mph. High near 80. Low upper 50s. Page D13.

Metropolitan

■ In his first speech to University of New Mexico faculty and staff, a solemn President Gerald May described tough financial times ahead and called for a new spirit of cooperation in overcoming them. Page D1.

Nation

■ Talks at increasingly higher levels between U.S. and Soviet representatives are quickly building a summit atmosphere, U.S. officials said. Page B11.

Sports

■ There was no fire in John McEnroe's game, no temper tantrums, no arguing with spectators. Now, there is no John McEnroe in the U.S. Open. Page C1.

TV-Entertainment

■ Ted Knight, the actor who won two Emmy awards as the pompous and dimwitted newscaster Ted Baxter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," died of cancer, Tuesday. Page A11.

World

■ South African security forces and residents of Soweto, the country's largest black township, clashed in street fighting. Page A3.

■ The Pentagon has ordered the carrier Forrestal to cancel a scheduled port call and resume patrols late this week in the central Mediterranean north of Libya. Page A2.

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Security Forces, Blacks Clash in Soweto Streets

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South African security forces and residents of Soweto, the country's largest black township, clashed Tuesday in street fighting which left more than 40 people hospitalized.

Residents in the huge township of 2 million people near Johannesburg said gunfire could still be heard late into the night following one of the most serious outbreaks of violence since the white-led government declared emergency rule on June 12.

Witnesses said the riots, in which at least one hand grenade was hurled at security forces, were sparked by an attempt to evict residents supporting a rent boycott, a popular form of black anti-apartheid protest.

They said the White City section of Soweto was sealed off by angry residents with blazing tires and boulders to stop troops and police from entering the area in armored personnel carriers.

Sources at the huge Baragwanath Hospital on the outskirts of Soweto said more than 40 casualties were brought in.

The government's Bureau for Informa-

tion said a white policeman and three black colleagues were wounded by shrapnel from the exploding hand grenade.

A White City resident said he rushed an old man to the hospital with blood streaming from stomach wounds.

Witnesses said security forces fired shotguns and tear gas in all directions as residents pelted them with rocks and bottles.

They said fighting began when black town officials, dubbed the "Blackjacks," arrived to break up the rent boycott, which has cost the state millions of dollars since it began in numerous townships across the

country in late 1984.

Rent increases declared by government-backed local authorities in impoverished black townships were largely responsible for unprecedented riots which erupted nationwide in September 1984 to claim well over 2,200 lives.

Pretoria imposed the emergency in June and detained thousands of dissidents after violence reached all corners of the country. But since the sweeping measures were announced, at least 252 people have died in continued clashes.

Meanwhile, Pretoria announced it was

ending three weeks of time-consuming border searches of export goods from neighboring black-ruled states which have urged international sanctions to force an end to apartheid.

The searches caused long delays in exports flowing through South Africa from Zambia and Zimbabwe in what Pretoria described as a survey of goods.

The exercise was largely seen as a warning to neighboring states to stop supporting the sanctions campaign which has intensified in the West since the emergency was declared.

WORLD BRIEFS

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Guerrilla Violence Kills 25 in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia — A fresh wave of guerrilla violence in Colombia has killed 25 people, including 10 soldiers who were ambushed on an army patrol.

The attacks came less than three weeks into the administration of new President Virgilio Barco, who has pledged to pacify the violence-plagued country.

The defense ministry said 10

soldiers were killed Monday in southwestern Cauca province when leftist rebels of the self-styled America Battalion ambushed their patrol.

Thirteen guerrillas and two soldiers died in other clashes in two other provinces and in the city of Cali, bringing to more than 70 the number of people killed in rebel attacks since Barco took office.

Reorganization Idles Miners in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia — The government began a reorganization of the mining industry Tuesday in which most operations either will be closed or offered to worker cooperatives and half the 20,000 miners may be fired.

Bolivian mining was nationalized when Victor Paz Estenssoro was president more than 30 years ago and is being restructured now under another Paz

Estenssoro presidency.

More than 7,000 miners have been dismissed in an attempt to cut the state company's huge losses since the president, now 78, took office a year ago.

A sharp decline in the world price of tin, the main ore produced in Bolivia, has had a devastating effect on the industry.

