# Salvadorian aid gets Senate support

By W. DALE NELSON Associated Press Writer

forts yesterday to withhold all or part of President Reagan's \$61.7-million military aid package for El Salvador until courts in that fiscal year. country obtain verdicts in the murders of four churchwomen and two labor advisers from

The lawmakers rejected by a 69-24 vote an amendment by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D--Mass., to hold back 15 percent of the funds until there is a verdict in the slaying of two AFL-CIO representatives gunned down as they dined in a San Salvador hotel in 1981. The labor officials were advisers to the

Salvadorans on land reform. hold back 30 percent of the funds pending a Salvador to engage in negotiations with the verdict in the murders of the four churchwom- rebels. The Salvadoran government and the en in December, 1980. This vote also killed an Reagan administration have refused to accept alternative by Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and

Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., to withhold all the money until there was a verdict. Specter, a former federal prosecutor, voted

saying a similar provision was adopted last fall when Congress approved \$65 million in military aid for El Salvador in the current

By rejecting Specter's amendment. Kennedy said, Congress would be declaring that are going to add more money this year to

Kennedy's defeat on the issue of the labor advisors was his second in two days in the El Salvador debate. On Monday, the Senate reiected 63-25 his bid to slash the aid to \$21

The Senate also tabled by a vote of 63-26 an The Senate then shelved by a vote of 54-39 an amendment by Kennedy that would have

Kennedy also offered an amendment calling for an investigation by the Senate Intelligence Committee of the death squads, but withdrew to shelve the Kennedy amendment, saying the the amendment after the committee's chairlabor advisers' case was "a very complicated man, Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., agreed O'Neill's spokesman, Christopher Mat-

matter" but the case of the churchwomen was to hold hearings on the subject before the Independence Day congressional recess. "Yesterday, the Senate voted to send more guns and more bullets to El Salvador." Kennedy told his colleagues. "Today, we can vote to

> But Sen. Albert Kasten, R-Wis., chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that oversees foreign aid, said, "Any effort to withhold aid today is simply a vote against the level that we have agreed to."

At the White House, President Reagan told Republican congressional leaders that "some members of the El Salvadoran army may have to go on missions . . . with only one clip of ammunition," said presidential spokesman Larry Speakes. Assistant Republican Leader Ted Stevens

said the legislators were told that one of the amendment by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., to conditioned the aid on an agreement by El reasons for the high death rate among Salvadoran wounded, reported to be about two out ammunition to undertake a mission to save a Michel accused Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill

Easter recess April 23.

noted Sen. Gary Hart's opposition to Salvado-Jr. of planning to delay House action on the ran military aid and said, "I don't think the measure until after Congress returns from its people on the other side want to see the issue cided definitely in the Senate until after

presidential primary.

the federal budget deficit.

options and had made no decision.

if the aid package is not approved.

Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., a member

foreign operations, said he and other Republi-

cans would press for action before the recess

to El Salvador and Honduras, said the Salva-

doran army is going to run out of ammunition

Stevens raised the possibility that the Sen-

ate might skip its scheduled Easter recess if it

cannot complete work on the Salvadoran aid

bill in time to deal also with a plan to reduce

Stevens said the GOP leadership hopes to

He said 30 to 40 amendments awaited action

but that he thought the situation would "settle

down some" after yesterday's New York

When asked to elaborate on this, Stevens

pass the El Salvador package by tomorrow.

Edwards, who recently returned from a trip

### Pa. voters to decide on bonds

By DAN BIERS **Associated Press Writer** 

development package.

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania voters will decide on April 10 whether the state should borrow \$190 million to fund an economic

The proposed bond issue was hammered out in February by awmakers from both parties and Gov. Thornburgh as a way to improve the state's economy. Both nouses of the General Assembly then voted to place the question on the primary ballot. Thornburgh has said the bond

issue "promises benefits to all of our citizens.' The bond question only names the broad categories for which the

money is to be used. But leaders from both houses have agreed how much money should be spent on each segment of the three-year

program. Still, the General Assembly has yet to pass legislation needed to specify how the money will be

• \$50 million in loans or grants to local agencies to help improve roads, railsidings and other facilities needed by business.

