# News Digest

By The Associated Press

## Reagan nominates woman for labor secretary post

WASHINGTON - President Reagan on Tuesday nominated former Interior Undersecretary Ann Dore McLaughlin to succeed William E. Brock as secretary of labor and bring a woman back into his Cabinet.

Reagan called McLaughlin, who also has held senior roles in the Treasury Department and the Environmental Protection Agency, a woman of "uncommon experience and competence. . . who has won my full confidence and support."

With only 15 months remaining in the administration, there appeared to be little sentiment among Democrats and labor unions for opposing the nomination.

"We're going to take a pretty good look at her, but it doesn't seem like she's drawing any serious opposition," said Paul Donovan, a spokesman for the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, lead by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. He added the panel has not yet decided when it will hold hearings on the nomina-

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah, senior Republican on the Labor and Human Resources Committee, called the choice of McLaughlin 'an inspired one. Ann has the ability and background to run the department." He added that "she is well-respected and her experience in government will bring a special expertise to the Labor Department.'

McLaughlin gave up the No. 2 post in the Interior Department, a ob she had held for three years, last March following several clashes with Interior Secretary Donald P.

Neither Reagan nor McLaughlin addressed any issues facing the department, including a large backlog of pending regulations in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

But, if confirmed by the Senate, she can be expected to lead the administration's fight against a broad agenda of legislation being pushed in Congress by labor un-

# Defense secretary to resign

Carlucci likely to be approved as Weinberger's replacement

Frank C. Carlucci, President Carlucci declined comment. Reagan's national security adviser, would be easily confirmed as secretary of defense if nominated as expected to replace Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger's resignation and Carlucci's selection are likely to be announced later this week, according to administration and congressional sources speaking on condition of

anonymity. Officially, neither the White health, suffering from cancer and

Sources said Carlucci would be replaced as director of the National Security Council staff by Army Lt. Gen. Colin Powell, who is currently Carlucci's deputy. Powell would be the first black to hold that position and would be the sixth national security

adviser in Reagan's presidency.

Weinberger, 70, plans to leave because his wife, Jane, is in poor

WASHINGTON — Senators of House nor the Pentagon confirmed the both parties predicted Tuesday that reports, and both Weinberger and Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., predicted that Carlucci, a former deputy defense secretary under Weinberger and veteran of other

> received" by the Senate.
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> Asked to compare the views of the two men, Dole said, "I don't see much

> top government posts, "will be well

difference. Carlucci took over as national security adviser after the resignation of Rear Adm. John M. Poindexter last year because of the Iran-Contra affair.

## Court examines law regulating

teens' abortions

WASHINGTON - States seeking to impose regulations for young girls who want abortions should be allowed to protect the rights of parents "to properly control the upbringing of their children," the Supreme Court was told Tuesday.

"The state has a significant interest in promoting parental involvement...
for the good of the child," Illinois
Deputy Attorney General Michael J. Hayes argued.

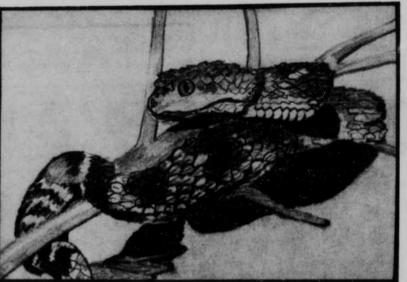
At issue in the 60-minute argument session was the constitutionality of a 1983 Illinois law lower courts never have allowed to take effect.

The law, enacted by the state's General Assembly over Gov. James R. Thompson's veto, required that unmarried girls under 18 and still fi-nancially dependent on their parents notify their parents 24 hours before they abort their pregnancies.

Failure to comply with the requirements was made a crime.

Hayes, under heavy questioning from the justices, called the 24-hour waiting period a "justified consulta-tion time" to allow minors to hear the advice of their parents. He called the waiting period "a time for meaningful consultation.

'The law protects the constitutional right of the parents to properly control the upbringing of their children," Hayes said.



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## Snake hunter likes wild life

EL PORVENIR, Bolivia — Vesty Pakos pinned down the writhing jopo-rojobobo snake as it wriggled through the grass, then lifted its head to expose

inch-long fangs ripe with poison.
"This one is very dangerous," he observed calmly. "It could kill you in minutes.'

Encounter with deadly serpents is all in a day's work for Pakos, 47, who gave up the big city life to become a kind of "Snake Dundee" of Bolivia's semitropical lowlands.

Hired to work on a project financed by the Organization of American States, he spends his days hunting down poisonous snakes and extracting venom so that antidotes can be developed.

Pakos was born in Linz, Austria, and emigrated at the age of 4 to the Bolivian capital city of La Paz. Ambition took him to Washington D.C. as an adult. There he worked as a car mechanic before a dissatisfaction with urban life drove him back to the wilder land of his childhood.

"I hate civilization. That's why I left the U.S.." he said in an interview. "Washington is too much of a rat

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For the next several years, he eked out a living as an adventurer, taking on unusual commercial assignments or leading groups of tourists into the

"I used to go on expeditions to find rubber or Brazil nut trees in the jungles of northern La Paz province," he said. "I would hunt jaguars, mountain pigs, alligators and other animals.'

His hunting days ended in 1985, when the OAS approached him to work on the snake anti-venom project. He said he had quickly become an avowed conservationist, opposed to the indiscriminate killing of those same creatures he used to hunt

### In Brief

#### Officials seek motive in murder-suicide case

FAIRBURY — Authorities were searching Tuesday for a motive in the apparent murder-suicide of a Kansas couple who recently stopped living together when the woman moved to Fairbury.

Jefferson County Attorney Joseph Casson said authorities suspected the motive in the deaths was related to the move from Hiawatha, Kan. by Sherry Watson, 20, to Fairbury about one month ago, leaving behind George Bruce Epeling, 24. The bodies of Epeling and Watson were found in her apartment Monday.

Falwell quits as leader of Moral Majority

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Jerry Falwell said Tuesday he is resigning as president of the Moral Majority and no longer will play an active role in stumping for political candidates or lobbying for causes of the religious right.

"I am now rededicating my life to the preaching of the gospel," he said at a news conference. He said, however, his views on issues will remain well known through his television ministry.

### Navy is reported to have hit fishing boat

MANAMA, Bahrain — Persian Gulf shipping sources said Tuesday a U.S. Navy frigate fired on a fishing boat last weekend, not a hostile Iranian craft as the Pentagon believed, and killed an Indian member of

They quoted another crewman as saying the warship fired machine guns Sunday night even though the fishing boat and two others with it showed lights and were making way for the frigate and a refueling tanker it was escoting out of the gulf. The Pentagon identified the Navy ship as the USS Carr.

### Man arrested for alleged threat against Shultz

WASHINGTON — An unemployed chemist armed with three guns and at least 600 bullets was arrested Tuesday after allegedly telling his mother he was going to kill Secretary of State George P. Shultz, authorities said.

Edward Lewis Gallo, 41, of Worcester, Mass., was taken into custody at a local hotel and charged with making a threat against a public



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