



Why Governor Brown is wise not to host many social functions: He called a holiday-season party for the Capitol press corps. There was no booze. Brown appeared more than half an hour late. And he flung his favorite philosophical lines at the guests. Commented the spouse of one reporter to the Governor: "That's deep."

Newest state agency: the Office of Appropriate Technology. The mission is to spread Brown's pet "small is beautiful" philosophy into state and local government. The notion is that technology must be brought into conformity with ecologically sound principles. The three-person office will be headed by State Architect Sim Van der Ryn.

Brown almost learned about the resignation of his press secretary, Bill Stall, by reading about it in the newspapers. After Stall took a reporting job at the *Los Angeles Times* the word spread through journalistic circles before Stall had a chance to tell Brown he was quitting. But Stall managed to locate the Governor at Kagetsu, a small Japanese restaurant in Sacramento, and give him the word before the news broke into print.

The decision by Assemblywoman Pauline Davis not to run for another term after all (she's opening a curio shop in Old Sacramento) raises the possibility that there will be fewer female members of the Legislature next year, despite the efforts of feminists to make major gains at the ballot box this November. Women will now have to pick up one seat just to break even. One woman who looks like a good Assembly prospect is Jane Tolmach. Democratic former mayor of Oxnard (assuming that Ken MacDonald decides to retire).

Upon leaving the Senate, Mayor George Moscone of San Francisco told his colleagues that he was going to write a book telling the public all the good things about the Legislature that newspapers and broadcasters don't cover. It will be either a racy best seller or one of the shortest books ever published.

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