The leadership agreement calls

• \$30 million to upgrade recreational facilities. • \$30 million for updating vocational and technical equipment at

vo-tech schools, community colleges and engineering schools. • \$20 million to help small businesses by helping them share certain resources, such as legal and

technical assistance. \$15 million to set up a Conseration Corps Program to employ young people in public projects. • \$15 million to help employees

trying to prevent plant shutdowns. • \$15 million to expand Pennsylvania Capital Loan Fund. • \$10 million for farming loans. • \$5 million for minority ecoomic development.

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce back the proposal, although labor prefers the governor fund the program by abandoning his proposed corporate net income

## 'Raggedy Ann' brings cheer to the forgotten

By The Associated Press

FOLSOM, Pa. — Betty Brackney says she needs only a mirror, a toy telephone and her handmade Raggedy Ann costume to cheer up elderly people who feel

"I've been there. I've been through such dreadful loneliness that I didn't want to live," she says. "I don't want anyone else to go through that." Brackney, 75, says she is a survivor of partial deafness as a

child, two bad marriages and retired nurse who lives alone on Social Security benefits, she first turned to volunteer work to help take her mind off her own sorrows.

Now, she is consumed. She works partly through a Delaware County volunteer agency called RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), but mostly on her own, spontaneously. She visits the homebound to cook and clean, drives the sick to the hospital in

her Volkswagon Rabbit, and

talents in sewing to the cause. She teaches handicrafts and donates hand-made dolls to RSVP's fund-

Betty Brackney is in her prime, though, as Raggedy Ann, wearing a costume she designed and made. It begins as a simple dance and a pantomime with a mirror, she explains. When visiting the wards of convalescent hospitals she becomes Raggedy Ann, the forgotten painful separation from her chil- old doll in the attic. She gazes into lespondent mirror-image out into a happier world of friends.

> Or she uses a toy telephone to talk with Charlie the Hobby Horse. an old playmate who consoles Raggedy Ann, saying she's loved and hasn't been forgotten after all. The message, Brackney says, is that "there are troubles in the world, but you can work them out. You can find happiness through



Dressed in her Raggedy Ann costume, 75-year-old Betty Brackney brings a smile to Clara Baehr, 89, a suburban Philadelphia nursing home resident. Brackney visits hospitals, nursing homes, and the homebound to spread her own

## Snow whips across Plains as winter refuses to yield

By DAVID L. LANGFORD **Associated Press Writer** 

A blizzard buried the buds of spring under as much as 2 feet of snow from Colorado to South Dakota yesterday and trapped thousands of travelers in the Plains.

Rescuers on snowmobiles fought headhigh snowdrifts on the lonely highways of eastern Colorado, looking for marooned motorists and some local residents were were reported missing, including the superintendent of Elizabeth public schools and a along the flooding Suwannee River in North woman who left her home in Last Chance at Florida. noon Monday and hadn't been seen since. The snowstorm was blamed for two

deaths on Wyoming highways earlier in the Five tornadoes touched down in Kansas Monday night, causing minor damage, and thunderstorms in the Southeast had dumped almost 4 inches of rain since Monday in the Louisiana towns of Alexandria and Fort

had fallen. Many interstate highways in the In Mullen, Neb., 2 foot of snow had collected by yesterday morning, with 14 inches coming down in the 12 hours ending at 7 a.m. In Kimball, Neb., in the southwestern corner of the state, 18 inches was on the ground, lected in Denver. Polk. Up to 3 inches of rain fell yesterday

were waiting out the storm, including many Schools were closed vesterday in much of who were taken into private homes. "Some folks might find that hard to be-Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota, where up to a foot and a half of snow lieve," said Dan Jenson, a regional Civil Defense coordinator in Kimball, "But you get out here in the western part of the state. and you get some pretty good hospitality." Winds gusted to 67 mph at Burlington,

Colo., where 15 inches of snow was mea-

sured. However, only about 3 inches col-

came to a virtual standstill as winds clogged roads with snowdrifts higher than cars. The Colorado State Patrol closed nearly every major highway in a 15,000-square-mile area bounded by Nebraska, Kansas, Denver and

> Colorado Springs. Included in the shutdown were parts of Interstate 70, I-25 and I-76. Limon on I-70 in east-central Colorado was isolated after drifting snow closed all roads in and out of town for the seventh time this snow season.

