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to: **NRC** Commissioner James Axelstein

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Shermstown, Pa., I am becoming quite alarmed at the frequency of "incidents" and "discoveries" at Pennsylvania Power and Light's Susquehanna Steam Electric Station near Berwick, Pa.

I am enclosing two xeroxes from the local Wilkes-Barre Papers about a recent spill of water and the discovery of a crack in a hydrogen recombiner, as well as a succinct listing of "things gone awry" at the plant in the last 3 months by the anti-nuke group Susquehanna Alliance.

Please consider these items; perhaps a review of the safety of the plant is needed.

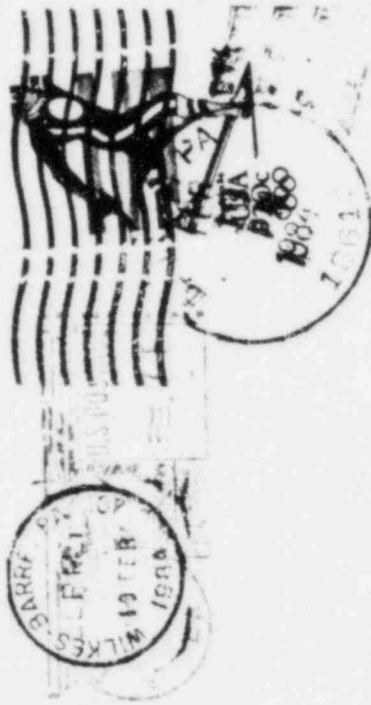
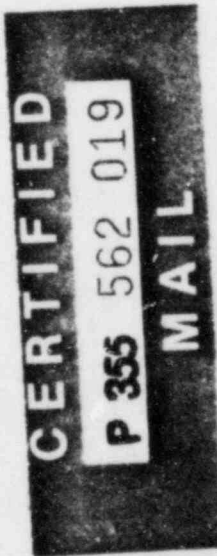
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They're Awaiting Word From Egypt

Tina Kravits, left, sister of Jack Charney, and Jack's mother, Mrs. John J. Charney of Dallas, await word on the return of Jack, seriously injured in an accident near Cairo, Egypt, last week. Jack's father is currently with his son, who was on the last leg of a round-the-world hiking trip when the incident occurred.

Jack Charney

Crack Won't Halt Nuke Restart

Cracking discovered in a hydrogen recombiner, a non-nuclear support system at the Susquehanna nuclear power plant, is not expected to affect the scheduled mid-February restart of the Unit 1 reactor.

The cracking in the exterior of the 1/4-inch stainless steel wall of a hydrogen recombiner was discovered when crews

were doing maintenance work on heaters which warm the outside of the tank, said Herbert D. Woodeshick, PP&L special assistant to the president for Susquehanna.

Inside the 6-foot-high tank, during plant operation, hydrogen gas is combined with oxygen to form water. The water is then reused in the

plant. The hydrogen and oxygen are by-products of the fission process occurring inside the reactor vessel. Each is normally present in small concentrations in the steam system.

There was no leakage from the recombiner as a result of the cracking, Woodeshick said. Radiation monitors surrounding the recombiner would have alerted plant operators had a leak occurred.

The recombiner is one of three located in the turbine-generator building — one for each of the units and a common tank which can be used by either unit. Unit 1 will use that common recombiner when it's restarted.

In the meantime, plant personnel are analyzing the cracking and possible solutions.

Woodeshick said the recombiner problem is unrelated to a crack in a steam dryer weld which was discovered in December. That crack has been repaired and will not affect the scheduled restart of the unit.

Unit 1, in commercial operation since June 1983, is out of service for scheduled maintenance and the tie-in of facilities common to it and a

second unit at the Salem Township facility. The second unit is scheduled to go into commercial operation later this year.

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The help and sympathy received from area residents has made the ordeal a bit easier for the Charney family, according to Jack's sister, Tina Kravitz, present at the session with her mother. Ms. Kravitz publicly thanked Mark Holtzman of Kingston for arranging a quick visa for her father.

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Central City Blood Drive Set Feb. 10

American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Feb. 10 at the Sheraton-Crossgates Hotel located at 20 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. The February blood drive is sponsored by the Crossgates in conjunction with the Wilkes-Barre Center City Blood Council.

Council members noted that the previous drive was not as successful as hoped, missing their goal by some 20 pints. That makes it essential for the Red Cross to make its quota for their February drive.

Blood collected at the Crossgates between 9 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. will be taken to the Red Cross laboratory in Wilkes-Barre where it will be

broken down into products such as plasma for burn and shock victims, red cells for surgical patients or platelets for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Appointments for the blood drive may be scheduled by calling 822-6173.

Water to Be Distributed

Water will be distributed at the West Wyoming Borough Building on W. 8th St. Wednesday morning at 11, and on Thursday at 1 p.m. at House Company 2 on Sites Street.

