

Record low readings chill East

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The National Weather Service said the past winter was the coldest since 1976-77. All the temperature readings were not yet in, but the weather service says a sample of reports collected by the National Climatic Center at Asheville, N.C., indicates that average temperatures from December through February hit a new low.

Robert Quayle, a spokesman for the National Climatic Center, explained in an interview that a large sector of the eastern two-thirds of the United States had average temperatures more than eight degrees below

normal. Preliminary data showed there were three general "pockets" that were more than 10 degrees below normal — the Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky sector, the Nebraska, South Dakota region and Montana, he said.

January 1977 still stands as the single coldest month east of the Rockies since record gathering began in the late 1800s. And the service said average temperatures for this past winter combined with the previous one undoubtedly set a new low for back-to-back winters in the East.

The West was warmer than usual both

winters. Quayle said determining snowfall and rainfall records is more difficult because precipitation is often localized and not as easy to gauge as cold fronts, which are more consistent and larger.

However, he said, the two states that stand out for abnormally heavy snow or rain were Massachusetts and California.

Meteorologists said that although the past two winters were unusually cold east of the Rockies, different climatic circumstances were responsible.

High pressure in the west and low pressure

combined to pump arctic air deep into the United States both years. But this past winter's high pressure area was farther north and east over Canada, leaving California open and exposed to Pacific storms.

Jet stream winds were stronger and farther south this past winter, carrying storm after storm across the southern states about every five days. When that moist air collided with cold arctic air, the result was snow.

The weather service said new record cold winter average temperatures were reported this past winter at such widely scattered locations as Galveston, Texas; Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tenn.; and Concordia, Kan.

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'Metergate' losses cost San Francisco \$3 million

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Wags are calling it City Hall's "Metergate."

Politicians are calling for more investigations and tighter controls on city offices that handle cash.

They're all talking about it — the man on the street and the city's civil servants. And a grand jury audit in 1972 predicted it — right down to the last cent.

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The scandal, first disclosed Friday, concerned the arrest of 16 employees in the parking meter collection division of the Tax Collector's office. Ten were charged with stealing at least \$3 million in the last six years. The others for working only a half day and getting paid.

The night before last, Chief Administrative Officer Roger Boas suspended

Tax Collector Thad Brown. He didn't accuse Brown of being involved in the theft, but Boas said there should be a further inquiry before allowing Brown to resume his duties.

Brown charged Saturday night that the suspension was racially-motivated. He said he would take his case into the courts.

Quentin Kopp, president of the Board of Supervisors, said all city agencies which handle cash should be examined with an eye toward closing any loopholes that would allow theft.

An audit by Main LaFrenz & Co. explained in detail a potential for abuse that sounded like a script for the arrest. There was no action in City Hall as a result of its report to the Grand Jury.

Director of Finance and Records Virgil Elliott said he did not recall having seen the audit until last week, though he said he could not be sure because of the length of time involved.

Thomas G. Miller, named to succeed Brown temporarily, said he had heard of the report but it was not made public. He said a department is not required to respond to a grand jury report unless it is made public.

Meter collectors, who earn as much as \$13,000 a year, collect the money in locked canisters transported to City Hall in trucks for counting.

The audit said it was possible for employees to use keys to open the canisters and to divert money before counting.

Nation's mayors wary of Carter urban plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With some 50 wary mayors on hand, President Carter today was ready to unveil his program for America's cities and call for a partnership between federal, state and local governments to solve urban ills.

The long-awaited comprehensive urban policy was to be outlined at a late afternoon signing ceremony in the White House. The total cost was not yet known and various reports pegged it anywhere from \$2 billion to nearly twice that amount.

More than 50 mayors gathered in Washington to be on hand for the long-awaited plan. The president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Lee Alexander of Syracuse, N.Y., said his colleagues feared the new policy might "result in cities being caught in a squeeze between the states and neighborhood groups."

Alexander said the year-long policy development process "has seemed awkward," but mayors "are certain that the urban proposal ... will be a significant step in the right direction."

The Urban and Regional Policy Group, headed by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris, recommended a 10-point program. It stressed improving existing urban programs but it also

called for greater state involvement in defining urban policy, and direct funding of neighborhood groups in urban revitalization efforts.

"The bottom line of the Carter approach is to make better use of what we already have on the books," one summary of the policy said.

Among the major innovations of the Carter program is a kind of "urban impact statement" under which all federal programs and activities will be evaluated to determine if they are in line with the urban policy before they are approved.

On the state level, the recommendations include a call for incentives to states "to help implement comprehensive urban policies" through revenue sharing funds channeled directly to the states, plus "flexible additional funds" to states.

At the private sector level, the recommendations include a call for "strong incentives" in the form of government-sponsored industrial expansion and improvement loans at lower rates for businesses to remain, expand or relocate in economically troubled areas.

Increased federal purchasing targeted to such firms is also being proposed.

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CLOTHING AFLAME, JAPANESE RIOT POLICE SEEK SHELTER

... they were targets for radicals' firebombs in airport battle near Tokyo

Japan riot police battle airport foes

TOKYO (UPI) — Riot police firing tear gas and water cannon today stormed a 62-foot steel tower atop a concrete fortress built by leftist radicals to block the opening of Tokyo's new international airport.

At least 11 youths held up in a makeshift crowd's nest and fortress were arrested.

Using a giant crane and a rock crushing drill to break one side of the four-story concrete fortress, police then got to the leftists remaining inside. Police promptly began tearing down the steel tower and concrete fortress, built on private land at the end of the new airport's second runway.

The police attack came about 24 hours after firebomb-throwing radicals seized the control tower of the new airport and smashed radar and other sensitive equipment to try to keep the airport from opening on schedule Thursday.

Shocked by the destruction, Japanese authorities are expected to announce Tuesday they will not open the \$2.6 billion facility on Thursday as scheduled.

High government sources said the airport will not be open for use for at least one month. Originally it was scheduled to go into operation Sunday with the arrival of a Japan Air Lines jetliner from San Francisco.

In their assault on the rioters' makeshift tower, police arrested seven persons. Then,

Sun Valley expands ski lifts

By CHRISTOPHER BOGAN
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley resort announced today a \$24 million expansion program to begin by June 15 on its mountain ski facilities.

Summer expansions on Dollar and Baldy mountains will include installation of three new chairlifts and is easily the largest summer expenditure for mountain improvements in the 49-year history of Sun Valley, according to Publicity Director Shannon Besoyan.

The expansions, which total more than \$2,250,000, includes lift construction, purchase of seven grooming machines and upgrading of mountain restaurants and restroom facilities.

Two new YAN chairlifts will replace Dollar Mountain's Half-Dollar lift, the last single-chair lift at

Sun Valley, and the Sunnyside double lift on Baldy Mountain.

A third new lift will be constructed from Broadway Meadows to the U.S. Forest Service lookout on Baldy Mountain. This new triple chairlift will service 1,500 skiers per hour and will be an alternate route to the top of Baldy from Cold Springs.

The new triple chairlift replacing the Sunnyside double lift will increase lift capacity from 840 to 1,500 skiers per hour.

The new Half-Dollar lift will lift capacity from 350 to 1,000 skiers per hour.

These three new lifts increase lift capacity on both mountains from 20,000 to 22,800 skiers per hour, a 39 percent total increase in lift capacity over the past two years, according to Besoyan.

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'Golden Age' of farming at core of today's protests

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series by Times-News financial columnist Sylvia Porter explaining the meaning and impact of the farm price protest on consumers.)

"We Want 100 Percent of Parity Plus a Fair Profit!"

"Fairness to Farmers Is All We Ask!"

"Why Force Your Farmer Into the Worst Squeeze of All Americans Between Soaring Costs and Falling Prices?"

Just what do these hand-lettered signs tacked to the sides of tractors recently chugging along the streets of our major cities and in front of the White House mean?

"Parity"? What's that? With food prices at the retail counter climbing again, and now a major effort on your quickening pace of inflation, who's in the "worst squeeze"?

How many millionaires were driving these expensive tractors in the caravans organized by the American Agriculture Movement? What are these demonstrations all about anyway?

(The average American never heard the word "parity" before. The average citizen does not remember President Roosevelt in the 1930s, the Korean war, a world without TV — much less the so-called golden age of agriculture back in 1910-1914.)

And that "golden age" is at the core of today's farm protests. For although the use of parity has been largely replaced in today's government farm program, "parity" represents what the demonstrating farmers want.

And parity means a government guarantee through subsidies of some kind that the prices they receive for their commodities be adjusted up to the level that would return to the farmer the same standard of living as in 1910-1914. In the simplest of words, the protesting farmers feel that if a bushel of wheat sold for enough to buy them a certain market-

basket of city goods and services back then, that bushel should still be able to purchase the equivalent marketbasket for the farmer in 1978.

What would that mean to us, consumers of farm products at the retail counter? In dollars and cents, 100 percent of parity would hike prices to farmers substantially above today's levels.

For you and me who buy at the corner stores, it would mean skyrocketing food prices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the upsurge at 20 to 25 percent within a year!