NATO Deploys 250,000 on Exercises

BONN, West Germany — Defense Minister Manfred Woerner announced Tuesday that about 250,000 NATO soldiers will take part in maneuvers in West Germany from mid-September until the end of October.

He said that in addition to the annual "Autumn Forge" exercise, 19 other NATO or West German military exercises are planned.

Apart from the maneuvers in West Germany, 35,000 soldiers from 10 NATO countries are to take part in the "Northern Wedding '86" exercise in the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean from Aug. 29 to Sept. 19, Woerner said.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Inmates Indicted in W. Virginia Pen Riot

MOUNDSVILLE, W.Va. — A grand jury indicted 28 inmates Tuesday for their role in a bloody New Year's Day riot at the West Virginia Penitentiary in which three prisoners were murdered.

Inmates armed with homemade knives and spears took 16 prison workers hostage on Jan. 1, seized control of the 120-year-old prison and held it for two days.

The hostages eventually were released, but three prisoners suspected of being part of an administration-run "snitch system" were stabbed to death.

Marshall County prosecutor Tom White said the 102-count indictment contains allegations ranging from murder and armed robbery to kidnapping and weapons possession.

U.S. Criticizes Weapons Sales to Iran

WASHINGTON — The State Department criticized China Tuesday for providing weapons to Iran for use against Iraq in the lingering and bloody Persian Gulf war.

A U.S. official, who insisted on anonymity, said China has become Iran's principal arms supplier, helping to overcome Iraq's

overwhelming lead in warplanes.

According to the Washington Post, the arms are worth at least \$300 million and include missiles, with tanks and a version of the MiG21 aircraft to be supplied later.

The U.S. complaint was worded carefully, however, in an apparent effort to avoid irritating the Chinese government.

Legionnaire's Disease Studied in Deaths

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — State health officials said Tuesday they are investigating an apparent outbreak of legionnaire's disease that may have killed four people and afflicted 20 others.

One case of the disease has been confirmed as the cause of death of a 67-year-old woman. Three other deaths are being

studied.

Nancy Kaufman, deputy director of the Wisconsin Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, said the first suspected case was reported August 10. In addition to the four deaths, 20 people, mostly elderly, have been hospitalized with symptoms which fit the profile of the disease.

Teacher Strikes Cancel Class for 13,000

Strikes by more than 900 teachers in Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania canceled class for more than 13,000 students Tuesday.

In the largest strike, which idled 8,200 students in Champaign, Ill., when 570 teachers walked off the job, talks resumed Tuesday under guidance of a federal mediator.

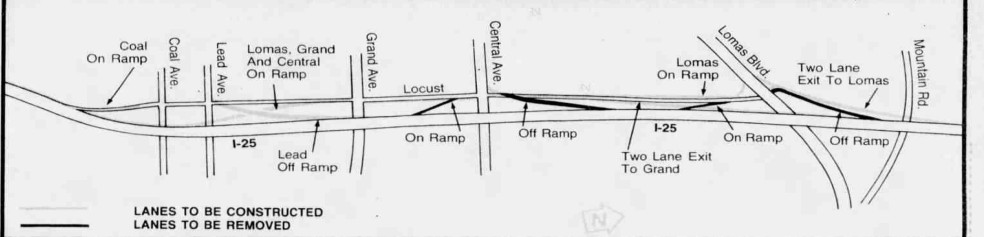
No talks were scheduled in the suburban Chicago Berkeley school district, where Tuesday's opening classes for 1,850 students were canceled by a strike

of 111 teachers.

In Michigan, a strike by 55 teachers in the Harbor Beach School District idled 1,050 students, and 92 teachers were off the job for the second straight day in Vassar, keeping 1,982 students from class.

In western Pennsylvania's Clarion County, 90 teachers and counselors did not report to work for a second day Tuesday because they had no contract with the Keystone School District, which serves about 1,450 students.

SOUTH I-25 RAMP ALTERATIONS



More Traffic Snarls on Way Along I-25

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taneously — but spread out over several years — the highway department would not be able to keep up with additional improvement needs that arise.

