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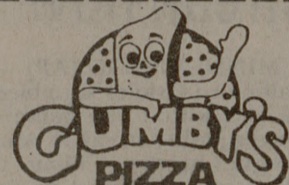
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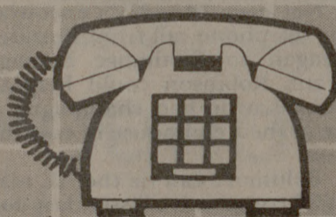
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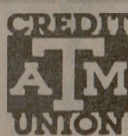
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# World and Nation

## Two soldiers, three guerrillas die in firefight on Israeli border

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops on Tuesday tracked down and attacked a band of Arab guerrillas infiltrating from Lebanon into Israel. Two Israelis and three guerrillas were killed, authorities said.

Two other Israeli soldiers were wounded in the firefight. One was in serious condition with a bullet wound to his chest, authorities said.

The attack in the rocky terrain and scrub brush near the Lebanese border was the bloodiest border clash since Dec. 8 when Palestinian riots began in Israeli-occupied territories to the south.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, the army blocked hundreds of Palestinians from reaching jobs in Israel by confiscating their ID cards and requiring them to undergo checks at government offices.

The government also temporarily revoked the press credentials of two foreign journalists, Martin Fletcher of NBC and Glenn Frankel of the *Washington Post*, for failing to submit their dispatches to military censorship.

The border attack began before dawn when Israeli soldiers on a patrol discovered footprints northeast of the town of Kiriyat Shimona, an army spokesman said.

For several hours, troops lit the skies with flares and searched for the intruders, the spokesman said.

The soldiers found the guerrillas about 200 yards inside the border and opened fire.

The guerrillas responded by hurling hand grenades and firing a rocket, the spokesman said.

A soldier involved in the clash said troops and guerrillas were six feet away from each other when the fighting began.

"They were hiding on a deep slope inside a maze of trees," the soldier, who would not give his name, told Israeli radio. "It was not possible to see them. From inside the maze the terrorists opened fire."

Lebanese police spokesmen in Beirut said the seven-man guerrilla ring belonged to two pro-Soviet groups, the Lebanese Communist party and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by George Habash.

But an Israeli military official told Israel radio that documents discovered on the guerrillas showed they

belonged to the Syrian-backed Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by Naif Hawatme.

Later Tuesday, Hawatme's group said the attack had occurred in Lebanon and that 12 Israeli soldiers had been killed.

But both the Israeli army and Lebanese police said just two Israeli soldiers and three guerrillas were killed.

The incident marked the 11th infiltration or attempted infiltration since Nov. 25, when a lone guerrilla landed a hang glider in northern Israel and attacked a military base, killing six soldiers in a hail of grenades before being shot to death.

Israeli officials have linked the tempts to the uprising in the territories.

## 5-year-old boy tells preschool students he has AIDS virus

LAKESWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Five-year-old Jonathan began his first day of preschool Monday by telling his seven classmates he has AIDS.

"He said, 'This is my oxygen, and I have a disease. My bad blood could kill you,'" said Sheila, the child's mother, who took her son to the special education class at Patterson Elementary School.

Jonathan, who uses a portable oxygen tank to assist in breathing, surprised his mother by volunteering the information as the other children were introducing themselves, she said.

"He addressed it up front," she said. "He didn't wait for anything. And the kids responded really well. He broke the ice right off and from then on it was just normal kid stuff."

A divorced mother of three other

sons, she has asked that her last name not be published because she fears retaliation against her family.

"They listened and they played with me," Jonathan said of the hour he spent in the classroom. Asked whether his first day was as much fun as he expected, he replied simply, "Yeah."

The two talked with reporters outside the family's condominium in Lakewood. Reporters and photographers were not allowed inside the classroom at the request of the other students' parents.

Jonathan is the state's first recorded child victim of the fatal disease, his mother said. The youngster contracted AIDS from tainted blood he received in a transfusion shortly after birth and was diagnosed in June 1985.

## World Briefs

### Saudi Arabia breaks relations with Iran

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia accused Iran of terrorism and subversion and broke relations Tuesday, ordering all Iranian diplomats to leave the kingdom within a week.

A statement broadcast by state-run television and distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency cited a

riot by Iranians during a pilgrimage to Mecca last year in which hundreds of people died, a subsequent attack on the Saudi Embassy in Tehran and attacks on commercial shipping in the Persian Gulf.