If you are a typical U.S. family, food ranks third in your spending budget, behind only housing and transportation in absorbing your after-tax income. Yet, only a tiny few of you pay any attention to food and farm issues except when a crisis hits — huge Russian grain deals which wipe

out our grain reserves, killing frosts in the coffee fields which send coffee prices into a spectacular up-spiral, day-to-day hikes in our grocery bills, and now protest parades of tractors rumbling through the city streets of our nation.

Ironically, though, these crisis times are when you, a non-farmer, have the least chance of influencing events — let alone even understanding why they occurred in the first place.

American agriculture is so diverse, so complex that the ignorance of city families (and/or misunderstanding) are all but inevitable. What may be good for cattle feeders in the West may not benefit corn growers in Iowa. Farming practices, soil and weather conditions, costs and income — even federal subsidies — can and do differ widely from county to county and certainly from state to state.

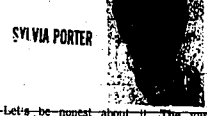
There are now only about 2.7 million farms in the entire U.S., down from about 4 million as recently as 1960.

But the key point is that they are larger. In size, the average farm consists of nearly 400 acres today against about 300 acres in 1960 — although they range in size from about 50 acres in the fertile rich and vegetable states of California and Florida to several thousands of acres in the great ranching areas of Montana and Wyoming.

And while nearly 99 percent of U.S. farms are still family-owned, family-controlled and family-operated, there is a small (less than 1 percent) number of farms owned and operated by non-farm corporations. Superior Oil, for instance, is a large farm operator, reports my Washington associate, Brooks Shearer.

Next: Trend toward part-time farming.

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SYLVIA PORTER

Israel considers resuming peace sessions with Egypt

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Israel is considering sending Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to Egypt to propose new secret initiatives to renew the momentum of the ruptured Middle East peace talks, government officials said today.

Israel's Cabinet Sunday voted unanimously to support Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his Middle East peace policies and to authorize secret initiatives to restart peace talks with Egypt.

"Definite consideration is being given to sending Weizman to Egypt," one official said. "It is being considered as a possibility." The officials said there has been no decision as yet.

Weizman, who Egyptian President Anwar Sadat refers to as "My dear Ezer," was touring the Israeli frontlines in southern Lebanon today.

The comments by the officials followed a report in the opposition Labor Party newspaper, Davar, which said there was a possibility Weizman would go to Cairo to guarantee the continuation of negotiations

with Egypt in the wake of the serious crisis resulting from Begin's talks in Washington.

Begin rejected several demands made by President Carter to soften Israel's negotiating stance with Egypt.

The direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations halted in mid-January when Sadat abruptly pulled his delegation out of the Jerusalem round of the talks. U.S. envoy Alfred Atherton since has tried unsuccessfully to get a compromise agreement, that could be used as a basis for restarting the talks.

The vote of confidence in Begin and his policies Sunday came after the prime minister reported on his talks with Carter last week.

Begin's open disagreement with Carter on Israel's withdrawal from Arab lands prompted reports that Washington was focusing on the differences to bring about internal political pressure on the Israeli prime minister.

The Cabinet said in a communique that

it considered Begin's peace plan a "fait-basta" for continuing peace talks.

Egypt's ambassador in Washington, Ashraf Ghorbal, was returning to Cairo today with a letter from Carter to Sadat on the summit talks.

In southern Lebanon, U.N. peace-keeping troops were slowly taking positions along the confrontation lines between Israel and Palestinian guerrillas. About a quarter of the 1,000-part U.N. force is in place.

Swedish troops of the U.N. force got caught in crossfire Sunday between the guerrillas and Israeli, but a U.N. spokesman said no one had been killed or wounded and there were no casualties.

The shooting incident was part of only scattered exchanges of fire.

The commander of Israel's northern front said he feels his troops will start leaving southern Lebanon within two weeks.

THOUSANDS OF BASQUES CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY SUNDAY, CALL FOR AUTONOMY... this throng at Vitoria, Spain, first gathering of kind in 42 years

Church makes Basque tour

BOISE (UPI) — Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, continued his tour of the Basque provinces of Spain Saturday with a visit to Guernica, the Basque town razed by the Nazi Luftwaffe during the Spanish Civil War.

The visit to Guernica followed meetings in Bilbao, the largest city of the Basque province.

In Bilbao, Church met with members of the Basque National Party to discuss the economic and political situation in the Basque provinces and to learn first-hand of the progress being made to win a larger measure of autonomy from the Spanish government in Madrid.

In Guernica Saturday Church delivered a speech beneath the Tree of Guernica, a traditional symbol of Basque nationalism.

"It is a great honor for me and my wife Bethine not only to come to Guernica, but also to stand beneath this historic tree," Church told the crowd. "It was here that the kings of Spain promised to respect the rights of the Basque people."

"It still stands as a symbol of the ancient freedom of the Basque people and as a living promise of the restoration of autonomy to the Basques," he added.

Church is visiting the Basque provinces as the ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at the in-

validation of Basque nationalists as well as a Basque-American friendship group, the Pucnie Cultural of Bilbao.

During his visit in Bilbao, Church is also scheduled to visit the University of Deuesco, and to meet with Idahoans taking part in a Basque studies program at Onate sponsored by Boise State University.

At the end of his stay in the Basque country, Church will pay a wreath at the tomb of former Basque President Aguirre, who headed the Basque Republic before Franco's troops crushed Basque resistance during the civil war.

Church is also scheduled to meet with Spanish leaders in Madrid.

Urban grants for hotels under attack

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A national citizens' lobby says federal housing funds may be used to finance luxury hotels as part of the proposed new urban program. It says that means "the neighborhoods of America are again being ignored."

Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia Harris is considering approving applications for some \$200 million in hotel-related grants under a new three-year program designed to help revitalize the nation's cities, HUD confirmed.

Chicago-based National People's Action called the proposal "a sad commentary" on the new urban policy which was to be signed by President Carter late today.

Officials defended the plan as a means of providing jobs for inner-city poor.

Applications from 26 cities of which would use the grants for direct financing of hotel construction — were revealed in a HUD intra-office

memo, a copy of which was made available to UPI.

If HUD Secretary Patricia Harris approves the 13 direct-funding grants, the government would provide a total of \$40,542,000 to developers, the memo said. The developer in three projects is Sheraton.

White "Hilton," Hyatt and Radisson each would develop two hotel projects.

Another 13 cities have submitted proposals for urban finance-convention-center, parking ramps, parks or the like to help lure hotels to their cities, the memo says.

The law allows HUDAG grants to encourage private industrial investment in cities facing declining tax bases, or for neighborhood reclama-

tion.

Richard Fleming, assistant secretary of housing for community planning and development, said he believes hotel projects fall within the intent of the law because they provide jobs.

"It's a decent working environment and a decent wage," Fleming said, adding that most of the jobs require no skills "which may be better for the hard-core unemployed than a new General Motors assembly line...."

Gale Cascoita, chairwoman of National People's Action and a member of Carter's National Commission on Neighborhoods, said it meant "the neighborhoods of America are again being ignored."

Strikers' benefits on court's docket

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court announced today it will take up the question of whether states may grant unemployment benefits to striking workers at their company's expense.

The justices agreed to hear arguments next winter on a New York law permitting workers involved in a "strike, lockout, or other industrial controversy" to collect unemployment compensation after an eight-week waiting period.

The New York Telephone Co. challenged the Empire State's law following a seven-month strike which ended in February 1972. During this period, \$43 million in unemployment benefits was paid to 29,000 telephone company workers and charged to the company's unemployment insurance account.

The company said the law providing benefits after eight weeks violated the U.S. labor policy of government neutrality in collective bargaining,

and unfairly strengthened the strike.

A federal judge held the law invalid because it clashes with federal law and requires an employer to finance its own strikers. But the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concluded the issue was a "hot potato." Congress decided to leave in the hands of local officials.

The Supreme Court refused today to take a separate Hawaii case raising a similar question.

In a brief filed with the Supreme Court, New York officials said Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Hampshire and New Jersey also provide for unemployment benefits during a strike where an employer continues operating.

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Most miners back to work

By United Press International

Striking construction workers shut down at least seven large underground mines, employing about 3,000 miners, in Ohio early today but United Mine Workers Union members returned to work at other mines throughout the Buckeye State.

The construction workers, also members of the UMW are still without a contract. They closed six North-American Coal Co. mines in the Powhatan Point area and a Y&O Coal Co. mine in Belmont County, turning back miners attempting to return to work on the midnight shift.

However, mines operated by Consolidated Coal Co., Peabody Coal Co., and the Southern Ohio Coal Co., were reported open at midnight and hopes are the construction workers will have a contract today.

A hungry union rank and file rattled a new miners pact by a 57 percent margin Friday. But few of them had good words for the agreement as they headed back to work — and desperately needed paychecks.

"The majority says we have to go back to work and the majority rules," said Pennsylvania local officer Frank Dwyer. "I am willing to uphold the contract, although I'm not all that enthused about it."

"We bill it off and now we got to chew it. We were sold out."

John Guzek, president of the construction workers' UMW District 6, which has 16,000 members in Ohio and the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia, is the chief negotiator for the UMW — construction contract, which covers about 10,000 UMW members who build coal tipples and other

facilities.

