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**United Press International**  
A hormonal imbalance may explain the mysterious disease called Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS. Researchers at the University of Maryland have found that infants who die of SIDS have high levels of a thyroid hormone called T3 which is known to play a role in nerve development.

During early life the imbalance could have a drastic effect on the formation of an infant's nervous system, which, of course, affects breathing.

Although findings are still preliminary, the T3 connection may not only help explain why SIDS occurs but also lead toward prevention.

Ultra-sound waves guide fetal surgery

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Guided by ultra-sound images, doctors are now able to perform intricate life-saving operations on fetuses inside the womb.

When tests revealed that Michael Skinner suffered from a potentially lethal urinary tract obstruction, his doctors decided to operate. Nothing surprising except that at the time of his successful surgery, Michael, a twin, was just a 31-week-old fetus. The operation took place in his mother's womb.

Fetal therapy can now correct six serious defects that would eventually kill or cripple their tiny victims, according to Dr. Gary Hodgen, chief of the Pregnancy Research Branch of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. These historic ultra-sound accomplishments are de-

tailed in the September issue of Science Digest. Among them:

•performing the world's first "selective abortion" of a twin, where the normal fetus was saved, but the other, afflicted by mongolism, was aborted.

•partially removing a 21-week-old fetus from the womb to correct a kidney defect and then returning it to the mother's body. The fetus was carried full term, but died of an unrelated problem.

Risk remains great with fetal surgery; only fetuses in danger of dying before or soon after birth are candidates.

Ultra-sound techniques produce detailed pictures for doctors to study. High frequency sound waves are bounced off the fetus. The echoes produced are projected as an image on a TV screen.

Snow, quake hit U.S.; tropical storm brewing

Tropical storm

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MIAMI — Tropical storm Beryl, only the second storm of the season, grew in the eastern Atlantic Saturday as forecasters warned the peak of the hurricane season was at hand.

The National Hurricane Center said Beryl was centered about 50 miles south of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands and was moving west-northwest at about 10 mph. The storm, located about 3,500 miles east of Miami, posed no immediate threat to land.

Forecaster Neil Frank reminded coastal residents they must work out their own evacuation plans if it becomes necessary to flee from a storm.

The peak of the hurricane season is Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, Frank said.

"All that we can offer is a 12-hour advance warning," said Frank. "It will take far longer to evacuate certain areas."

Earthquake

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WAIPIO VALLEY, HAWAII — An early morning earthquake shook the Big Island's Hamakua Coast Saturday but caused no major damage.

The quake measured 3.6 on the Richter scale, and woke up a number of Hamakua and South Kohala residents at 1:48 a.m.

Hawaiian Volcano Observatory scientists said the temblor was not related to any tectonic activity, and was felt at a depth of seven miles.

No major damage caused by the quake.

Snowfall

**United Press International**  
KILLINGTON, Vt. Snow in August?

The unseasonably late summer weather had more like winter at the Killington ski resort Saturday.

A spokesman said snow had piled up 2 inches in an hour and a half. He said the snowfall beat last year's first flakes by approximately one month, but the spokesman was unsure whether it might be the earliest recorded snowfall on record.



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'Keystone robbers' bungle Arkansas burglary attempts

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SPRINGDALE, Ark. — The best comedy act at the Dew Drop Inn tavern lately has been Keystone Robbers.

In less than five hours, one burglar was outwitted by a dog, another fell through the ceiling, and a third was bagged stumbling around in the predawn darkness.

The routine started at 11:40 p.m. Thursday, when police re-

ceived a burglar alarm and sent three officers to the scene.

A patrolman turned his dog loose in the building; the police pooch found a suspect trying to get out a window, and he was arrested on the spot.

So was his partner, who tried to hide in the attic but fell through the ceiling.

The burglar alarm at the tavern sounded again at 4:42 a.m. Friday. Police sent to the

scene saw a man inside, ordered him to come out, and he did.

In between the two incidents officers searched a motel registered to one of the first suspects, and arrested a woman charged with possessing marijuana and unlabeled drugs.

Police said there appears was no connection between two incidents.

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Cigarette maker up prices

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. The nation's No. 1 cigarette maker, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., is boosting the price of cigarettes in what amounts to 30 to 40 cents per carton for consumers.

Individual merchants will determine how much of the increases will be passed on to customers. The increases were announced Friday night.

Prices will increase again, when an 8-cent increase in federal excise tax takes effect. The increase, which doubles tax, was approved this month as part of a \$98 billion tax package enacted by Congress.

A Reynolds spokesman said the wholesale price increase was made because of increased production costs.

The price of Reynolds' regular and king-size cigarettes will increase by \$1.50 per thousand cigarettes, bringing the cost \$22.70. The increase has been down to 30 cents a carton, 20 cents per pack.

The company's 100 millimeter and 120 millimeter cigarettes will go up \$2.00 a thousand — 40 cents more a carton or 4 cents a pack.

Reynolds manufactures Winston — the second-most popular brand in the nation — Salem and Vantage cigarettes.

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