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Deputies wrestle Olof Sundin, a Trident protester, to the ground outside the Bangor base yesterday.

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Barney Clark suffers 'crisis'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Barney Clark suffered a "crisis" today and doctors were seen rushing to the room of the world's first permanent artificial-heart recipient, his doctor's secretary said.

"I only know that there was a crisis," said Joanna Palmer, secretary to Dr. Chase Peterson.

She said she heard that from the University of Utah Medical Center community relations department.

Spokesmen were not immediately available for comment.

Earlier, doctors had reported that the retired, Seattle-area dentist was "slightly improved," even though his kidneys continued to malfunction.

Peterson, the medical center's vice president for health sciences, said doctors suspected Clark may be suffering from a virus common to transplant patients who receive large doses of anti-rejection drugs. However, Clark, an implant patient, has received no such drugs since December.

The virus, for which there is no treatment, can affect the kidneys and other organs, Peterson said at a news conference.

"Whether or not it (the virus) is causing all the troubles he has is not clear," Peterson said.

Clark, 62, has suffered from a fever and failing kidneys since late last week. The fever, which has gone as high as 102 degrees, broke overnight, but was back to 101 later this morning, Peterson said.

In addition, Peterson said, Clark is suffering from pseudomembranous colitis, which signals the presence of an infection in the bowel.

"We have to assume that there is some toxic function in the kidney and bowel," Peterson said. He said Clark's kidneys contained no stones, clots or blockages.

Peterson said the fever could be related either to the virus or the colitis.

Clark's wife, Una Loy, was at his bedside as the retired dentist entered his 112th day with the plastic heart.

Clark was on the verge of death from heart failure when he was picked to receive the Jarvik-7 heart by a University of Utah Medical Center panel. He was suffering from cardiomyopathy, a degenerative and incurable disease of the heart muscle.

Two minutes an eternity for Trident protesters

by Paul Andrews
Times staff reporter

BANGOR, Kitsap County — Only about 120 seconds passed from the time a train believed carrying Trident missile warheads rounded a bend till it disappeared into the submarine base here.

But for the people there, those two minutes were an eternity of drama and action.

When the train first appeared yesterday — its beacon shining in the sunlight, its whistle sounding warning blasts — police, reporters and 200 or so protesters who had waited days for the moment seemed mesmerized.

The train, traveling about 35 mph, slowed perceptibly, but gave no indication it would stop.

The line of protesters, stretched single file to the right of the tracks, did not move at first. Then, suddenly, groups of two or three persons — 8 or 10 in all — proceeded toward the tracks.

Kitsap County sheriff's deputies were ready. They intercepted most of the demonstrators before they reached the tracks. Locking arms around them, the deputies held the protesters tight while the train neared.

Still, tension grew as moments passed. The crowd was pressing closer to the tracks, deputies were shouting at people to stay back. Then one man, who had reached the tracks and gone limp, forcing deputies to lift him bodily over to the side, suddenly lunged toward the tracks.

There were shouts from the crowd. The group pushed forward as TV cameras and reporters closed in. Tempers flared as onlookers jockeyed for better viewing position.

The man, Olof Sundin, a self-employed ship broker from Bellevue, managed to stand up and drag two deputies a few feet toward the train. Straining, the deputies wrestled him to the ground and held him flat as the train rumbled past.

And then it was over. Groups of women, some weeping, others consoling, knelt by the tracks and huddled together. Deputies pushed six demonstrators they had arrested — later dubbed the "Bangor 6" — through the knot of humanity. They were taken to the county courthouse in Port Orchard and booked on misdemeanor charges of obstructing railroad tracks.

They were:
• Paul Stanfield, 23, of Hoquiam, an Evergreen State College student and part-time disc jockey. He said he has worked on

anti-draft and peace issues.

"I wanted to stop the train," he said later, after pleading not guilty in Kitsap District Court. "But I realize now that that train wasn't going to stop, no matter what."

• Frederick Rakevich, 50, of Elma. The only protester to plead guilty, he told Judge W. Daniel Phillips, "It might be I wanted to give my life to a movement I believe in."

• Karen Ann Sticklin, 35, of Seattle, a worker with the mentally retarded. She pleaded not guilty. "Since I prefer to live in peace, I feel compelled to act to achieve world disarmament," she said in a printed statement.

• Jeanne Clark, 45, a Dominican nun from Poulsbo who told Phillips: "I plead on behalf of the children." The judge entered a plea of not guilty for her.

• Johnny Baranski, 34, a Portland poet and St. Vincent De Paul employee, who refused to enter a plea but on whose behalf a not-guilty plea also was entered by the judge.

Baranski said his action was "a life-insurance policy for my daughters... it is a way of saying that Trident, the ultimate in abortion, stops here, on this railroad track, with me. Jail, as a result, is not too

large a price."

Finally, there was Sundin, father of four who came to this country 15 years ago from Sweden. He pleaded not guilty to charges of obstructing the railroad and resisting arrest.

Why had he done it?
"I could not ignore the train," he said. "I had to do it as a personal statement for peace. I would rather have done it at a place where there weren't so many media, however. They made it awkward."

Sundin denied he had tried to throw himself under the train.

"I was trying to stand up simply to see the train, and they (deputies) misconstrued that I was trying to get back on the tracks, so they restrained me."