"We hope to get this contract wound up today," Guzek told UPI from Washington in a telephone interview. "There are no hangups. We just have to put a lot of stuff together. We have a real good chance of getting the contract today. We are real close."

Guzek said if an agreement is reached, it could be passed on by the UMW Executive Board by late Tuesday and returned to the coal fields for a ratification vote next weekend.

Dynamite blasts during the weekend shattered union and management operations alike, and UMW retirees, unhappy with pension provisions in the new mining agreement, threatened their own picketing action. Early today, none had appeared.

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POPE PAUL VI DELIVERS BLESSING... over flu in time to celebrate Easter

Idle land payment in new farm bills

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A plan to boost this year's crop prices by paying farmers to let surplus cropland probably will be included in the administration's new package of farm proposals this week, government sources say.

The plan was still subject to last-minute changes but it reportedly would supplement an existing "set-aside" program under which wheat and feed grain growers are required to idle part of their land in order to qualify for price supports.

The administration's announcements were scheduled for this week to get their into effect before a Senate-House conference committee reconvenes April 3 to work on a compromise emergency farm bill.

A spokesman for the farm strike movement said strikers did not expect the pending administration moves to come anywhere near giving them the amount of aid they want. The movement will continue to pressure Congress to pass the "flexible parity" plan included in the pending farm bill, said Lee Scheufler of Sterling, Kan.

Under the Agriculture Department's present "set-aside" program participating growers get no direct rental payments for their idled land. Under the supplemental plan, producers who have qualified for price supports by retiring "set-aside" acres would also be offered direct rental payments for idling additional acres.

The size of the program being considered by the administration was known. Officials have indicated indirectly, however, that any such program would be substantially smaller than pending congressional proposals to add up to \$6 million a year.

The farm aid legislation, sent to the House-Senate conference panel last week, includes an increase in 1978 crop support loan rates and target prices for grains and cotton. It also includes two separate plans for reducing 1978 acreage of grains, cotton and soybeans, including a controversial "flexible parity" program backed by members of a farm strike movement.

Easter defies elements, threats

By United Press International

It rained on Easter bonnets in New York and in other spots like Rindge, N.H., it was nasty enough to snow. In Florida, thousands of college students thronged the beaches, soaking up the last rays of sunshine before heading back to school.

At the Vatican, Pope Paul VI, barely recovered from a bout with the flu, stood in a light drizzle and chilly wind Sunday to preside over an outdoor mass for 250,000 people in St. Peter's Square.

And in Jerusalem, more than 10,000 pilgrims ignored the threat of possible Palestinian guerrilla raids to visit the traditional site of the burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Clear skies and warm sunshine greeted worshippers at the annual Lincoln and carried an American flag while another wore a colorful colonial costume left over from the nation's Bicentennial observance.

In Rindge, N.H., the freezing temperatures failed to prevent 1,500 worshippers from attending sunrise services at the Cathedral of the Pines and snow began falling at the national shrine to America's war dead — an altar on a hilltop in a pine forest — as the Rev. Emily Preston of the United Church of Jeffery conducted services.

Clear skies and warm sunshine greeted worshippers at the ancient Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, built on the traditional site of Jesus' burial and Resurrection and police said the day passed without incident. Pilgrims ignored the threat of terrorist attacks.

The pontiff delivered his traditional Urbi et Orbi ("To the City and the World") Easter blessing and called on the faithful to overcome the doubts of the modern world.

"We must be strong in faith," the pope said. "We must make it the hinge of our human existence, in practice as well as in theory."

From the Soviet Union, the official news agency Tass reported Easter services were held in many churches throughout the officially atheistic nation. Tass said sermons referred to disarmament and made attacks on America's nuclear bomb.

The rival Provisional and Official wings of the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland staged parades in Belfast to mark the anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising against British rule.

And in Florida, 18,000 vacationing collegians thronged the beaches to catch their last rays of sun before heading north to books and mid-term exams.

Police in the resorts of Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach said the annual invasion by students caused fewer problems this year than in the sometimes stormy past.

But Christians around the world ignored the poor weather and terrorist threats to carry on traditional Easter Sunday observances.

In New York, the heavy rains dampened, but could not stop the annual Easter Parade along stately Fifth Avenue. There were a few flashy dressers at the annual fashion show, but most marchers hid their finery under drab raincoats and huddled beneath

umbrellas.

Several thousand people poured out to the avenue of posh shops following the Easter services at St. Patrick's Cathedral. One marcher was dressed as Abraham Lincoln and carried an American flag while another wore a colorful colonial costume left over from the nation's Bicentennial observance.

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"They're having fun for themselves," one Fort Lauderdale police aide said. "Really, they're enjoying themselves and having fun."

French navy mulls dynamiting tanker

PORTSALL, France (UPI) — The French navy today considered dynamiting the wrecked supertanker Amoco Cadiz in an effort to release thousands of tons of oil remaining in ship's holds in history's worst maritime pollution accident.

"This is one of five or six or seven alternatives which are all under study," a senior navy officer said. "Absolutely no decision has been taken."

Authorities estimate that between 20,000 and 30,000 tons of the tanker's original 230,000-ton cargo of crude oil still are in the ship's 12 leaking holds.

A navy helicopter which flew over the wreck reported that jets of oil were spurting 20 feet into the air from the burst tanks.

The supertanker, which broke up on reefs about a mile off the Breton fishing village

of Portsall March 16, already has spilled more than 100,000 tons of oil onto Brittany's scenic coastline.

More than 110 miles of cliffs and beaches have been fouled by a black sludge in the biggest oil pollution disaster on record.

Marc Becam, heading a government-sponsored cleanup program, told a news conference Sunday that beach-cleaning operations, scheduled to start Tuesday, might be hindered if oil keeps gushing from the ship.

Asked if dynamite might be used, Becam said, "Finally we must think about making an opening to get all the oil out

Heavy quake rocks Soviet Asia

MOSCOW (UPI) — A powerful earthquake and a series of strong aftershocks caused widespread damage over the weekend in Soviet Central Asia.

The Soviet press said the main earthquake, which registered a destructive 8 on the Soviet scale of 1 to 12, struck early Saturday. The epicenter was 15 miles northwest of Tyup in the Tien Shan mountain range of Soviet Kirgizia.

The tremor registered 6 points at Tyup, Frunze and Alma Ata.

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A thought for the day: U.S. politician Wendell Williams said, "The Constitution does not provide for first and second class citizens."

Individuals hit harder by income taxes than big firms:

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With the combination of Social Security taxes and income taxes, individuals are paying a higher proportion of taxes on their income than are the nation's business corporations, says the head of the Internal Revenue Service.

"This has come about gradually over the years, but it is certainly a trend," said IRS Commissioner Jerome Kurtz, pointing out that tax reforms have lowered corporate tax rates.

However, for an individual, "the total federal tax bite is not significantly higher today than it has been in the last 20 to 25 years," Kurtz added.

Interviewed Sunday on CBS' Face the Nation, Kurtz said he



JEROME KURTZ
...wants fringes taxed

still wants to tax employee fringe benefits and to tighten restrictions on personal business deductions.

Fringe benefits are taxable under the IRS code, but because of administrative problems the tax collection agency has yet to draw up regulations covering the issue.

"The Internal Revenue Service does specifically exempt the biggest fringe benefits—pension—plans; group life insurance. We're not talking about that," Kurtz

said.

"We're talking about the ones which under the IRS code and under the court cases, are pretty clearly taxable."

Such fringes appear to include free use of automobiles, price discounts for clothes and subsidized dining rooms.

Kurtz said many fringes are "very small and not worth the trouble" for IRS auditors, but that he would propose regulations this summer to make it clear that the large items are taxable.

Kurtz pushed the admini-

stration's proposal to eliminate deductions for the three marital business lunches and said other deductions also should be stopped.

Under current law it "certainly is possible for someone to have deductible business lunches 300 days a year," he said.

Asked about tax dodgers, Kurtz said he repeatedly is denied more enforcement manpower to audit tax returns. He disputed estimates that unreported income in the United States now totals \$20 billion, but added: "If those

estimates are right, the cause for some concern in U.S. News and World Report, Kurtz also wants to reduce the numerous itemized deductions that taxpayers require taxes to be withheld on dividend and interest income.

He also said there is a chance in 40 that an taxpayer's income tax will be audited this year for those earnings of \$100,000—the audit rate is one in six.



SUZI PARK THOMSON BLASTS CHARGES
...says she's 'prisoner' in her own home

Arms cheating studied

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Soviets might be able to cheat under the terms of the nuclear arms limitation agreement now being negotiated but it probably wouldn't do them any good, says Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis.

Advanced technology "could spell real trouble" in future treaties, however, he said.

Aspin, a former Pentagon analyst, said Sunday he has just finished a three-month study of how hard it might be

for the United States to verify Soviet violations of the SALT II accord, once it is adopted.

He said his study, the most detailed unclassified look at the issue, led him to conclude: "the problems of verification are more imagined than real."

"Even if the Soviets cheat in every single way that might evade detection," he said, "they will add little to their strategic power and may actually reduce their military strength elsewhere."

links with the KCIA.

