



## Income up in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personal income rose 0.5 percent in January but was outstripped by a 0.6 percent increase in consumer spending, the government said today.

The income increase was attributed largely to pay raises for federal civilian and military employees and cost-of-living adjustments in several federal pension and other government benefit programs.

Without these and other factors, the Commerce Department report said, the January income increase would have been 0.1 percent. Incomes had been up 0.4 percent in December.

The consumer spending figure continued a slight slipping in the rate of growth that started in December, when there had been an 0.8 percent increase over the previous month. Consumer spending, which includes virtually everything except interest payments on debt, had been up 0.9 percent in November.

Analysts generally have agreed that relatively strong consumer spending has been the driving force in an economic rebound registered over the last several months.

Overall personal consumption spending increased \$13.5 billion in January compared with \$18.1 billion in December.



Airliner lands despite damage

## Airliner lands safely after six-mile plunge

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Passengers aboard a China Airlines jumbo jet popped into the ceiling "like popcorn" when the plane lost power in all four engines and plunged more than six miles toward the Pacific Ocean before the engines restarted, authorities said.

Many of the 252 passengers and 20 crew members were hurled from their seats, some smashing into the top of the cabin, as the aircraft fell toward the ocean and then limped into San Francisco International Airport after flying 500 miles with a torn tail section and bent wing, authorities said.

The plane was diving so fast that the pilot lowered his landing gear to slow down, an airport spokesman said. The force of the plunge ripped off the landing gear doors and pieces of the horizontal tail stabilizers.

Fifty passengers suffered injuries, mostly minor, and two flight attendants remained hospitalized today.

"I thought it was time to meet the maker," said passenger Bill Peacock.

Seksan Caniyo said the plane dived once, leveled out and dived

again. Those without seatbelts flew into the air, some hitting their heads on the ceiling.

"People were popping up like popcorn," he said.

The jet was en route from Taipei, Taiwan, to Los Angeles on Tuesday when it hit turbulence known as wind shear — a rapid change in wind speed and direction, said airport spokesman Ron Wilson.

The plane stalled and plummeted from a cruising altitude of 41,000 feet to 9,000 feet during the incident, Wilson said.

The jet's No. 4 engine — the farthest from the pilot's right — failed first, said National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Ira Furman in Washington.

The flight crew told the Federal Aviation Administration that "they had a problem with one engine of the aircraft and they were descending from their altitude because they didn't think they should maintain their altitude with only three engines and ... their other three engines ceased as they were descending," Furman said.

He added that he did not know how the crew got the engines restarted and refused to speculate

on whether air turbulence or other conditions contributed to the accident.

"The operations people and pilot think the cause of the problem was wind," said China Airlines spokesman Christopher Liao in San Francisco. "Also the No. 4 engine went out for a short time, causing the plane to drop so much."

"They were in a descent that was apparently more rapid than would have to be, based on simply losing engine power, and that's where we have to conduct an investigation to see what happened," Furman said.

"It was a side force. Everyone was thrown against the right side of the airplane," Wilson said.

"It sounded like the engines stopped," said one unidentified passenger. "It was dead silent for about five seconds before it happened."

"We thought we were going. We thought we were dead," remarked another.

"I could just feel my whole body contorting," said Steve Whies from Los Angeles, who described the passengers as terror-stricken.

Although the doors of the landing gear flew off, the gears and wheels were undamaged.

## School accepts bid for computer software

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

Trustees of the Pampa Independent School District Tuesday accepted a bid for new computer software to alleviate problems in support from the Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo.

Jerry Haralson, business manager, said the IBM System 36 software provided by Texas Educational Consultative Services, Inc., of Austin would improve computer accounting and student records capabilities for the district.

The switch to TECS services

would sever a longstanding relationship with the regional center for software services, Haralson said.

But the center's software had too many incompatibility problems with Pampa's software programs, he said. For example, the center has not been able to provide software for payroll processing and class scheduling, he said.

In addition, the service offered by Region XVI "has failed to live up to our expectations," he noted in a memorandum to the school board. "The primary concerns have been inadequate help and support from the service center

and a complete lack of written operating instructions for the use of the software."

The TECS software programs would handle financial accounting, payroll processing, fixed asset accounting, attendance accounting, class scheduling and grade reporting.

Total cost for the new software services will be \$19,000 for licensing fees, \$550 for file conversion and a monthly maintenance fee of \$310.

The licensing fee is a one-time cost of installing the software on the PISD system and includes one week of training on the financial

software and one week on the student records software, Haralson explained.

"I'm satisfied they would supply the support we need here," he said of TECS.

TECS representative Frank Henderson said his firm "won't make any commitments we won't keep." He added, "We will make it work well for you."

He said TECS maintains an 800 number direct telephone line to technicians to help with monthly maintenance and any problems that come up. While most problems probably can be handled over the phone, TECS will send service

personnel as needed to Pampa to take care of any major problems, he said.