He said the deputies acted "professionally and calmly. I have no bruises or anything."

Those arrested spent about three hours in jail, but after arraignment were released on personal recognizance to await trial or sentencing.

Just one of the 100 or so warheads believed to be on the train could destroy a large city. B 1.

Hughes' life is spared by deadlocked jury

by Steve Johnston and Julie Emery
Times staff reporters

A deadlocked jury yesterday spared the life of Robert Wayne Hughes, sentencing him to life in prison without possibility of parole for last summer's slaying of a police detective near Black Diamond.

Jurors wore serious expressions when — after nearly 11 hours of deliberation — the verdict was read before King County Superior Court Judge George Mattson at about 6:20 p.m.

The panel had the option of condemning Hughes to death —

which would have required agreement by all 12 jurors — or of ordering him to prison for life.

Laura Jaeger, court clerk, read the verdict aloud in court, saying that panel members were unable to agree on the death-penalty issue and instead were sentencing the former convict to life without parole.

After the verdict was announced, the eight men and four women left the court in an apparent pact of silence, refusing comment on how they were split and why they could not come to terms on the death penalty.

The 30-year-old Hughes was not present for the verdict, having

elect to remain in his cell in the King County Jail.

Bill Jaquette, one of Hughes' attorneys, appeared elated at the decision, saying he did not know what swayed the jurors. He said he expects Hughes' conviction to be appealed, adding that the defendant had been through a lot and "it was easier for him to take it" in his familiar jail surroundings.

"A lot of it he really didn't understand or really see what we were up to," Jaquette said, referring to defense trial tactics. Randy Barnard was his co-counsel.

Hughes was found guilty of aggravated first-degree murder March 12 by the same jury for

shooting county police Sgt. Sam Hicks during a gun battle on June 24.

Hicks was looking for Hughes on the day of the shooting to question him about another murder case. Hughes opened fire on Hicks and his partner, Leo Hursh, with a high-powered rifle, hitting Hicks in the chest.

After the verdict, Jaquette asked the judge for permission to speak to jurors, but Mattson said no at the urging of the jury foreman.

Twice yesterday — at about 2 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. — the defense asked Mattson to conclude that the jury was unable to reach

an agreement after what the defense saw as an excessive deliberation period. The judge denied both motions.

Senior deputy prosecutor Joanne Maida had said in a closing statement that the jury had an obligation to society to put Hughes to death. She labeled him a walking time bomb with a short fuse.

Jaquette argued that while Hughes did kill Hicks, he didn't deserve to die for it. Jaquette cited other murder cases — including the Charles Campbell triple-slaying

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Australia frees Oregon 'drug grannies'

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Two Oregon women caught with almost two tons of hashish in their camper van were freed from prison today and put on a plane for home, nine years before their 14-year sentences were to expire.

Florie Marie Bessire, 66, and Vera Todd Hays, 65, both of La Pine, Ore., were arrested in 1977 after narcotics officers found the hashish hidden in the false floor of a Mercedes-Benz camper they were driving across Australia. The drugs had an estimated street value of \$12.5 million.

Attorney General Gareth Evans said the women, who became known as the "drug grannies" because of their ages, had served enough time in prison to justify their release.

The women, who pleaded guilty to drug charges, were imprisoned at the Parker Center for Women in 1978. They would have been eligible for parole in 1986.

Officials at Canberra airport escorted the women aboard Qantas Airways Flight 3, bound for San Francisco via Honolulu. They prevented a crowd of reporters from reaching the two women, who smiled and waved.

Asked by one shouting reporter how it felt to be free, Bessire said: "Beautiful."

Neither woman looked back as they boarded the jetliner.

Evans said he had taken into account the age of the women, their health and their favorable prison and parole-board reports in his decision to free them as well as their cooperation with West German drug authorities to smash an international drug ring. The women's evidence reportedly resulted in the conviction of a leading international drug dealer.

Evans became attorney general 10 days after a new Labor Party government took office in Australia. The previous government, a Liberal-National Party coalition, ignored pleas by Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield for release of the women on compassionate grounds.

Hays lost the sight in one eye during her imprisonment and was reported suffering from backaches and hypertension.

"I believe they had no knowledge (of the impending release) until this morning when a representative of the attorney general's office

went to the prison," a spokesman for Australia's Ministry of Corrective Services said.

The spokesman said the women were given "gate money" on their departure from prison "so they won't be penniless on the streets."

He said the women had been assigned to light duties at the prison the past three years in deference to their declining health.

Despite their guilty pleas, the two insisted they were innocent in letters home and in telephone interviews.

According to their account of the drug seizure, the women said a nephew of Hays offered them a European vacation and \$25,000 if they would drive a van from West Germany to Bombay, India, and then take it to Australia. They said they had no idea the hashish was hidden in the vehicle.

Australian narcotics officials said that in addition to the \$25,000, the women were to receive \$200,000 for shipping the van to Australia.

Before embarking on the European trip, the women lived in a trailer home in La Pine. Neither is known to have immediate relatives.



Florie Marie Bessire, left, and Vera Todd Hays of La Pine, Ore., rejoice in a car on the way to Canberra airport after their release from an Australian prison, where they had served five years of a 14-year sentence for drug trafficking. They were being flown back to the United States today.

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