Both former Attorney General John Mitchell and a State Department official have told the Fraser subcommittee of seeing FBI and other intelligence reports indicating some kind of relationship between Mrs. Thomson and the KCIA.

No specific evidence linking her with the KCIA has been produced at the hearings, but some Korean officials have testified the Korean Embassy supplied Mrs. Thomson with liquor for parties at which KCIA agents mingled with members of Congress.

Mrs. Thomson's letter to Speaker Carl Albert for five years until his retirement in 1976 but has been unable to find another job on Capitol Hill because of her alleged

summaries of intelligence reports saying she was connected with the KCIA.

In requesting a public hearing, she said Fraser should "proceed either to put up or shut up."

The House Ethics Committee last year rejected her similar request for a public hearing and she finally testified in secret after being threatened with being held in contempt of Congress if she did not.

The Fraser subcommittee has not asked her to testify in public or private.

Mrs. Thomson, an American citizen, was an aide to Speaker Carl Albert for five years until his retirement in 1976 but has been unable to find another job on Capitol Hill because of her alleged

Suzi challenges charges

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Accusing a congressman of "character assassination," Suzi Park Thomson is asking for a chance to challenge at an open congressional hearing recent testimony linking her to the Korean CIA.

The Korean-born former congressional aide charged Rep. Donald Fraser, D-Minn., chairman of the House subcommittee on international organizations, with spending more than \$1 million on a "witch hunt" that had produced only "improved and unproven allegations."

In a letter to Fraser, Mrs. Thomson said: "You have now assassinated my character, obliquely and indirectly on two separate occasions, a reference to the panel's recent release of

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STEVE WALLEDA
... family feud brewing

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BAY BAH BLACK SHEEP
Steve Wallenda, 28-year-old, nephew of the late great high-wire artist Karl Wallenda, who fell to his death last week in Puerto Rico, says he's the only survivor now of the "Great Wallendas" — and thereby hangs a family feud — "black sheep," cries Wallenda's father, Gunther Wallenda. "But Steve isn't fussed. Says he, 'If all the sudden there's any jealousy because I am the only Wallenda on the high wire ... that doesn't bother me at all.' To prove it, he took a weekend, walk on a quarter-mile of tramway cable at a Concord, Calif., amusement park — says he'll carry on the Wallenda tradition 'today and for the next 50 years.'"

CHARGE OF THE JDL
Vanessa Redgrave is up for an Oscar next Monday in Hollywood, but members of the militant Jewish Defense League vow to spoil it for her. They say they'll turn out 400 strong to picket the Academy Awards ceremony. Ironically, the role for which Miss Redgrave stands nominated is that of the anti-Nazi underground worker in "Julia," but all the JDL remembers is her film, "The Palestinian" — one Jewish protesters say shows her personal life is "afraid with hatred for Israel." Retorts Academy director James Roberts, "The academy has nothing whatsoever to do with political beliefs. We are concerned only with creative achievements."

MYOB, JOHN BULL
Would-be pop singer Roddy Lewellyn says he doesn't care what the British public says — he's going to go right on singing. Margaret Roberts, "The under heavy fire because of her association with Lewellyn, with whom she just returned to London from a Caribbean vacation. A member of Parliament even called her a parasite and sought to cut off her allowance. Fumes Lewellyn, "Why do these people always have to criticize the royal family? ... I DON'T KNOW CARE what they say about us."

Tot's parents battle court order

HINGHAM, Mass. (UPI) — Can the parents of a 2-year-old boy, who is suffering from leukemia, direct conventional medical attention for their son and substitute their own treatment?
Another hearing was scheduled on that question today in Hingham District Court in the case of Chad Green of Scituate, Mass., who is suffering from acute lymphocytic leukemia — the most common form of leukemia among children.
Chad's parents, Gerald and Diane Green, say they are opposed to court-ordered chemotherapy for their son because it frightens the child and is physically and emotionally exhausting. They want to substitute an organic diet and distilled water as treatment for Chad.
Doctors have said chemotherapy could save the boy's life.
The case is being watched closely by many lawyers and doctors who believe it may influence the way similar cases are handled in the future.
Last week, Plymouth County Probate Judge James Lawton ruled that Chad's parents were fit to retain guardianship of their child, but he authorized doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital to continue treating Chad.
Doctors estimate that with proper treatment, Chad has a 50 percent chance of recovering.
Dr. John Truman testified before Lawton that the boy will probably suffer a relapse within six months if he is not treated continually. Truman said the chemotherapy treat-

ment "is not pleasant, but it's brief. There's only one way to treat leukemia. This is the way to do it."
Chemotherapy was resumed under the court order last week and laboratory tests have shown the boy's illness is in remission. But a relapse was detected last winter.
A Harvard Medical School lawyer, Dr. William J. Curran, has said both the medical and legal professions are watching the case closely because it likely will have a major impact on similar cases in the future.
"In essence, hospitals are trying to regain public and judicial confidence in medical judgment," Curran said. "Hospitals seem to feel, after recent decisions, that they have lost (this)."
"If hospitals will constantly have to challenge the parents, many parents will hesitate to take their children to hospitals," Curran said. Lawyers for the hospital have cited another Massachusetts case as precedent for their attempt to continue chemotherapy on Chad.
Last November, the state's Supreme Judicial Court said a probate judge had the right to allow a 67-year-old severely retarded mental patient to die without undergoing leukemia treatment.

The high court said that although Joseph Salkevicz was allowed to die in that case, the decision was still up to the courts, not parents or other relatives.

Wallenda services set today

SARASOTA, Fla. (UPI) — The circus world and community friends bid their final farewell today to Karl Wallenda, whose high-wire feats held audiences spellbound throughout his 50-year career.
Three chaplains from Show Folks of Sarasota, a circus-oriented group, will preside during the closed-casket funeral at the Roberts Sports Arena, where Wallenda lay in state Sunday. Other members of the group will form an honor guard.
"The service will be primarily religious in nature," said the Rev. Luther Willer, a retired Lutheran minister. "He was a deeply religious man. He always said when he was on the high wire that the Lord would lead him."
"He was not a church man, as such, but he was religious. He was a Lutheran by birth and training," he said.
Rabbi Barry Konovitch of the Temple Beth Shalom will read the 23rd and 121st Psalms from the Bible.
The 73-year-old Wallenda family patriarch was killed in a fall from a San Juan high wire Wednesday. He will be buried in the family plot next to his sister-in-law Henrietta Groseloff, who was killed in a

daredevil feat over the years.
The bronze casket was surrounded by a sea of 165 colorful flower arrangements. Most mourners walked slowly past, but several elderly persons knelt and wept openly.

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self that key question "How can I make this hand?" He had lost two clubs. He had to lose a diamond sometime. He couldn't afford to let the king of trumps score against him.
Alan: "Then South played out the ace king and troy of spades. He ruffed the third spade in dummy and led the eight of trumps. East false carded with the king. South thought for one second, said, 'nice try,' rose with his ace, dropped West's singleton king and was home with the rubber."
Oswald: "South didn't know that West held that singleton king, but West had bid both minor suits and followed to three spade leads. He could not hold more than one heart. Hence, South's only chance was to find the singleton king."

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Ins and outs of coping with 'killer inflation'

There are continuous pressures in the economic system that drive costs and incomes ever upward. Economist Robert Rosefsky calls this a "natural inflation" that is healthy as long as everybody's profits exceed their costs. But Rosefsky singles out artificial factors that can reverse this balance and he calls this "killer inflation," an economic cancer that eats at our vitals. (First of a two-part series.)

By ROBERT ROSEFSKY
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The more we know about an enemy, the better prepared we are to cope with it. What, then, of the enemy known as inflation? Like cancer, it's a complex devil that can erode our vitals. And, like cancer, it gives distinct warning signals which, if heeded, can help us beat the devil.

In this article we will get down to the plain talk of what inflation is all about: what it is, what causes it, and what you can do about it.

Suppose the produce manager at the market orders a big supply of apples. But discovers the public isn't buying them quickly enough. Within a few days they'll turn bad. Perhaps he can encourage his customers by dropping the price of the apples. Better to do that and take a lesser profit, or break even, than absorb a loss.

On the other hand, say that apples are in short supply, and the public demand for them is running high. Now the produce will all be sold quickly and profitably.

Similarly, if the orchard owner is in desperate need of workers to pick his crop, a worker might freely bargain for a higher wage than he might get in more normal times. But if there are more workers available than there are jobs open, a worker is likely to take a lesser-than normal wage or not work.

These are simple examples of what's often called "charging what the market will bear," or what is known as the law of supply and demand.

It can, and often does, take the form of a vicious circle: the apple pickers demand, and get, a pay raise. The orchard owner in turn then increases the price of apples to the market, which will then pass all or part of the price increase along to the consumer. The orchard owner and the market owner pass along the price increases so that they can maintain their own desired levels of profits.

Consumers, in turn, worried about the higher price of apples (and other things they need) will seek higher wages from their employers.

On the spiral might begin because the orchard owner knows that his labor costs will go up, or that his seed or fertilizer or shipping costs will go up. He raises his prices accordingly, thus setting the so-called "wage-price spiral" in motion.

