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## Runaway had reasons for kidnapping two tots

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**DALLAS** — A 14-year-old Florida runaway suspected of taking two small girls from their home abducted them because she did not want to leave them alone, a police officer said. The unidentified girl, who was accused of abducting Marcella Robledo, 3, and her 1-year-old sister, Cynthia, from their home Nov. 18, was being held in a Dallas County juvenile detention facility Sunday, police Investigator C. Harding said. "The girl's intention really wasn't to kidnap the girls, but she had to get out of there, and she didn't want to leave the girls there (alone)," said Investigator C. Harding. The investigator said the juvenile took the girls with her from home to home in the city's Oak Cliff section for a week, asking people to give them shelter. She was arrested Friday after a woman whom she had asked for a place to stay called police.

## Radioactivity contamination in western states to be surveyed

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**WASHINGTON** — The Energy Department is starting a three-year effort to survey 8,000 sites in nine western states that may be contaminated with low-level radioactivity from use of uranium mill tailings in construction. Tailings are sand-like material that remains after uranium has been extracted from ore. They contain small concentrations of radioactive elements, such as radium and thorium. Most uranium milling produces nuclear fuel for commercial reactors, while 15 percent of the milling produces material for nuclear weapons. The department announced this week the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is establishing a permanent office in Grand Junction, Colo., for the project. The potentially contaminated sites are residential, commercial and public properties, the department said. Some 800 of the 8,000 possible sites are in and around Grand Junction. Besides Colorado, the states involved are Arizona, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Preliminary surveys will be started in the Grand Junction area during November, the department stated. It will use a mobile "scanning van" that will drive along roads "bordering the suspected properties to detect the weak gamma radiation given off by radium." Properties identified by that method will then be examined more closely using hand-held instruments. Recommendations for possible cleanup actions at

## Protesters blockade U.S. Army base

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**MUTLANGEN, West Germany** — Seven trucks carrying what was believed to be the components of the first Pershing-2 missiles to be deployed in Europe rolled into a U.S. Army base Saturday, sparking new anti-nuclear protests in Germany. Riot police wielding nightsticks held back about 500 protesters trying to blockade the 56th Field Artillery Brigade depot hours after the truck convoy, said by witnesses to have been escorted by German police, arrived at 2:40 a.m. No arrests or injuries were reported. There had been persistent reports that 36 of the 108 Pershing-2 missiles to be deployed in Germany would go to the Mutlangen base in the southwest of the country. The U.S. State Department confirmed Friday parts for the Pershing-2s had begun to arrive in West Germany. The first battery was expected to be operational within a month. The demonstrators, mostly young Germans, stopped an Army bus carrying about 30 American soldiers, but about 200 police with riot helmets and nightsticks shoved them back, clearing a path for the vehicle. The demonstrators had marched to the base carrying a coffin and signs that said "We will persevere" and "Peace begins with peace." The Bundestag last week approved the deployment of 108 Pershing-2 and 96 cruise missiles in Germany. NATO is to deploy 572 new American medium-range missiles in the next five years to counter Soviet missiles targeted on Western Europe. Genscher told the Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung newspaper that he would use a number of upcoming meetings, including a session of the European Security Conference in Stockholm in January, to try to rebuild bridges with the East bloc. The Soviets walked out of arms talks in Geneva in response to the West German parliamentary vote approving deployment of the missiles.

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