Supt. James Trusty said the TECS system will permit some better accounting of financial records as suggested by the auditors, including budgeting analysis, balance figures to accord with ledgers and encumbrance funds.

Henderson said TECS guarantees the financial accounting system to conform to the Texas Education Agency's financial accounting methods. TECS also will keep up with any changes in accounting required by

the state, he said, and incorporate the changes into its software programs.

The TECS student records programs will enable better tracking of student attendance and absences by categories, he noted. The program can break attendance records into categories, including excused and unexcused absences and the reasons for absences, such as absences for specific extracurricular activities, he explained.

The computer also can generate letters regarding student absences

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## Principal Paul Payne retires

Longtime official will remain as personnel director

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District trustees accepted the retirement of Pampa High School principal Paul Payne during their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Payne's retirement will be effective June 30 or as soon thereafter as a suitable replacement can be employed, Supt. James Trusty reported.

But Payne will not be leaving the district. The school board approved his employment as Director of Personnel Services as soon as his PHS principal replacement can be employed.

As personnel director, Payne will work half-time for the district on a 226-day contract, Supt. Trusty said. Payne has been with the Pampa school district for nearly 35 years. He came to Pampa in 1950 as a vocational agriculture teacher.

He served as assistant principal at the high school for two years in

the late 1950s. He also served as principal at the old Pampa Junior High School for 13 years until the building was closed as a school.

He then went to PHS in the 1973-1974 school year and was named principal in 1974, a position he has held for more than 10 years.

In other personnel matters following the executive session last night, the trustees approved one-year contract extensions for 18 district employees.

Granted the extensions were Jerry Haralson, business manager; elementary school principals Bill Jones, John Welborn, Dan Johnson, Tom Lindsey, Jack Bailey and Ray Thornton; and Pampa Middle School principal Jack Alexander.

Also receiving the extensions were Tim Powers and Jane Steele, PHS assistant principals; Richard Crockett, PMS assistant principal; Betty Tom Graham, math

coordinator; Arlene Gibson, reading coordinator; Peggy Cunningham, elementary library coordinator; Jerry Pope, Special Education director, and Don Nelson, Vocational Education director.

Others getting the one-year extension are John Kendall, Director of Athletics and head coach, and Garland Nichols, head coach and Assistant Director of Athletics.

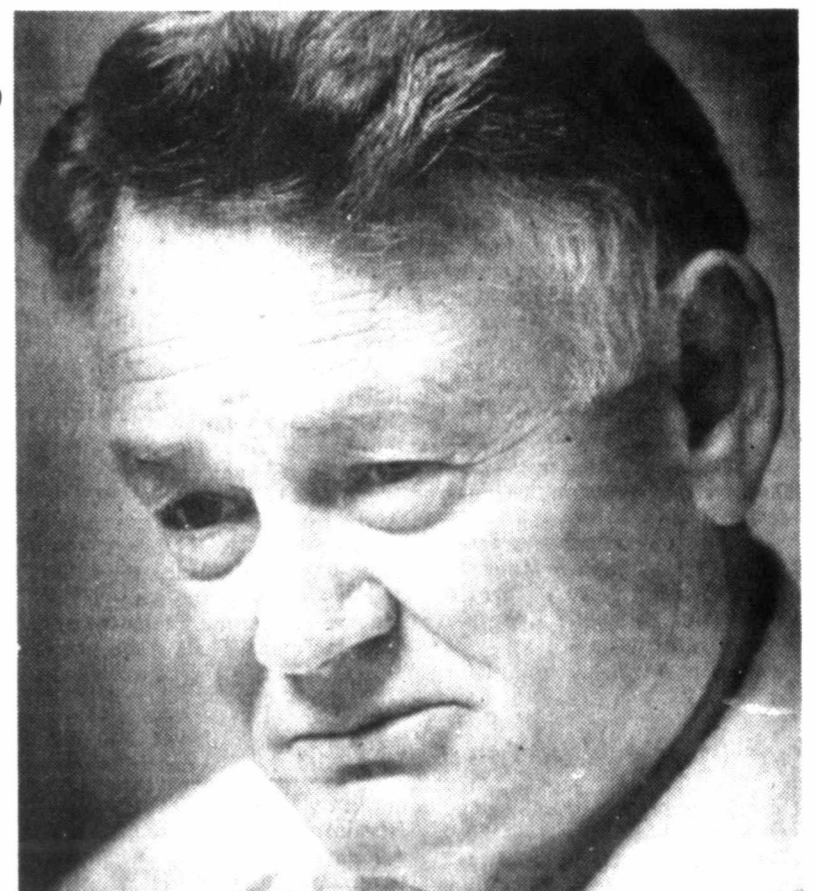
The board accepted the employment of Shirley Dawson as second grade teacher at Baker Elementary School effective March 4. The trustees also accepted the resignation of Damon Motley as PHS vocational agriculture teacher effective March 5.