Now consider yet another element: most of us want to improve our standard of living which generally means having more money to spend. Sometimes we can accomplish this by doing more valuable work for our employers. But very often we gain higher wages without necessarily increasing our value to the employers. This means added labor costs to employers, likely prompting them to have to raise the prices on the goods they are selling, or on the services they are offering.

We have, then, three basic forces to contend with: the law of supply and demand, the wage-price

spiral, and the natural human instinct to want to improve our way of life. These basic forces exert upward pressures on prices and on our incomes.

There are also some forces that tend to exert a downward pressure. Competition, for example, between merchants for customers and between workers for jobs, will offset the upward trends. Also, new technology and improved efficiency allow us to create many of the things we need at lower costs.

Historically, the upward pressures tend to prevail. But with very few exceptions, our personal income has tended to rise at a more rapid rate than the cost of living. The net result of this is that our standard of living has improved over the years. In this sense, inflation is not such a bad creature.

For what about those rare periods such as 1974-75 — when costs rose at a more rapid rate than did our income, thus resulting in a slightly diminished standard of living for many of us. There, obviously, is the most dangerous aspect of inflation. Its causes are many and varied, and far more complex than the relatively simple basic forces described above. And we may soon be in for another serious bout with what we might most descriptively call "killer inflation."

Our bodies grow and develop by means of a form of "natural inflation": the multiplication of cells. Likewise, our economy grows and develops by means of various forms of natural inflation: the rate at which our incomes grows faster than our expenses. As killer cells known as cancer attack the normal human cells, so does killer inflation attack the normal growth functions in our economy.

The components of killer inflation tend to be not those natural forces of growth or supply and demand. They tend to be artificial forces, man-made, which are designed to serve some other purpose. It may be only accidental that they attack the healthy growth cells in our economy.

Perhaps the most vicious of the components of killer inflation is the psychological one. Killer inflation can become a self-fulfilling prophecy. It can happen simply because we think it might happen. Example: a businessman convinces himself that a bad bout of inflation lies ahead (even though it may not). He fears that, as in the past, the government may soon impose price controls. He also fears that his new employees, whom he imagines to be equally concerned with rising prices, will seek higher wages to protect themselves. Thus, with no really valid reason other than his own fears, he raises his current prices. He's beat the government to the punch, and he'll be ready to meet his employees' demands. He, then, has become the cause of the inflation. The result: killer inflation. We're getting less value for our money, instead of the same or more.

Our existing tax structure is another component of killer inflation. Let's assume that the Smiths' income and expenses are both increasing at a rate of six percent per year. In other words, they're holding steady? Not really. Their added income can push them into a higher tax bracket, so that their real income, after taxes, has not really increased as much as their cost of living. The government reaps the difference, not the Smiths.

Also, consider the sales tax. You buy a car for



\$5,000. The sales tax, at say five percent, comes to \$250. Next year, real inflation boosts the price of that same car to \$5,300. Your sales tax, assuming the same five percent rate, now becomes \$265. That's an extra \$15 worth of killer inflation. A hidden form of added taxation. Can you trace any tangible value that you'll be getting for the extra \$15 worth of sales tax you've paid? Will governmental service actually improve? Not likely. The same problem exists with respect to Social Security taxes. Increased earnings for the bulk of America's workers will mean higher Social Security taxes for the workers, and bigger contributions from employers. Workers are foregoing the present income in the hope of receiving a better future at retirement. Employers facing the added contribution costs will be influenced to increase prices to offset the obvious profit drain, thus stimulating all the more inflation. The new Social Security legislation is one of the clearest signals that killer inflation may be on its way.

In the same manner, the automatic cost-of-living increases built into Social Security, and into a great many major labor contracts, are an automatic guarantee of inflationary pressure and certain stimulators of killer inflation.

Congress, in its wisdom and innocence, will bring about some measures of killer inflation, even though the legislation is well intended for other purposes.

The new minimum wage levels have got to boost prices, and it's not likely that the employer, or the ultimate consumer, will get better value for their money because of the higher minimums. Not only will the lowest scale workers get more, the upward pressure for higher wages will be felt along the entire structure of every business.

Proposed energy legislation will no doubt increase our cost of transportation, thus our overall cost of living. There will be little in the way of tangible benefits here and now, and it's questionable whether the American public can now

appreciate the future benefits that might result. To avoid this cost of living increase would mean giving up some of the use of our cars. That amounts to a decrease in our standard of living.

Full Employment legislation may become a reality this year. It is designed to reduce unemployment to "acceptable" levels, at governmental expense. If necessary, certainly full employment is desirable, but achieving it in this way carries a distinct threat of killer inflation in the form of higher taxes to pay for the government's involvement in finding and creating work for people.

Getting back for a moment to the psychological element, the sad irony is that an article such as this which attempts to explain and assist the public in understanding the enemy will, to some extent, have the effect of creating the fears which prompt the dangers to come about more quickly and cruelly than they otherwise might.

Twin Falls merchants 'roll with punches'

TWIN FALLS — Volume buying, special purchases and possibly putting off buying new office equipment for another year are practices being used by Twin Falls merchants to hold the line against inflation.

Every business is experiencing inflation in two directions, but grocers say, and others agree, the food industry is probably seeing the brunt of inflation's ails. Inflation hits the merchant when he buys his inventory and his customer as prices rise to cover these costs.

Most merchants contacted in Twin Falls said they cannot reduce labor or even labor costs at the expense of reducing service to the customer and thereby losing business.

Businessmen in Twin Falls say they are "rolling with the

punches" as far as inflation is concerned and can count on built-in annual increases in their costs of labor, material, supplies, maintenance and such operating costs as fuel and power.

Rudy Ashenbrenner, owner of Price Hardware in Twin Falls, said inflation has caused many Twin Falls buyers to "sweat to make ends meet." He said as a result buyers of hardware items seem to be looking for the best possible quality for their money.

"We generally see a reduction in unit sales (number of sales) when the price goes up but the buyer may be selecting the quality item which sells for a little more when he does buy," Ashenbrenner said.

Ashenbrenner said when the merchant sells this year's merchandise he knows he will

have to pay next year's higher prices when he reorders and it will cost him more as well as the customer.

"In spite of inflation, our volume is holding about steady with a year ago but our profits may not be as great because of the smaller spread between our costs and the price we put on the merchandise."

"This is an agricultural area and all of us have to key our business to farm prices. If the farmer is getting a poor return on his produce, we usually do about the same," he said.

"Food is where the consumer runs face to face with inflation and is reminded about everyday that it costs more to live," said Dale Ford, manager of Smith's Food King, Twin Falls.

He said in the grocery

business volume buying is about the best answer.

"We look for the best buys we can get from the manufacturers and processors and for any special prices or surpluses they have. Then we try to pass these bargains on to our shoppers," Ford said.

The grocer said buying trends fluctuate with the time of year, adding February is usually a slow month as it follows the holidays. March, he said is a good business month with some income tax refund checks coming in and the spring work season beginning in this area.

In the Idaho Department Store, Manager John Massey also sees a trend toward quality buying during the inflationary swing. He said there is also a trend toward buying name brand American-made clothing.

"I don't know, but I suspect the fact the American dollar has dropped in value in the world market may have something to do with this. This condition has increased the prices on imports and even the Oriental products are now about the same price as the identical items made in this country. American name brand items have a good reputation for quality and the buyers in this area at any rate would rather buy them," Massey said.

He said managers of Idaho Department Stores have been asked to study costs of such things as power and labor and determine if these can be reduced through fewer store hours in order to fight inflation.

"We do not stay open on Sundays except at Christmas time and for such events as

our coming anniversary sale and we are open only one night a week-Friday," Massey said.

"We also try to offer our customers the best bargains we can at sale time," he said. "For example, in our coming sale we will be offering women's sports wear coordinated from two major companies. Both are brand name American clothing makers. We aim our sales at giving customers high quality merchandise at a bargain and we find we can make volume buying pay off," he said.

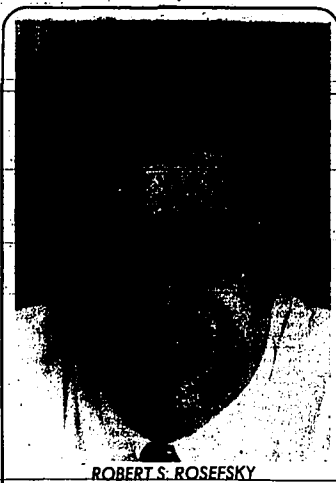
In the automobile industry both the dealers and customers are changing their operations in view of inflation and the energy crunch, according to Ernest Harrison, Thelsen Motors.

He said many car buyers are purchasing the Marquis, the top price item in the Mercury line.

"This is the last year they will be able to buy the big automobile. Next year they will be about 1000 lbs. lighter and \$1,000 higher in price. By 1985 we are told by the government we will be selling only cars with high mpg. (miles per gallon) ratings. There will be no more Marquis," Harrison said.

He said people who are buying the big cars might not have purchased a new car this year had the industry change not been pending and they probably plan to drive the new car for several years.