On Sunday, Iranian speedboats attacked a Saudi-owned tanker in the Strait of Hormuz.

### UN condemns murder of PLO leader

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council on Monday condemned the assassination of the PLO's military commander and the United States abstained, allowing the resolution to pass 14-0.

The resolution did not accuse Israel of killing Khalil Wazir, the sec-

ond in command in the PLO, but Israeli sources and Tunisian officials have said Wazir was slain by Israeli commandos.

America frequently has used its veto power as one of the council's five permanent members to block resolutions criticizing Israel.

### Polish steelworkers strike for more pay

WARSAW (AP) — Hundreds of steelworkers in southern Poland went on strike for more pay Tuesday as laborers' frustrations over rising inflation boiled over for the second time in two days.

Other workers threatened a walk-out at a heavy machinery plant to protest the firing of two leaders of

the independent Solidarity trade union for leading a protester's rally.

On Monday, a strike by 2,800 transit workers in the western city of Bydgoszcz shut down buses and trams for 11 hours, forcing provincial officials to boost hourly wages more than 60 percent.

It is the first major protest since 1981.

### Non-OPEC nations offer oil-export cut

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Seven independent oil-producing nations, seeking to help OPEC boost oil prices, proposed late Tuesday that both groups temporarily cut their exports by 5 percent, Mexico's oil minister said.

Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian

president of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, called the offer "a good beginning."

Analysts said the proposal, if implemented, could at least temporarily reverse the recent decline in oil prices caused by excess supplies.

## National Briefs

### Crew tests gases inside submarine

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Sailors boarded the disabled submarine USS Bonefish drifting off the Florida coast Tuesday and began testing and pumping out what they said appeared to be toxic gases inside, a Navy spokesman said.

Earlier Tuesday, 19 of the 22 sailors injured in Sunday's explo-

sions and fire were discharged from a hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

The five-man boarding crew planned to continue its work throughout the night before an effort was made to enter the submarine, said Lt. Fred Henney, a spokesman for the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk.

### Groups agree to ban plastic handguns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration and law enforcement groups agreed Tuesday on compromise legislation to ban undetectable plastic handguns, using an approach that has been staunchly opposed by the National Rifle Association and its legislative supporters.

Joseph A. Morris, director of

the Justice Department's office of liaison, said the proposed legislation would be sent to Congress this week.

The compromise represents a change in position for Attorney General Edwin Meese III, who earlier endorsed the NRA approach.

### Panel wants warning on acne drug

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A federal advisory committee declined Tuesday to recommend withdrawal of a popular acne medication known to cause birth defects in pregnant women.

However, after reaching that unanimous decision, the panel of outside experts asked the Food and Drug Administration to look

into the legality of requiring some restrictions on how the drug, Accutane, is prescribed and taken.

It also adopted a series of recommendations to strengthen the warnings supplied to doctors who prescribe the drug and to word more clearly the warnings given to patients themselves.

### Economy grows during first quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Strong spending by American consumers helped the economy grow at a healthy 2.3 percent annual rate during the first three months of 1988, the government said Tuesday, dispelling fear of any lingering ill effects from the October stock market crash.

The Commerce Department, in its first look at overall eco-

nomics performance this year, said consumer spending, the biggest surge in business investment in more than four years and growing exports kept the gross national product rising despite declines in government spending and housing construction.

"So much for the recession that was supposed to occur in the first quarter," Commerce Undersecretary Robert Ortner said.

### Fitzwater: U.S. wants to cut gulf action

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's spokesman suggested Monday that the administration wants to return U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf to limited rules of engagement.

While emphasizing that no decisions have been made on how American naval power will be

used, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "Everybody acknowledges that we need to move back to some more limited set of rules."

The talk of a change in policy came as a result of the mining of a U.S. frigate and last Monday's extensive fighting between Iranian and U.S. forces.

### Teller machine users keep free cash

NEW YORK (AP) — Your bank cash machine has gone berserk, giving out \$20 bills as if they were fivers, yet your receipt shows no sign of overpayment. Do you use the emergency telephone to alert the bank, or do you take the money and run?

If you chose the first option, you are a rare breed of cat, judging from an unintentional ethics experiment staged Sunday at a Manhattan bank branch.

Because some hapless bank employee loaded a canister of \$20 bills into the slot for \$5 bills, an accidental exercise in income redistribution took place.

Although the cash machine panel has a 24-hour telephone for reporting problems outside bank hours, there were only "one or two calls," bank spokesman Robert Nolan said.

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