In other business, the trustees approved on second reading policy updates as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

The changes concern rules on student participation in extracurricular activities, the 10-day absence rule, limited practice time for students in extracurricular activities, sanctioned student activities, definitions of student activities, limits on classroom interruptions and a probationary period for new non-administrative, fulltime, certified personnel in the district.

Board member Curt Beck presented a certificate of commendation to PHS student Peeper Peurifoy as student of the month. Peurifoy was honored for her outstanding academic and extracurricular activities and her leadership qualities. She is currently a member of the school's National Honor Society.

In other matters, the board heard a budget report from Haralson and approved payment of due bills and invoices.



Paul Payne...leaving school post

## Miami continues wrestling with water rates

By CATHY SPAULDING  
Staff Writer

MIAMI — Four months after Consolidated Utilities first requested a water rate increase, the company and the city still have not reached an agreement on how much to charge residents.

And, after spending nearly an hour discussing the increase at their regular meeting Tuesday, city officials tabled the decision for another month.

In October, the utility, which sells water and gas to city residents, asked the city to approve a rate increase from \$1.04 to \$1.40 per each thousand gallons a resident uses per month. There would be no increase in the \$6 charge for the first 1,000 gallons a resident uses.

CU president Bill Wiley justified his request by citing declining revenues for the utility. But, after residents complained about the size of the proposed rate increase, city officials took no action then.

Since then, council members have presented counter-proposals of their own. One proposal keeps the \$6 minimum charge, but raises the rates to \$1.25

per every thousand gallons after that. Another proposal sets a service charge of \$5 and \$1.30 for every thousand gallons a resident uses.

Council member Royce Bailey, who made the second proposal, asked Wiley Tuesday, "If we could meet each other half-way, what would you have to do?"

Wiley answered that he would have to talk with CU attorneys about it.

The CU increase would raise water rates for 10,000 gallons to over \$20. Bailey's proposal would raise it 20 percent to \$17.25 for the same amount of water.

One resident asked if CU's proposal was a "fair increase."

Wiley, who said he owns much of the equipment, answered that the main costs are for labor.

"It takes a couple of years to train somebody before he's worth a damn," Wiley answered, noting that it's hard to find workers in Miami's tight job market. He said he has to compete with oil companies which pay their employees very well.

"I've heard several people say they (CU

employees) are not reading the meters," council member Ron Fields said. Wiley asked who said it.

"Bobbi McCathern for one," said Miami resident Bobbi McCathern, suggesting that her meters are often not read and that there may be a leak in her lines.

In December, Wiley proposed that the city study the feasibility of buying the water system from the utility. Pampa engineer Gene Barber was asked then to look into the costs of the study, the costs of buying and maintaining the system and the ways to fund the project. He was expected to report his findings to the city Tuesday, but was unable to attend. Council members took no action.

Although his purchase proposal is still open, Wiley charged that it is "socialistic" for a city to own its own water system.

"Capitalism can't compete with socialism," he said, adding that Pampa has its own water system.

But not all the city business was as slow as the water rate and water system purchase discussions. Council members Tuesday learned that soon

enough when resident Phil Barefield presented them with a \$608 check to pay for his share of repairs to his sewer line. Normally, residents are responsible for paying for all repairs to their sewer line (from the house to the tap). The city repaired the sewer line in January because it was clogged at the tap. But Barefield, the Miami school principal, lives along U.S. Highway 60 and to get to the tap, the city had to cut into the highway. Barefield told council members Tuesday that he didn't want to have to "go the whole nine yards."

After discussing with city officials what he should and should not pay for, Barefield pulled out his wallet and wrote out his check.

In other business, city officials said that the CU attorney contact residents who did not pay for repairs made to their sewer lines in 1982. The utility company asked that the city pay for the resident's delinquent payments.

Council members also agreed to raise residential sewer rates to \$60 per year and commercial rates to \$65 per year.

# DAILY RECORD

## services tomorrow

OWENS, T.J. "Tom" - 2 p.m., Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel

## obituaries

**T.J. OWEN**  
T.J. "Tom" Owen, 91, of 513 N. Sumner, died Tuesday.  
Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. George Warner, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.  
Burial will be at Memory Gardens Services under Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.  
Mr. Owen was born March 2, 1893, in Star City, Ark. He moved to Pampa in 1927. He was married to Jimmie Morgan in 1925 at Altus, Okla.  
Mr. Owen was a member of First Baptist Church and Carpenters Union.  
Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Peggy Fisher of Pampa, five sisters: Jewel Conner of Star City, Ark., Jessman Tapscot of Hobbs, N.M., Beatrice Murphy of Lemasa, Shurley Conner of Hobbs, N.M. and Ila Morgan of Altus, Okla., one brother, Bird Owen of Seminole, Okla., five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**EARL FREDRICK MILLER**  
Earl Fredrick Miller, 60, of 1120 Garland, died Tuesday at Coronado Community Hospital.  
Services are pending with Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors.  
Mr. Miller was born May 16, 1924, at Electra. He moved to Pampa in 1943. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in seven major battle campaigns.  
He was married to Faye Auwen Oct. 20, 1942 at Walters, Okla.  
He was a member and taught Sunday School at Central Baptist Church. He was a charter member of Pampa Optimist Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, past governor of the Moose Lodge and sponsored a bowling league for many years. He was a certified master watch maker and jeweler, doing business in the Frasier Building for 30 years.  
Survivors include his wife of the home; mother, Marie Miller of Tarrance, Calif.; two sons, Butch Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Mickey Joe Miller of Austin, one daughter, Linda Marie Clemmons of Pampa, one brother, Bert A. Miller of Strathmore, Calif.; two sisters, Mary Francis of Carlsbad, Calif., Dorothy Jones of Carson City, Calif. and three grandchildren.

## minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported one minor accident in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**TUESDAY, February 19**  
3:20 p.m. - A 1984 Pontiac, driven by Patricia Burton of Groom, collided with a 1979 Cadillac, driven by Freda Lemond, 1221 N. Russell, in the 1200 block of Kentucky. Burton was cited for running a red light.

## fire report

No fires were reported by the Pampa Fire Department in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Emergency numbers

Energas 665-5770  
SPS 669-7432  
Water 665-3881

### DUMP HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## hospital

**CORONADO COMMUNITY**  
Admissions  
Alta Haddock, Pampa  
Carlene Rowe, Panhandle  
Patricia Gardner, Pampa  
John Black, Pampa  
Ida Jenkins, Pampa  
Terry Mora, Pampa  
Lawrence Hauck, McLean  
James Graham, Pampa  
Carolyn Fritts, Pampa  
Sandra Owen, Pampa  
Bessie Stafford, Pampa  
Darlene McGuire, Pampa  
Milburn Wilson, Pampa  
Silva Dominguez, Pampa  
Vanessa Raef, Pampa

**Juanita Pond, Pampa Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rowe, Panhandle, baby girl.  
Dismissals  
Olen Bailey, Pampa  
Rosa Brewer, Pampa  
Rosa Hinkle, Pampa  
Henry Seals, Pampa  
Paul Searl, Pampa  
Urbanczyk, baby boy, White Deer  
Fannie West, Pampa  
Alma Yeager, Pampa  
**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL**  
Admissions  
Clois Hanner, Shamrock  
Births  
No births  
Dismissals  
Ema Rogers, Shamrock

## police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 24 calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
Johnson's Home Furnishings, 201 N. Cuyler, reported criminal mischief and cruelty to an animal at the store. Paint was thrown on delivery trucks, and tacks and nails were tossed onto the parking lot. Someone also deliberately injured a cat at the store, according to the report.  
Scott Lynn Meyer, 412 N. Somerville, reported he was assaulted at Harold's Big Apple, 123 N. Hobart.  
Ernest Brown Jr., 912 S. Clark, reported a dog bit him at Albert and Somerville.  
Roth Truck Terminal, 805 W. Brown, reported a jack was stolen from the business.

### Arrests

**TUESDAY, February 19**  
A 16-year-old male juvenile was detained in connection with an investigation of theft and forgery.  
**WEDNESDAY, February 20**  
Jimmy Dale Herndon, 25, 309 S. Gray, in connection with charges of driving while intoxicated, making an improper turn, failure to show proof of liability insurance and a warrant alleging speeding.

## calendar of events

**KENNY PRICE SHOW**  
The Kenny Price Show will be featured in two performances Thursday at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in a benefit for the Pampa Police Officer's Association. Price, of television's "Hee-Haw," will headline concerts at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets for each show will be available at the door at a cost of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 and under.

## stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		DIA	
Wheat	3.30	Halliburton	18 1/4 dn 1/4
Milo	4.45	HCA	30 1/2 dn 1/4
Corn	5.20	Ingersoll-Rand	46 dn 1/4
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation		InlerNorth	43 1/2 dn 1/4
Ky. Cent. Life	60 1/2	Kerr-McGee	30 1/2 dn 1/4
Serico	6 1/2	Mobil	27 1/2 dn 1/4
Southland Financial	29	Pennsey's	49 1/2 dn 1/4
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		Phillips	47 NC
Beatrice Foods	30 1/2	SJ	42 1/2 NC
Cabot	33 1/2	Southwestern Pub	30 1/2 NC
Celanese	83 1/2	Standard Oil	60 dn 1/4
		Tenneco	38 1/2 NC
		Texas	35 1/2 up 1/4
		Zales	29 up 1/4
		London Gold	302 1/2 \$
		Silver	6.38



**SHRIMPBOAT EXPLOSION**—Captain Robert Hunter of the Texas City fire department looks through wreckage from the shrimpboat that exploded while docked at Texas City Tuesday. The blast, which shot fire 60 feet into the air and disintegrated the boat, killed a Vietnamese shrimper who was aboard. Cause of the blast is still under investigation. (AP Laserphoto)