Another change Harrison noted, is the return to standard transmission as a gas saving measure. "People are pretty gasoline conscious. A few years ago you couldn't sell a standard transmission if you had one and most companies weren't making them. Now we are selling lots of four cylinder and six cylinder engines with standard shifts. We are also selling lots of family and business cars without air conditioning and other luxury features," he said.



ROBERT S. ROSEFSKY

Adviser excels in money matters

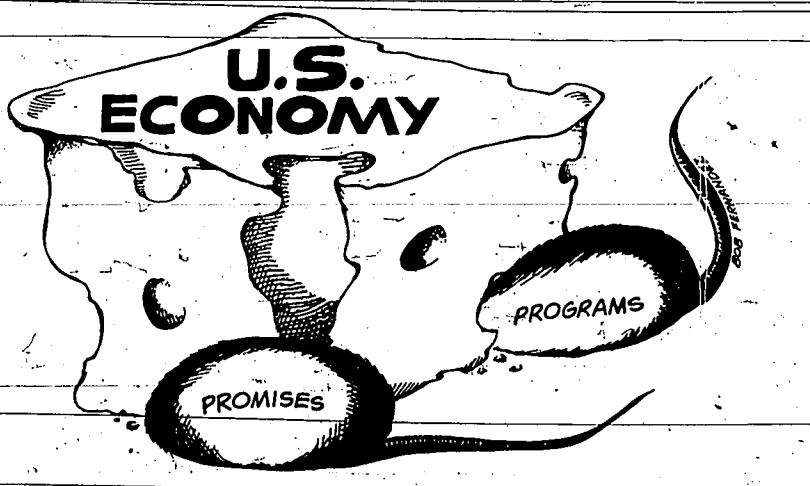
Bob Rosefsky is no arm chair theorist on economics. Quite the contrary. He successfully followed his own financial career before becoming one of the country's best known authors and lecturers on practical finance and money management.

His "Speaking Dollar-Wise" syndicated column earned him awards for excellence in financial journalism and was supplemented by a daily radio show on the subject. Rosefsky's advice has also been offered as expert-in-residence on ABC's AM America show and in numerous appearances and series on both public and private television.

As an author and lecturer, he is in constant demand and has written a number of books on practical money management including a college textbook "Managing Your Money" which will be published this year.

Before becoming financial advisor to millions, Rosefsky began his own career as a lawyer with degrees from Yale and Syracuse Law School. He later also became vice-president and director of a bank which gave him more experience dealing on a person-to-person basis with the everyday financial and legal crises that every American family faces."

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Water group change not a 'sellout'

By RAY SULLIVAN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The surprising change in posture by the Water Power Initiative Committee not to press getting an in-stream flow protection initiative on the November ballot is not a sellout to opponents of the proposal, the committee's co-chairman declared today.

In a telephone interview from Boise, Matt Mullaney said the unanimous decision by the group's executive committee was not a sudden change, but was made because of concessions made by the Legislature in adopting a state water plan.

"We deliberated on it for some time," Mullaney said. "I think the rest of the change was left, the Legislature had come some way to meet us and that we would basically work with them and finish the job."

"We decided to rechannel our energies away from the initiative drive and challenge the Legislature to finish the work."

The state water plan passed this session only assures a minimum stream flow on the Snake River below Hagerman. Gary Richardson, acting coordinator for Twin Falls County, agrees with Mullaney that important concessions were made in the Legislature. He noted the water plan "set up the mechanism for citizens to request minimum flow on the rest of the streams."

He said the Water Power Initiative Committee will present applications asking for minimum flow protection on specific streams to Idaho's Water Resources Board at its July meeting. The director of the water resources board, the water plan directs, has five days after the next legislative session begins to submit approved applications to the Legislature, which must act by the end of the session or the applications automatically are enacted.

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SUNRISE Easter morning was a sight to behold and nice weather continued all day, enabling Magic Valley residents to enjoy a balmy

spring day. Outdoor activities attracted many persons during the afternoon hours.

Mark Miller/Times-News

Easter sunrise

Magic Valley

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Jerome plant backers schedule meets

By LARRY SWISHER
Times-News writer

JEROME — In preparation for next week's bond election on the proposed new Jerome sewage treatment plant, supporters are planning several public informational meetings and door-to-door campaigns.

The \$650,000 bond issue, which voters will decide April 4, will finance the city's 10 percent share of the \$4.1 million facility.

The rest of the funding will be provided by state and federal grants.

Supporters this week are stepping up activities to get their message across to voters about the critical need for the plant. If the bond election fails, supporters say, Jerome's growth could be stunted for at least four years and construction costs could increase by \$1.5 million.

An informational film, made for the city to explain the project and the city's needs will be shown to several service clubs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and to the general public Friday night.

At Friday's the public showing at 8 p.m. in the Junior high auditorium, Jerome Public Works Director Ed Evans will answer questions about the plant.

The film:

- shows the condition of Jerome's present sewage treatment plant;
- shows the two-year-old West Boise sewage treatment plant which is the model for Jerome's proposed facility;
- contains interviews with state health department officials;
- shows what the likely impact will be on the town.

If the bond election fails. The film has been shown to about 125 people, said Charlotte Bell, KART radio news director, who wrote and directed the film. The College of Southern Idaho provided equipment and a camera man.

Tonight, the movie will be presented to the Lions Club at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, the Rotary Club will view it at 12:30 p.m., and it will be shown at 6:30 p.m. to members of the Beta Sigma Phi women's society.

Wednesday the film will be presented to the Senior Citizens at Pioneer Hall 12:30 p.m. Jerome realtors have been canvassing homes and handing out printed material about the plant.

Realtor Don Wallace said the realtors, who strongly favor the proposed plant, hope to reach each resident by next Tuesday's election.

Wallace said if the bond issue fails, the city would likely be facing a moratorium on new hookups and would practically stop growth in Jerome. He said the city's project would drop to the bottom of the priority list for funding, which would mean another two years' delay.

Another two years' would be needed for construction at that point, and inflation could increase the project's cost by \$1.5 million, Wallace said.

He said the realtors who are personally contacting residents want to encourage citizens to register and vote.

Evans said the present facilities, parts of which were built in 1942, have not been able to meet effluent water quality standards for several years.

The Environmental Protection Agency could levy fines up to \$10,000 a day for violations, but it has withheld fines pending the development of the sewage treatment project over the last four years.

Evans said the proposed plant would consist of a different treatment process than that of Twin Falls, which uses an experimental heat treatment process.

The West Boise Plant has been meeting or bettering EPA water quality standards and has no problems, he said.

Meter collection safeguard

Barnett says system adequate

By BOB ZUCKERMAN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Because of a cross-checking system, the possibility a police official might pocket funds collected from Twin Falls parking meters is next to nil, Police Chief Frank Barnett said today.

The police chief's comments followed in the wake of a parking meter scandal in San

Francisco where 10 city employees in the parking meter collection division have been arrested and charged with stealing at least \$3 million in the last six years.

"Nothing is impossible," Barnett said, "but there is an adequate system of checks in Twin Falls to make it very difficult for the same thing to happen here."

Meter collections are checked with collections

in previous years, and sometimes money from meters is counted secretly by one police official before it is collected by another, Barnett said.

"It's an on-going system," he said. "It's also checked through the city clerk."

City Clerk Edythe Koontz said this morning money collected "at one time of year is automatically checked with the amount collected for a similar time span in previous years."

Because of changes in weather and shopping patterns, small variations in the amounts collected in different years is normal, but she said she thought any large differences would be easily spotted.

Barnett said it was also unlikely money would be stolen by his current crop of meter collectors because all are honest.

In 1977, \$43,167.16 was collected from downtown parking meters and \$496.80 was collected from meters at the airport, according to the city clerk.

She said \$30,263.90 of the money collected on the downtown meters was used to help pay back the cost of parking lots behind downtown stores. The rest went into the city street fund for street repairs and maintenance.

Money collected at airport meters goes into the airport general fund, she said.

Council ponders sewage plant problems

By JEFF SHER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Council met in closed executive session at noon today to discuss problems at the city's waste water treatment plant.

Mayor Leon Smith said this morning the council would discuss only matters pertaining to the federal government's lawsuit against the city and the city's subsequent suit against the designers and equipment suppliers for the plant.

Smith said the council would not discuss possible problems at the plant at the noon meeting. He said he would try to arrange a meeting within the next two days between the council, City Manager Jean Miller and plant

superintendent Don Snelling to discuss plant personnel problems.

Representatives from the engineering firm of Hamilton and Voeller, Inc., the principal designers of the plant, will be present at the meeting to discuss problems in plant operation with the council, Smith said.

The firm has agreed to bring in an outside expert who will study the plant for a week to make a complete review of plant operations and report back to the council on his findings.

The council will then meet again to discuss possible alternatives based on the expert's findings, Smith outlined the planned course of action.

The city is facing a suit brought by the federal

government for continued plant effluent discharges in violation of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

The EPA is already seeking fines for those violations of over \$500,000, and \$10,000 is added to that amount every day the plant fails to meet the discharge standards.

In response to the EPA's suit, the city filed a cross-claim against the principal designers and suppliers at the plant, claiming they, not the city, are responsible for the plant's failure to meet the standards.