"Every year for the past few years we have had more than one interstate project at a time," Duffy said. "You could say we do projects like these simultaneously for the sake of expediency; we're taking care of the existing problems concerning interstate travel."

The first phase, to last at least 10 months, will widen the Lomas and Grand exits to two lanes to "keep cars from backing up on the interstate," Ms. Byars said.

But the major part of the project will begin sometime next year during the second phase, when the Lomas and Grand entrance ramps will be ripped out, she said.

Traffic will be routed onto Locust, which runs parallel to the freeway, and then onto a new Central Avenue bridge leading to I-25. The Central bridge will be located directly above a new Lead exit ramp.

The Grand exit will be moved farther north because "the longer the distance between (interchanges), the less problem with weaving," Ms. Byars said.

"South of the Big I, there is a tremendous weaving problem," she said. "The ramps are too close together, there aren't enough lanes

and there are too many cars."

Similar northbound improvements on I-25 are scheduled for the future, Moore said.

Moore suggested drivers heading into the city avoid the area by instead taking I-40 west to Second, Fourth, Sixth, 12th or Rio Grande Boulevard.

The projects that will plague I-25 traffic for at least two years are part of a five-year plan to improve safety on the north-south highway as federal money becomes available, Moore said.

"In general, we build when money becomes available," he said. "Almost every other year, we seem to hit a peak where major projects are done. It just so happens that's

the way the cycle's been."

At a sparsely attended public hearing Tuesday night, two residents expressed concern over the impact on property in the area.

Kevin Georges of Memorial Hospital, at 806 Central SE, was concerned about the project closing the Locust Street entrance to the hospital's parking lot.

Duffy said the State Highway Department plans to extend the hospital's Central Avenue entrance so that access can be provided into the visitor's parking lots.

Access to the Gulf Service Station at the corner of Locust and Lead will also have to be closed. Duffy said another entrance on Lead will be built to replace it.

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and beverages for events at the Convention Center. A clause in the contract allows the city to cancel it on short notice.

"We had always considered holding out the concession contract as a carrot to attract a top-notch hotel," Mrs. Hill said. "But, at the same time, we don't want to do something that would be unfair to The Regent."

The concession contract was worth \$1.75 million to The Regent in 1985, according to Dick Rahm, who represents the New Jersey firm expected to purchase the hotel early next month.

Rahm declined to comment on what impact loss of the contract would have on the new owner's plans for The Regent.

"The city could live with the 1989 target date for completion of the expansion project," Mrs. Hill said, if BetaWest will make a commitment soon to build the hotel.

"We can't start on the Convention Center until there is a guarantee on the hotel," she added.

Providing parking for the BetaWest project poses several problems for the city.

The 1,000-car parking garage for the Convention Center is budgeted at \$7.5 million. The cost of the garage for the BetaWest project would be comparable if it can be built on land the city already owns.

"BetaWest had wanted the city to build the garage on their property, but we can't do that," Mrs. Hill said. "The city can't build on land it doesn't own, and we can't afford to buy the property and lease it back to BetaWest."

The city is considering building a parking garage of city-owned land downtown, then transferring some of the permit-by-month parking spaces out of the facility under Civic Plaza.

"We could give some of the Civic Plaza parking to BetaWest," Mrs. Hill said, "but that wouldn't be enough to solve the problem."

Federal tax laws would prohibit the city from giving more than 25 percent of the spaces in the new Convention Center parking garage to BetaWest, because the project

will be built with revenue bonds.

Another possible solution is for the city and BetaWest to apply for a federal Urban Development Action Grant.

The grant money could be loaned by the city to BetaWest to build a parking garage. That would elimi-

nate the 25-percent limitation, because bond money wouldn't be involved.

Oct. 31 is the deadline on applying for the next round of UDAG grants, which may be the last offered by the federal government.

Scholarships Awarded For Studies in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 150 students from Central America have been awarded scholarships to study at technical and vocational schools around the country, officials have announced.

The Central American Scholarship Program, financed by the Agency for International Development, was set up last year to give young people from six Central American countries an opportunity to study in the United States.

So far, 334 scholarships have been awarded, including 219 two-year grants and 115 grants for study between three months and six months.