# Volcker says fed will continue to loosen reins on money supply

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Federal Reserve Board confirmed today it is holding to the course that has allowed interest rates to drop significantly from the peaks set last summer.  
In a report to Congress, Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker revealed that the central bank last week decided to loosen still further target ranges for monetary growth in 1985.  
While the changes are not dramatically different from the tentative ranges set in July, the new targets are likely to bolster the belief among financial markets that the Fed is still working to keep interest rates from rising.  
The report by the chairman of the central bank also contained an economic forecast very similar in tone to the optimistic projections being made by the Reagan

administration.  
"Economic growth is expected to remain strong enough in 1985 to produce some further decline in unemployment, with little if any pickup in inflation," Volcker told the Senate Banking Committee.  
But as he has in the past, Volcker warned that the country must not "be beguiled by tranquil forecasts into any false sense of comfort that all is well."  
Volcker said a "sense of urgency" was needed on the part of Congress and the Reagan administration in dealing with giant federal budget deficits.  
Volcker has said several times recently that the budget deficit must be trimmed by a minimum of \$50 billion for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 to ensure further economic prosperity and to keep

interest rates from rising. The budget that President Reagan sent to Congress calls for a reduction in this range but would still leave the deficit around \$180 billion.  
Volcker told the committee that the monetary targets set by the central bank should "support another year of satisfactory economic expansion without an acceleration of inflation."  
The goal of the Fed is to allow the money supply to grow at a fast enough pace to keep the economy expanding at a healthy rate but not so fast that an excess amount of money reignites inflation. By its control of the money supply, the Fed influences the cost of borrowing money.  
Since September, the Fed has been aggressively easing its control on the money supply, helping to send interest rates down by about 3 percentage points.  
Among the highlights of the Fed's semi-annual report to Congress:  
—The nation's economy, as measured by the inflation-adjusted gross national product, should expand 3.5 percent to 4 percent from the final quarter of last year to the final three months of 1985. That would be below the 5.6 percent growth rate turned in last year but in line with the administration's 4 percent forecast for this year.  
—Unemployment should be in a range of 6.7 percent to 7 percent by the end of this year. The administration expects 6.9 percent this year. Unemployment in January was 7.4 percent.  
—Inflation, as gauged by a measured linked to the gross national product, could stay the same at 3.5 percent or perhaps rise slightly to 4 percent during 1985, a bit higher than the 3.5 percent for 1984. The administration's forecast is a bit more pessimistic, predicting 4.3 percent inflation.

# Bill aimed at helping feed hungry Texans

**AUSTIN (AP)** — An \$18 million bill aimed at helping elderly shut-ins, pregnant women, small children and families with food shortages has been introduced after a study showed that many Texans don't get enough to eat.  
"Even though the state is experiencing a period when financial resources are limited, we can afford to see that no Texan experiences hunger on a regular basis," said Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, a co-sponsor of the bill.  
Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth, another co-sponsor, told a news conference the bill proposes to aid three different groups.  
One section would authorize \$3.5

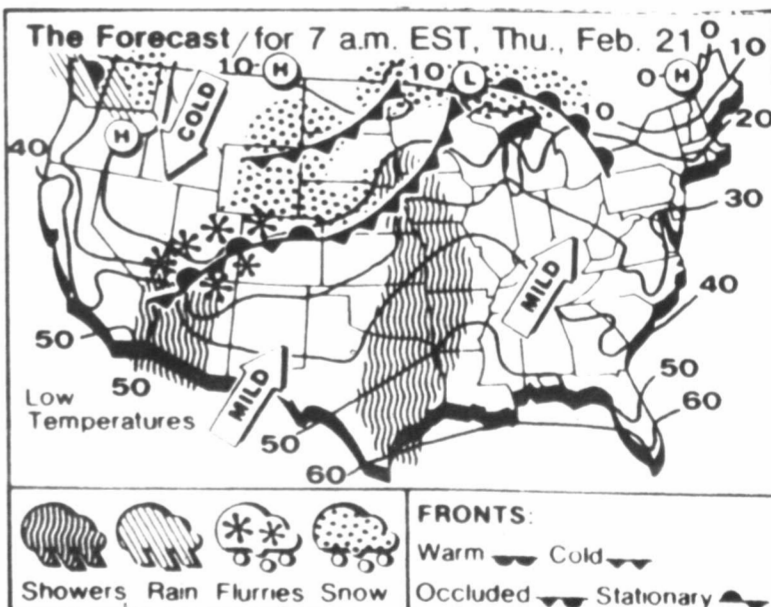
million to provide elderly shut-ins with home-delivered meals. Parmer said. The Senate Interim Committee on Hunger and Nutrition and the Texas Department on Aging found at least 22,000 elderly persons who were in need.  
"The realities are that if you don't spend the money on those senior citizens who are trying to maintain themselves in their own homes, that you'll soon be spending five times as much in Medicaid and nursing homes," Farabee said.  
The bill also authorizes \$12 million for the federally funded Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