Smith said the meeting between the council and Hamilton and Voeller, Inc. represents a "cooperative approach" toward solving the plant's problems.

Tot's parents praise medical training classes

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — When two-year-old Robert Anderson went into convulsions a few days before Christmas his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Anderson, were woken to.

Both their car and pickup became stuck as they tried to get out of their driveway. But the child probably is alive today because his parents had just completed a volunteer medical training course known as quick response.

While help was summoned through CB radio to the Richfield Fire Department the two-year-old child nearly swallowed his tongue several times. As he had learned in the quick response classes, Anderson kept the boy's airway open by keeping his finger in his mouth to keep the tongue down.

"We were scared," Mrs. Anderson said, "but we knew we were doing everything possible until we could get him to a doctor."

Aware that death from suffocation is one of the most common dangers when a person is unconscious because the tongue can fall backward and block the air passage, the Andersons knew their most important job was to keep their boy's airway open.

They also immersed him in cold water to lower the fever which had caused the convulsions.

When Lyle and Betty Piper arrived with their 4-wheel drive, the snowplow "practically escorted us to town," Mrs. Anderson said. Thanks to the efforts of the

parents and the oxygen tank brought by Carol Bell, a local nurse, the boy was brought out of his convulsions after 45 minutes.

"My husband held up real well until we got him to the doctor. Then he sort of fell apart," Mrs. Anderson said, adding "I went frantic as soon as my husband came in the house and found me bathing him."

But despite their natural inclination to panic, the Andersons credit their training for providing a happy ending to the emergency.

The Andersons were among 16 residents of this rural community completing the initial course. Seven of them went on for additional training to become Emergency Medical Technicians, or simply EMT's.

Thursday night the new EMT's celebrated the completion of the three-month course with a dinner and mutual exchange of awards between students and their instructor, Jessie Hunt, Jerome, a licensed practical nurse who also works with the Jerome Ambulance Service and is an EMT instructor for the Emergency Medical Services division of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. This is the state agency officially concerned with providing such trained citizen groups for the many rural communities in Idaho.

Like many teachers, Mrs. Hunt is enthusiastic about her pupils whose final score averaged 82.3 out of a possible 100, "the highest the state has had," she said.

"We've taken people who knew nothing about anything and molded them into efficient EMT's," she said of her seven graduate pupils Thursday night. They

have been working on emergency training since last Oct. 5 when the Quick Response course of 51 hours was begun.

The more advanced EMT course includes 71 hours of classroom instruction and practical experience, plus 10 hours of emergency room time in a hospital.

Mrs. Hunt expressed appreciation to the Jerome Ambulance Service and St. Benedict's Hospital, Jerome, for assistance in the training.

Having trained EMT's and the quick response unit in the community means medical help is "within minutes" for residents of this community which is nearly 40 miles from the closest hospital in Jerome.

Mrs. Hunt said fractures can be immobilized at the scene of an accident, life-threatening situations can be brought under control within minutes by her trained pupils, bandaging and splinting can be done at the scene of an accident and cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be administered. EMT's also can transport victims to a medical facility.

She said three of her seven graduates already have gone on ambulance calls and that the training has "had the wholehearted support" of doctors in Jerome, Shoshone and Sun Valley.

The Richfield EMT's include a school teacher, housewives, dairyman, banker and a deputy sheriff.

"Such citizen interest in providing trained emergency personnel is not confined to Richfield. Among other Magic Valley communities with similar groups are Murtaugh, Eden-Hazleton, Burley-Rupert, Carey, Gooding and Bliss.

today

Wind causes mishap

JACKPOT, Nev. — A single-engine plane carrying two Twin Falls families veered off a runway while landing at the Jackpot airport Sunday afternoon, crashed through a fence and stopped in a grassy field.

None of the six passengers was reported injured.

Airport manager Jay W. Snyder said the pilot, Gene Wesley-Gook, told him the plane hit a cross wind while landing about 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The wind caused the plane to leave the mile-long runway after traveling about 3,000 feet down it.

Others in the plane were Gook's wife, Kathy; daughter, Julie; Bob Willis, his wife, Sherry, and their 4-year-old son, Jeremy.

The Bob Willis involved in the plane crash is the nephew of Bob Willis, owner of Willis Motor Co.

The two families were on their way to Jackpot from Twin Falls for an Easter dinner, Snyder said.

Property trial set

BOISE — A long-standing legal battle between the owner of the Valley Hearth Restaurant in Obsidian and the U.S. Forest Service, the administrator of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), will come to trial on June 13.

U.S. District Judge Marion Callister set the trial date Friday for the case in which the Forest Service is condemning John Mayer's property in the SNRA.

The Forest Service claims the property is necessary to preserve the pastoral values of a central range of land in the SNRA, and the Forest Service has bought or condemned nearly all the land in Obsidian.

Orientation tonight

TWIN FALLS — O'Leary Junior High School officials will hold a special orientation for sixth graders and their parents at 7 p.m. Monday at the school.

Lorayne Smith/Times-News

LILA PIPER, LEFT, AND EUNICE POWELL show how to apply traction splint

King promotes matchup of Holmes, Norton

Outlaw tourney bracket filled

FILER — A full field of 26 teams will begin play in the Magic Valley Outlaw basketball tournament Tuesday night at the Flier High school gymnasium.

Tournament chairman Lee Bartlett said Culbertson Insurance of Buhl has filled the bracketing, meaning that it will play the Chart House at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The tournament will run Tuesday through Saturday night when the consolation and tournament championships will be crowned.

Pairings for the first round Tuesday night include 5 p.m., Shoshone Stars vs. KART Radio of Jerome; 6 p.m., Canyonside Realty vs. Murtugah Merchants; 7 p.m., Upperware of Jerome vs. Kelly Applier of Buhl; 8 p.m., Beans, Inc., vs. Kentucky Fried Chicken; 9 p.m., Dietrich Town Team vs. Volco, Inc., and 10 p.m., Christian Center of Twin Falls vs. Wendell Merchants.

Completing the first round Wednesday evening will be 5 p.m., Max's Foodliner vs. Dave's Music; 6 p.m., Blinco Farms vs. Flier Police; 7 p.m., Dave's Big Chief vs. Quality Tile, and 8 p.m., Chart House vs. Culbertson Insurance of Buhl.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Boxing promoter Don King said Sunday that he is hopeful of making a Ken Norton-Larry Holmes bout for what he calls the world heavyweight championship for June at Caesars Palace.

The 45-year-old King, who added another ace to his promotional deck when the fifth-ranked Holmes easily out-pointed No. 4 contender Earnie Shavers in a 12-rounder in Las Vegas Saturday, said he felt such a match would be more attractive than the planned September rematch between Leon Spinks and Muhammad Ali.

Spinks, 24, who upset the 36-year-old Ali Feb. 15, is recognized as champion by the World Boxing Association and New York State. The World Boxing Council withdrew its recognition of Spinks March 17 for refusal to comply with alleged promises to defend the title against the top-ranked Norton.

"I think Ali-Spinks will go through," King, whose bitter rival Spinks has the rights to that fight, "but I think he works as big as Norton-Holmes. Norton and Holmes are simply two better fighters than Ali and Spinks, especially at this stage of Ali's career."

King heaped praise upon the smooth-boxing Holmes, who only lost one round on the scorecard of one of the three judges. King has directed the 27-0 Easton, Pa., fighter's career since he turned pro in 1973.

"I know Larry would make it," King said, referring to

Holmes' first test against a ranking fighter. "He answered all the unanswered questions about himself. He demonstrated to the world his championship ability. And trainer Richie Glacetti is the unsung hero. He, too, came of age in this fight."

King, who said he planned to keep 54-7-1 Shavers active also, was asked to compare the 28-year-old Holmes and Spinks.

"If Spinks is lucky enough to get by Muhammad, we'll find out," he said. "Larry Holmes won't be dodging anyone. He'll meet and greet every available contender."

A possibility for the Norton-Holmes card is the ring return of ex-champion George Foreman. King said he didn't know who Foreman would launch his comeback against.

King is also planning to push for a showdown fight between WBC junior lightweight champion Arguello and undisputed lightweight champ Roberto Duran. Arguello stopped unranked Mario Mendes in three rounds in a non-title bout on the Holmes-Shavers card.

King blasted the Arrumpromoted Joe Frazier comeback fight against South African Kallie Knoetze April 29 at the Aladdin Theater in Las Vegas.

"I think Frazier is being very insensitive to the plight of black people," King said. "Fighting a South African is helping those who support white supremacy and I think ABC is being very wrong, very insensitive in televising the fight. They have a very large black constituency."

The network also televised the Holmes-Shavers bout and has carried all but one of King's main fights.

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MARCH 28
R. E. MARJORIE KELLY, SHOSHONE
Advertisement: March 28
Messersmith Auction Service

MARCH 28
ERNEST COVEY BANKRUPTCY, Buhl
Advertisement: March 26
Masters Auction Service

MARCH 29
ROGER STODDILL, JEROME
Advertisement: March 27
Messersmith Auction

MARCH 29
VALLEY SAND & GRAVEL
Advertisement: March 27
Auctioneers: Well & Ester

MARCH 30
HALLAND WILSON, JEROME
Advertisement: March 28
Masters Auction Service

APRIL 1
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26-1 (BUILDING MATERIALS), JEROME
Advertisement: March 30
Auctioneers: West, Elers & Messersmith

APRIL 1
PROUD POKER
Tosco, Utah
Advertisement: March 30
Messersmith Auction

Lee-led East stars defeat West 93-87

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Player-of-the-Year Butch Lee of Marquette scored 29 points to beat his former coach Al McGuire in leading the East to a 93-87 victory Sunday over the West in the 18th annual National Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star game.