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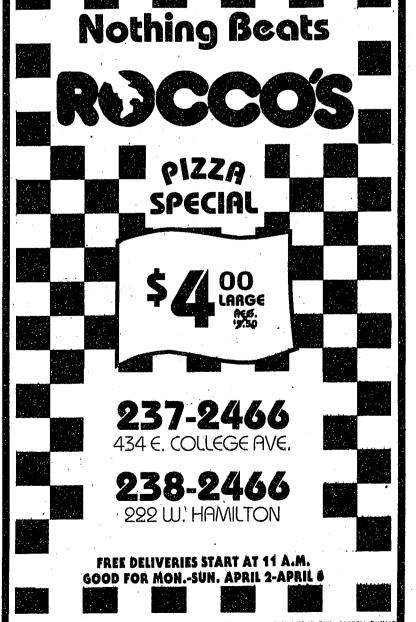
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Proposal may eliminate some taxes

HARRISBURG (AP) — A group of mayors announced yesterday that Gov. Thornburgh supports a tax reform proposal aimed at giving school districts and municipalities more tax flexibility. The legislation, which has been endorsed by 14 major groups and is currently on the House floor, would eliminate local nuisance taxes and attempt to reduce property taxes by allowing school districts and municipalities to raise their earned income taxes.

• Allow school districts to eliminate the per capita, occupational privilege, occupational assessment, business privilege and mercantile taxes in return for a one-half percent increase in the

• Put a limit on the total tax revenues the districts and municipalities could collect after the reform bill is enacted to prevent them from gaining a windfall.

 Allow municipalities to levy a municipal services tax of onequarter percent on earned income or a flat tax of \$50 on people who work in the municipality.

Voters may decide on litter deposit HARRISBURG (AP) — A House member today proposed having

a non-binding referendum to see whether voters want to pay a deposit on beverage containers to fund a litter cleanup by local Rep. Benjamin Wilson, R-Bucks County, said he will introduce the referendum bill when the Legislature reconvenes April 24. He

said the referendum question would be: "Shall the General Assembly enact legislation to be entitled the Beverage Container and Litter Control Act, which will place a nominal charge on every beverage container of 16 ounces or less sold in the Commonwealth, with the revenues utilized for compensating local governments and citizens for cleaning up litter?"

Wilson said he favors a proposal that would have the store collect the returned beverage containers to destroy them and reimburse people for the deposit with money received from the state. Wilson said labor unions, supermarkets and manufacturers all have opposed earlier proposals to have people pay a deposit and then have to return the container to the store to recover the deposit.

#### nation news briefs

Crew readies for 11th shuttle flight CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Five astronauts who will fly

the 11th space shuttle flight arrived at Cape Canaveral yesterday as the launch team prepared for a countdown that will send Challenger on a bold satellite rescue and repair mission. Commander Robert Crippen said, "Everything is going well and we believe we will get off on time." He will guide Challenger into an orbit 305 miles up, highest yet for

a shuttle, so he can track down a wobbly, slowly spinning science satellite named Solar Max, which failed 10 months after it was Astronaut George Nelson will fly free of the orbiting shuttle, maneuvering with a jet-powered back pack to capture the disabled

The countdown begins this morning, aiming for a liftoff at 8:59

Attorney general to postpone leave

WASHINGTON (AP) - William French Smith, bowing to President Reagan's request, will continue to serve as attorney general until a successor is confirmed, the White House said vesterday. Larry Speakes, chief White House spokesman, said Smith agreed to Reagan's request during a brief meeting in the Oval Office. The attorney general was known to be anxious to return to his

California law practice, as well as to take an active role in the president's re-election campaign. However, he has been blocked from leaving by the problems White House counselor Edwin Meese III has run into in winning Senate confirmation as Smith's replace-

In a written statement, Reagan expressed pleasure that a special prosecutor had been named to look into the allegations against Meese, his top policy adviser and longtime friend. A three-judge panel on Monday chose Jacob A. Stein, a 59-year-old Washington lawyer, for the job.