# Band students win high ratings

More than 50 Harvester Band students won Division I ratings in solo and ensemble events during competition in Canyon last Saturday.  
A Division I is the highest rating given to a student on any solo or ensemble, reported Charles Johnson, band director.  
The following Pampa High School students won the top ratings:  
Flute solo: Michelle Harpster, Brian Locke and Candice Mack.  
Clarinet solo: Jeffrey Carruth, Brandi Eads, Michelle Lynn and Michele Williams.  
Alto saxophone: Gwen Hokit, Billy Brinsfield and Rodney Robertson.  
Tenor saxophone: Donna Denham.  
Cornet: Carol Morgan and Letha Worley.  
F-horn: Noelle Barbaree, Scott Hahn and Mitchell King.  
Baritone: Valory Minyard.  
Snare drum: Gary Brawley, David Broome and Jason Duvall.  
Woodwind choir: Karen Anderson, Bernard Avendano, Sena Brainerd, Kerri Carter, Anne Colwell, Michelle Harpster, Gwen Hokit, Delma Jara, Amy Kelso, Dawna Putnam, Melissa Ray, Meleda Taylor, Chris Webb, Sonya West, Cindy Whitmarsh and Melissa Zamora.  
Brass choir: Paul Budd, Kelly Hickman, Marla Jett, James Jones, Michelle Kelley, Janella Lowrance, Helen Martinez, Robert Mendoza, Janine Putnam, John Sturgill, Robert Taylor, Joe Willis and Stephen Winton.  
Woodwind quintet: Anne Colwell, Jamie Byron, Marla Jett, Stephanie Phillips and Karen Trgovac.  
Clarinet trio: Jamie Byron, Jennifer Crawford and Cindy Whitmarsh.  
Saxophone quartet: Reuben Mendoza, Tammy Stephens, Dean Wilson and Melissa Zamora.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Mostly cloudy Thursday and a little cooler with scatter showers. High in the lower 50's.  
**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
North Texas: Cloudy tonight and Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms. Low tonight 50 to 59. High Thursday 63 to 72.  
South Texas: Mostly cloudy and mild with scattered showers through Thursday. Dense fog over Southeast Texas. Lows tonight mid 50s north to upper 60s south. Highs Thursday low 70s north to near 80 extreme south.  
West Texas: Showers widely scattered tonight and Thursday. Otherwise mostly cloudy through Thursday with areas of morning fog east of mountains both days. Highs Thursday generally 60s mountains eastward to 70s west of mountains. Lows tonight mostly in 40s.  
East Texas: Tonight...mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Cool with a low in the lower 50s, southeast wind around 10 mph.  
Thursday...mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Mild with a high in the upper 60s. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.  
**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
North Texas — A chance of showers and thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Threats of rain continuing through Sunday across southern half of area. Warmer southeast Friday. Cooler area-wide Saturday and Sunday. High temperatures Friday ranging from near 60 northwest to the lower 70s southeast. Cooling to the 50s entire area on Sunday. Low temperatures Friday in the



middle 30s northwest, near 50 southeast. Lows Sunday ranging from the upper 20s northwest to near 40 southeast.  
West Texas — Mostly cloudy. A chance of light rain or snow and a cooling trend Friday through Sunday. Panhandle: Lows Friday near 30 cooling by Sunday to mid 20s. Highs Friday middle 50s cooling by Sunday to near 50.  
South Texas — Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thundershowers Friday. Turning cooler with a chance of rain or showers Saturday and Sunday. Overnight lows 50s north to the 60s south Friday cooling to near 40 northwest to the mid 50s south Sunday morning. Daytime highs upper 60s and lower 70s north to near 80 extreme south Friday cooling by Sunday to highs in the upper 50s extreme northwest to the 60s and low 70s elsewhere.  
**BORDER STATES**  
**Oklahoma:** Heavy thunderstorms most sections this afternoon and tonight. Numerous thunderstorms tonight with locally heavy rain. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms Thursday. Lows tonight near 40 panhandle to mid 50s southeast. Highs Thursday mid 50s panhandle to mid 60s south.  
**New Mexico:** Variable cloudiness statewide through Thursday. Areas of fog and drizzle or light rain. Increasing chance for showers west tonight spreading across the state Thursday. Lows tonight 15 to 30 mountains and northwest with 30s to lower 40s elsewhere. Highs Thursday near 40 to mid 50s mountains and northwest to the 60s lower elevations south.