Meet and Greet Our Special Guest

"Tip" O'Neil

The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives

Monday, Feb. 6th, 1984
7:30 p.m.

Genetti's Best Western Hotel
Wilkes-Barre

Refreshments

Donation \$25 per person

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Police group's donated bed helps make up for little boy's ordeal

By VINCE COVELESKIE
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE — When Richard Gilbert was given his very own bed Friday night, he reacted like most five-year-old kids would react.

After saying "thank you" to the people from the Back Mountain Police Association, he turned to attorney Ted Krohn and politely asked for permission to turn the bed into a trampoline.

"He's such a super kid," said Krohn, who shared the joy of giving the bed to Richard after Edwardsville policeman Julius Zielinski discovered the child

didn't have one of his own.

"He was so happy; he just wanted to keep bouncing up and down on it," said Krohn, whose wife Debby spent last night shopping for pillowcases and bedsheets.

Two weeks ago, police found Richard walking the streets, shoeless and crying, in subfreezing temperatures. Police subsequently charged the boy's 20-year-old babysitter, Thomas J. Ravert of 28 O'Neill St., Wilkes-Barre, with endangering the boy's welfare.

"Despite the tough time he's been through, he was really appreciative," said Krohn, who told the 3-foot-tall boy he could do

anything he wanted with his new gift.

During his investigation, Zielinski found that Richard had no bed and was sleeping with his mother. It didn't take long to get him one, thanks to Zielinski and Krohn.

The bed gets added to a list of gifts that includes a new sled and bicycle. Police were flooded with offers of everything from toys to winter coats after a newspaper article described the boy's harrowing ordeal.

Police bought the bed at Fainberg's Furniture in Plymouth, paying for it with funds from the Back Mountain Police Association.

by Coroner Joseph M. Shaver and Jenkins Township police dispatcher Donald Sartin.

Shaver testified that when he walked inside the trailer, he was greeted by two township police officers. Mrs. Singley's body lay on the sofa.

"The gentleman sitting right by the body said, 'I killed her,'" Shaver testified. Shaver identified that man as Singley.

When he examined the body, Shaver found that victim's head had been placed upon two pillows, arms folded across her chest and her body covered by an afghan.

Asked by Sklarosky whether Singley was crying, Shaver replied, "He seemed emotionally upset, yes."

Sartin testified that at 12:21 a.m., Jan. 20, he received a call from Pad 72 Heather Highlands. The male caller stated, "I just killed my wife," Sartin said.

Radioactive water spills twice at nuclear plant

SALEM TWP. — Mechanical malfunctions at Pennsylvania Power and Light Company's (PP&L) Susquehanna nuclear power plant resulted in two separate spills of radioactive water Thursday.

Thomas Kinery, the firm's Bloomsburg area manager, said the water from both spills was col-

lected in drains and processed through the plant liquid radioactive waste system.

Kinery said the spills had no adverse effect on the public and no workers had been endangered.

About 10,000 gallons of water backed out of a floor drain and into a pump room as water was being

drained from a pool located above the Unit 1 reactor in preparation for its anticipated mid-February restart, Kinery said. The water overflowed during transfer from the pool to a tank. A malfunction in an indicator device showed the tank was not full, when in fact it was, he said.

In another incident, workers were checking water levels in Unit 1's steam demineralizer beds when about 2,000 gallons of water leaked onto the floor of the demineralizer room.

Kinery said an improperly closed valve caused the radioactive water to spill.

Navy's computer future is in 76-year-old hands

By TOM MOONEY
Staff Writer

NANTICOKE — At 76, Commodore Grace Hopper of the U.S. Navy Reserve is looking to the future.

One of the world's first computer

"There's so many fields where we're only just starting. I suppose it was just



Then the computer moved into civilian and business life, and the race was on to see which company could make them smaller and more efficient.

While at the college, Commodore Hopper visited with a cousin, Alice Murray, 78, from Tunksanock. Mrs. Murray recently decided to

taxpayer, joins one filed by two suburban water authorities in Montgomery County that is now pending. The water authorities have contracts with the NWRA for water from the pumping station once it is completed; their suits would demand \$40 million if the contracts are broken.

PE claims that it would sue county

at zero -- means that the utility will subtract from each bill 0.162 cents for each kilowatt-hour used. A residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would see a savings of about 81¢ monthly; a customer using 2000 kilowatt-hours would save about \$3.24 a month. PP&L attributes the savings to better-than-

BERWICK QUIZ:

1. Which of the following do you believe occurred at the Berwick nuclear power plant since the last newsletter?
 - a. Radioactive water leaked into the waste treatment building.
 - b. The reactor had to be shut down unexpectedly.
 - c. Radioactive water leaked onto the floor of the reactor building.
 - d. The reactor was shut down according to schedule, but the shutdown had to be extended.
 - e. Radioactive water leaked outside the reactor building.
 - f. A crack was discovered in a pipe weld.
 - g. All of the above.
2. Which of the above occur between almost any two consecutive newsletters you pick?