The participating schools include Altona Area Vo-Tech School, Altona, Pa.; Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Mass.; Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, Mass.; Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, Kan.; El Paso Community College, El Paso, Texas; Essex Community College, Baltimore, Md.; Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mount Aloysius Junior College, Cresson, Pa.; Tompkins Cortland Community College, Dryden, N.Y.; Tri-County Area Vocational Technical, Bartlesville, Okla.; UWC-Richard Center, Richards Center, Wisc.; Waukesha County Technical Institute, Pewaukee, Wisc.

Documents Explain '57 H-Bomb Story

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Laboratory in 1952, weighed 42,000 pounds, was 24 1/2 feet long, and 5 feet in diameter.

The explosive yield of the weapon remains classified. But Dr. Stan Norris, a research associate with the Natural Resources Defense Council and a specialist on nuclear weapons, said most researchers who have studied the Mark 17 believe its yield "was in excess of 10 megatons."

"It is possibly the most powerful bomb we ever made," Norris said.

The largest warhead in America's nuclear stockpile today has a yield of 9 megatons, the Databook says.

A megaton is a measure of the explosive yield of a nuclear weapon equivalent to a million tons (1,000 kilotons) of TNT. The atomic bomb dropped at Hiroshima in World War II had a yield of about 16 kilotons.

A hydrogen bomb with a yield of

10 megatons has an explosive force about 625 times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb.

The Defense Department says there were 32 serious accidents involving American nuclear weapons between 1950 and 1986, but that no American nuclear weapon has ever detonated during an accident.

Modern nuclear weapons contain safety features making accidental nuclear detonation "virtually impossible," the Departments of Defense and Energy both say. Those features are supposed to prevent a weapon from exploding on impact if it is accidentally dropped.

Norris agrees that "even in the early years of the nuclear program safety was a great consideration with the government." The Mark 17 "was very primitive by today's standards, in terms of safety devices. But it didn't go off and we don't know how serious the accident

was."

The bomber carrying the H-bomb was Kirtland in 1957, was coming from Biggs Army Air Field in Texas.

The documents do not specifically explain why the bomb fell out of the plane — taking the bomb bay doors with it. But they suggest a safety mechanism had been moved to the wrong position.

A 1957 Defense Department document titled "Cause of Accidental Dropping of A Weapon in May," says the bomb was "supported in the bomb-bay by means of a 'wrap around' sling that is releasable at one of its ends by means of a release mechanism."

Once a "jetison safety pin" is removed, the sling can be released by a cockpit manual release, "connected by a wire to the release mechanism, it says.

A protective cover encloses the wire near the release mechanism.

But the sling was repositioned and the cover was moved resulting "in a Kirtland in 1957, was coming from Biggs Army Air Field in Texas." The document says.

The document's last paragraph, explaining what happened to the exposed and unprotected release wire, was edited out of the copy of the document released to the Journal.

What is known is that the bomb fell from the B-36 bomber and hit the ground 4 1/2 miles south of Kirtland's control tower, on unimproved land owned by the University of New Mexico.

When the bomb hit the ground the non-nuclear high explosives detonated, digging a crater "approximately 25 feet in diameter and 12 feet deep." Bomb fragments "scattered as far as one mile."

Minor radioactive contamination was detected in the crater, the documents say.

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Court To Review 'Dual Role' of Judge

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for the deprivation of due process of law."

Rainaldi was not available for comment on the issue Tuesday.

Under a city ordinance, the municipal judge may be director of the DWI school and receive \$5,000 a year for duties as DWI school

director, paid in biweekly installments.

DWI school participants pay \$50 each to attend the school.

The municipal court pays the city \$20 a person for attendance at the DWI school.

According to the 1985 Municipal Court annual report, 745 individuals were charged with DWI. The report

indicates that 346 of those people were registered in the DWI school and 319 completed the school.

In a November letter to the Supreme Court, Rainaldi indicated that funds from the DWI school have been used for computers for the magistrate and municipal courts, instructors for the DWI classes and rent on the facilities to

hold the classes. He said money was also used to buy court equipment and build a courtroom for the magistrate court.

Persons convicted of driving while intoxicated for the first time may attend a school or alcohol-related offenses in order to avoid losing their drivers' licenses for a full year.