## School board

to send to school officials and parents, he said.  
The TECS programs also can handle student class scheduling needs better, he said, providing several alternative methods of class scheduling. The software also can issue detailed grade report cards, with the district being able to design its own format, Henderson said.  
The only problem with current TECS software is that it cannot issue a list of checks in the format

currently used by the trustees, Haralson said. But TECS will be working to develop a similar program to provide a more detailed readout of checks issued by the district, Henderson said.  
Haralson said the financial software will be placed in service as soon as proper printer forms are

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## City briefs

**STAG NIGHT**, calf fries. Members and guests welcome. Moose Lodge, Thursday night only. Adv.  
**DANCE TO** Roy Wells and Panhandlers, Saturday, Moose Lodge. Members with guests welcome. Adv.  
**TAX SERVICE** - word processing. Glenda Reeves, 621 Naida, 669-9578 after 5:30 p.m. Adv.  
**MEALS on WHEELS** 669-1007 P.O. Box 939 Adv.  
**CLARENDON COLLEGE** Pampa Center is offering Home Furnishings and Interior Design Course. Beginning Saturday, February 3, 8 a.m. Enroll now! Adv.  
**THE PANHANDLE** Section of the American Petroleum Institute will hold a meeting this Thursday, February 21, 1985, 6:30 p.m., Starlight Room, Pampa Coronado Inn. Guest speaker, Rodney Whiteside of NOWSCO, and his topic will be "Revision of OSHA and Texas Railroad Commission Rules." Adv.  
**MOTOR MUGS**, No Spill, No Slide. Las Pampas Galleries, Coronado Center. Adv.  
**TOP O Texas Chapter 1064** O.E.S. will meet Thursday, February 21, 1985 at 7:30 p.m.

# TEXAS / REGIONAL

## Customs crackdown hurts border business

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Merchants along the U.S.-Mexico border say business is down because of the crackdown on cars entering the United States in search of a missing federal narcotics agent.

"There's very few people coming over here. Yesterday and today were really slow," Rene Ramirez, manager of C.R. Anthony's department store in downtown Brownsville, said Tuesday.

U.S. Customs agents are inspecting every car entering the United States all the way from Brownsville to San Ysidro, Calif. They are searching for clues to the whereabouts of Enrique Camarena Salazar, 37, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent last seen Feb. 7 being forced into a car in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The fine-tooth-comb inspections began Friday and delayed traffic in some border crossings up to five hours.

"It has stopped some people from Mexico from coming over here," said David Tumlinson of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce's tourist and convention bureau. "It definitely has hurt."

But merchants on the other side of the bridge in Matamoros also say they are hurting because American shoppers don't want to bring their own cars, which limits what they can carry back with them.

"It has affected us. As you can see, this business here is full of merchandise," said Alejandro Perez, the owner of curio shop in the city's normally busy market.

Merchants also said they had about half the usual number of customers and many of them weren't buying much.

"They have the shopping bags, but they don't have anything in them," Perez said.

Jack Hughes of Mission said he and his wife,

Carol, and two friends spent the day in Matamoros — but all they were taking back was a single pair of shoes.

The crackdown on the bridge also forced St. Joseph's Academy of Brownsville to help some of its students from Matamoros. The children are taken by their parents as near to the checkpoint as possible. From there, they walk across the checkpoint and are picked up on the U.S. side by a school bus, saving the parents time.

"We anticipated the fact that it was going to cause a difficulty with our youngsters," said Brother Joseph Matthew, principal at the school. "We felt this was to their advantage."

He said the students, 45 at St. Joseph's and 80 at St. Mary's, were at least seventh-graders and there was no problem with them walking by themselves across the checkpoint.

He said transportation of the youths began

Monday and will continue until the bridge situation is resolved.

But merchants on both sides of the border say they hope it ends soon or it could affect shoppers from the interior of Mexico.

"Other people from Tampico we get are going to get the word and are not going to come here until this is over," said Joe Hugonnett, an employee of Anthony's department store.

U.S. Customs officials, already asked by Mexican authorities to speed up the inspections, are not saying when they will stop.

But they say the delays are becoming shorter.

Customs agent Fernando Macias of Brownsville said the delay in Brownsville is down to 45 minutes to an hour, down from four hours on Saturday.

"It looks like it's improving," he said, adding that pedestrian traffic from both sides is increasing.

## Mexican minister says border searches unneeded

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda said intensified searches at the U.S. border following the kidnapping of

an American drug agent in Mexico are without justification and are hurting both countries. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said

Tuesday "increased vigor is warranted" by Mexican authorities in the search for Enrique Camarena Salazar, 37, a 10-year veteran of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Camarena was abducted Feb. 7 by four gunmen within sight of the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara as he walked to a restaurant to meet his wife. No information has surfaced about his whereabouts despite a \$50,000 reward offered by the U.S. government.

Intensified searches of cars entering the United States from Mexico along the 1,760-mile border began Friday and U.S. officials said they will continue for an indefinite period.

At times, cars have been backed up for eight hours.

"It doesn't seem to us that this operation has any justification if what it is trying to do is stop drug trafficking," Sepulveda said. "It rather seems to us that it is provoking serious irritation on the local population. It is a damage that must be remedied quickly."