Lee scored his 29 points in slightly more than 23 minutes of action. He scored 11 in 10:04 of the first half and added his final 18 in 13:13 of the second half.

Lee sat out the opening 6:23 of the second half while the West was rallying from an 11-point halftime deficit in pulling to within four at 58-54. But Lee took charge there in winning player-of-the-game honors.

The West, using a full-court press, took a three-point lead at 65-65 on a pair of free throws by Ken Koenigs of Kansas and a basket by Rickey Lee of Oregon State. But Butch Lee followed with two consecutive baskets and scored 12 of his team's next 14 points to put the game away.

Mike Russell of Texas Tech added 13 and Freeman Williams of Portland State 12 for the West. Golle Augustus of South Carolina added 12 points and George Johnson of St. John's 11 to the East cause while Roger Phegley of Bradley topped the West with 14.

The lead ceased the first 10 minutes of the game with the West holding its last advantage at 19-17 on a pair of free throws by Russell.

Borg wins champions meet

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg maintained his hex over Vilas Gerulaitis Sunday and topped the 23-year-old New Yorker in an extremely close match, 6-5, 5-6, 6-4, 6-5 in the finals of the \$200,000 Tournament of Champions.

The match boiled down to a few crucial points, in much the same way as it did when Borg outlasted Gerulaitis in the 1977 Wimbledon semifinals which Borg won in five sets. Borg has now defeated Gerulaitis in all six of their matches.

Borg took home first prize of \$60,000 while Gerulaitis pocketed \$30,000 runnerup money for the match which capped off a week of brilliant tennis.

Borg won the first set, 12-point tiebreaker 7-5, breaking Gerulaitis' serve twice. On the last break, zwich Gerulaitis later called the match turning point, Gerulaitis made an unforced error, sending a forehand volley long.

In the entire match, there were only three service

breaks, two of those coming in the second set. Borg broke his opponent's serve in the sixth game when Gerulaitis rushed the net after his second serve only to have Borg slice a forehand past him.

Gerulaitis broke through in the ninth game. He brought the score to deuce in that game when the two traded drop shots at the net. Gerulaitis picking off the second and sending it down the line. Gerulaitis then scored on a half volley at the net.

In the second set tiebreaker, Gerulaitis took the lead at 6-4 but blew the first set point before breaking Borg's last serve, returning the ball sharply to Borg's forehand which the 21-year-old couldn't handle.

Evert tops King in WTT final

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Top-seeded Chris Evert, nearing the peak of her game in only her second tournament following a lengthy layoff, rolled over rival Billie Jean King, 6-0, 6-4, Sunday to win the \$100,000 Philadelphia stop on the women's tennis tour.

Evert, who took four months off from the game before returning last week in Boston, never allowed her sixth-seeded opponent a chance to get her game untracked and walked off with the \$20,000 first prize.

The 23-year-old resident of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., consistently forced the play deep in the corner to King's backhand. As a result, King was not able to effectively attack the net as she had

earlier this week in rolling to an 8-0 record in sets played.

The 64-minute match may have been decided in the very first game, a 10-minute duel that went to deuce five times. The 34-year-old King, of San Mateo, Calif., fought off two break points but on the third she missed a drop shot and Evert was on her way to a sweep.

Evert, who defeated King, 63, 6-2, in the semifinals at Boston before losing in the finals, broke King in the third game with the help of a double fault and in the fifth game, when King missed the volley. She concluded the set on a forehand up the line.

Snead ends streak
HILTON HEAD, S.C. (UPI) — Sam Snead announced Sunday that he would be unable to compete in this week's Greater Greensboro (N.C.) Open for the first time in the 40-year history of that golf tournament.

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Gov. Ella Grasso — a persistent pioneer

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) — Connecticut Gov. Ella T. Grasso, like-ring-wise boxer, knows when to lean on the ropes, when to slip a punch and when to come out swinging. She has learned the hard way.

Four years ago, Ella Tambussi Grasso, the 58-year-old daughter of an immigrant baker, became the first woman in U.S. history to win a governor's chair without the aid of her husband's name or death.

Although the Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Mount Holyoke College had spent more than 25 years in the political arena, four of those in Congress, she landed gubernatorial victory in 1974 as a solo performer. She won her political bout with a pro trainer in her corner — former state and national Democratic chairman, John M. Bailey, Bailey, the first state chairman to join the John F. Kennedy bandwagon, was the most powerful man ever to wield influence on the Connecticut political scene. He decided Ella Grasso would be governor and then took the political steps to make his decision a reality.

After the male-dominated Watergate scandal, Mrs. Grasso was a welcome challenger, a woman ready to put the

state's house in order, a person the party perceived to be a social reformer. She followed Republican Gov. Thomas J. Meskill who landed a federal judgeship, a nomination fired by Richard M. Nixon from his White House bunker shortly before it fell in the Watergate siege.

In a cruel twist of political fate, Bailey died almost immediately after Mrs. Grasso was sworn in.

Now, she goes it alone and sometimes, the going is rough. The daughter of immigrant parents from Tortona in Italy's Piedmont region where grapes is king sometimes tells herself, "Corraggio!"

Mrs. Grasso concedes Bailey's death forced her to learn how to fight her own battles, to develop her own style.

Her supporters feel she has emerged something of a political Muhammad Ali — a philosopher, a charmer, a moving target. Her critics say she's the same brand of fiscal conservative as Meskill and that she has alienated the big city patronage machines.

This year, five politicians — four Republicans and her Democratic lieutenant governor — are vying to prevent Mrs. Grasso from serving a second term. The gubernatorial

challengers say she is a weak leader, who ignores the advice of her party leaders.

Lt. Gov. Robert K. Killian, the same age as Mrs. Grasso, tried to challenge her in 1974 when he campaigned against her as "a politician and not a woman." But Bailey told him to move aside and take the number two spot.

There's no Bailey this year and Killian is going straight for the title. Killian claims he has had no meaningful contact with the governor for some time. He says the lack of dialogue is an indication of how Mrs. Grasso has turned her back on her advisers and party members.

"There's been an estrangement for the better part of a year," he said. "Her major problem has been inaccessibility. She has a lack of interest in what might be considered contrary views."

Confronted with the criticism, Mrs. Grasso smiled. She smiles a lot.

"I find it hard to believe I'm inaccessible," she said with an air of humility she frequently employs. "I endeavor to meet with every person and group who wants to. Every day, my calendar is full of appointments."

One might think Mrs. Grasso was not responding directly to Killian's bitter criticism. Perhaps. But more significantly, it was an example of how she has learned to lean on the ropes, waiting for an opening.

Several hours after Killian formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Mrs. Grasso was asked by reporters if she had any response to the "harsh charges" Killian had made against her.

"I'm sure they're nowhere near as harsh as some of things I've said to myself," she replied. "The governor was alpping the punch, still waiting for an opening."

Mrs. Grasso got one during the Blizzard of '78, a wicked winter storm that belted the Northeast in early February, and she came out swinging.

Mrs. Grasso immediately set up a "Storm Center" at the state armory. While on her way to the command post, her car got stuck in several feet of drifting snow. She jumped out and trudged the rest of the way — a bit of Yankee gumption that delighted several Connecticut editorial writers.

Mrs. Grasso, who endured Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, D-Wash.,

after President Carter had won his first primary, was able to prevail on Carter to send in the Army for the snow job. She took helicopter jaunts to survey the damage, leaving no hand unshook and asking local officials how the state could help.

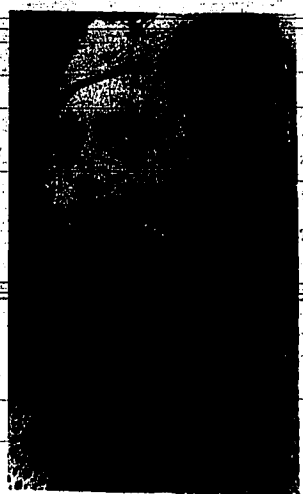
While Mrs. Grasso was barking orders and winning votes, Killian wandered around the storm center like a stray hunting dog. She made sure he didn't retrieve any game. He had nothing to do, but still around.

Grasso's snow campaign was so successful that many frustrated Killian supporter to lament that the governor's camp must have seeded the clouds.

The storm provided a subtle exhibition of the political savvy that's become a hallmark of the new Mrs. Grasso. She had learned from the mistakes of her predecessors.

In 1973 the state was in the frozen grip of a week-long ice storm. Meskill went on a ski vacation in Vermont.

Mrs. Grasso has learned to be a politician who talks in confusing circles when confronted by a rival or a reporter. But give her a minute with a constituent and she's all smiles and kind words. You'd almost expect her to walk off into the sunset.



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