Mass. voters defeat school prayer FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (AP) - Voters narrowly defeated a referendum to permit prayer in the schools and backers of the measure said yesterday they will accept the majority's wish and

give up their campaign.
"I'm disappointed that school prayer lost, but the democratic system worked and we have to listen to it," said School Committee member Joseph P. Conlon, a vocal advocate of school prayer in this eastern Massachusetts town of 68,000 people. "We have to listen to the voters. But I only hope this makes

people in other cities and states work for school prayer." The non-binding referendum was defeated Monday by 174 votes. With all 19 precincts reporting, 3,733 people voted against it and 3,-If it had been approved and then implemented by the School Committee, Farmingham students would have had the choice to

recite each day a prayer based on language in the Declaration of

Independence that acknowledges "the laws of nature and the nature of God." About 24 percent of Framingham's 35,000 registered voters participated in the election, and about 1,000 cast blank ballots on the school prayer issue. Also on the ballot were several political

#### world news briefs

India riots leave 13 dead, 250 hurt CHANDIGARH, India (AP) — Authorities in Punjab state told security forces yesterday to shoot rioters on sight as a means of quelling violence in which at least 13 people have been killed and

The order was issued after troops used machine gun fire to scatter 20,000 rioting Hindus at the funeral of an assassinated politician in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar and killed eight people, according to a police report. The report said mourners had attacked police, gasoline stations and shops in the city 140 miles northewest of here.

The crowd lynched two police sergeants, reports from the area said. A police official said the situation was "very bad, with mobs fighting running battles with police." A general strike called by Hindu organizations closed most shops, businesses, factories, movie theaters and restaurants across Punjab, where 52 percent of the 17 million people are Sikhs.

Indian spaceman to practice yoga

MOSCOW (AP) - India's first spaceman soared into orbit yesterday aboard a Soviet rocket, carrying an Indian flag and a handful of his native soil for an eight-day mission in which he will Rakesh Sharma and two Soviet cosmonauts, mission commander Before the launch, Sharma said it was a great honor to be the first

Salyut 7, where three Soviets have been working since a Feb. 8

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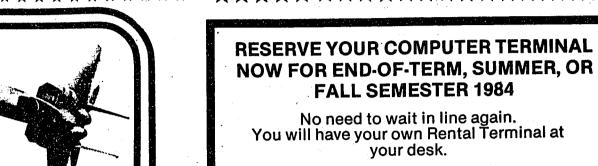
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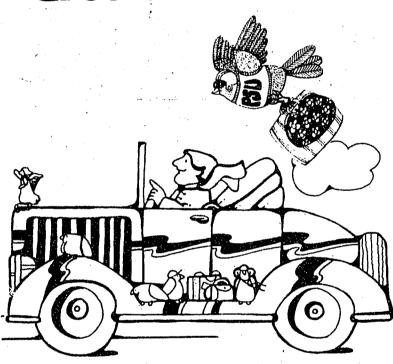
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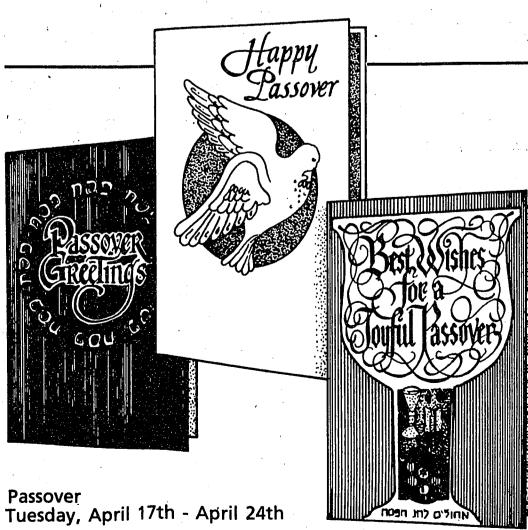


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