PASSING TIME—A Matamoros shop clerk idly cleans silver jewelry while waiting for customers. U.S. tourists have been shying away

from shopping in Mexico the past week because of traffic being held up by a border crackdown by U.S. Customs officials. (AP Laserphoto)

### Off beat

By  
Dee Dee  
Laramore



### Tales of living with cats

Because of popular demand (meaning several people have asked me to) here are some more stories about cats I have known and loved.

Did I tell you about the kitten we had that suffered from narcolepsy? For some reason this tiny ball of fluff would be gallivanting around in kittenish fashion when suddenly he would collapse wherever he was and sleep. We would often find him clinging to the back of the couch, sound asleep. The next thing you know he'd be off and running again.

He also had only half a tail, the result of an experiment conducted by my toddler sister. She didn't realize that you don't pick up newborn kittens by the tail. Like lizards, kitten tails fall off. Unlike lizards, kitten tails do not grow back.

I first became a grandmother to a batch of kittens when I was about nine years old. Though they're born looking like wet rats, it's not long before they become balls of fluff, waddling across the floor with their little tails standing straight up. My brother used to take the entire litter to bed with him to sleep with. As big as he is, it's a wonder we didn't lose more kittens that way. But they always awoke the next day none the worse for the wear.

Once (when my hair reached past the middle of my back) I was laying on the living room floor playing with the kittens when they began burrowing into my hair. I thought I was going to have to spend the rest of my life with kittens wadded up in my hair!

About the time I was to have my first baby, my orange cat, Silky, decided it was time for her to start motherhood, too. Only I didn't want her to get pregnant. I had my hands full as it was. She wasn't about to listen to me, though. So naturally, the night I'm going to the hospital to have Angel, out she dashes to meet her Romeo, my husband chasing her at full speed, while I stand waiting on the front porch.

Silky's Romeo was a beautiful cat, one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. He was a beige long-haired gentleman cat. We thwarted their romance, only to have her escape and rendezvous with one of the ugliest, scrungiest, one-eyed tom cats ever. So much for selective breeding.

When her time came to bring her kittens into the world, did she make use of the nice little box I had tucked away in a secluded closet with some of her favorite dirty towels? Nooooo. She had to jump to the very top shelf of my closet and give birth in my winter clothes box. But I loved her anyway.

But the cat I've been requested to write about is the one who currently owns me. And who isn't in my best graces at the moment since he woke me up at 4:51 a.m. today. If I could just get his time set right, he'd make a great alarm clock. But so far, his wake up calls range from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Now Three (that's his name because he was third in a litter) was spoiled from the beginning. He thought he was too good for his brothers and sisters and the crowded conditions at feeding time, so he refused Mother's milk. My brother (the adopted grandfather of this particular litter), would feed him by hand and then allow him to curl up into his shirt and sleep. You can imagine what that did to Three.

I brought him home on my birthday, the night of Amarillo's most recent flood. For weeks, I couldn't understand why he had to be picked up every time after he ate until I learned his previous feeding habits.

When he was old enough, Three made a trip to the doctor's office to be neutered and declawed. I figured by the time I went back to get him he'd disown me. Three loudly proclaimed his opinion of the situation as they brought him to me from his cage. But the minute I picked him up, he reached up and started kissing me! Not licking my face like a dog, but by rubbing his nose on my nose, like cats do. I was sure glad he didn't blame me for what he had undergone.

Three has a talent that none of my other cats had, but which is not totally unique I have since learned. He's a retriever! He loves to chase little rubber balls, pick them up in his mouth and then bring them just out of your reach. (He has to keep up his aloof cat image, you know.)

The kids and I discovered he did this, but we could not convince him to retrieve a ball in front of Vic. Of course, that hurt our credibility. Vic kept saying "Sure he does, sure he does." I finally got him to retrieve a ball in front of Vic, but then it took me several times more before I could get Vic to admit that he saw Three do it.

Vic and Three have an unusual relationship of their own. It started out with mutual hatred, but has since turned into mutual tolerance as long as Vic doesn't raise his voice. When Vic's voice rises, Three disappears and won't be seen until all is calm again.

Three knows Vic is the authority, although he can get away with anything with the rest of us. When Vic makes a certain noise, Three scoots — he's been "golfed" out of the bedroom with a pillow too many times for waking us up too early to question who's the boss.

Laramore is Lifestyles editor of The Pampa News

## UT chancellor opposes budget cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Chancellor Hans Mark of the University of Texas System says in defense of UT's budget requests that "we simply cannot afford to lose our momentum."

Mark on Tuesday also reminded the Senate Finance Committee that many of the best and brightest Texans went to school at UT-Austin.

"Most of the leadership of this state are people who have gone through courses in liberal arts, humanities, arts and sciences," Mark said. He said 19 Texas congressmen, including House Majority Leader Jim Wright, cabinet members James Baker III and Dr. William Bennett, and U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen are UT graduates.

UT administrators described what would befall the UT system if proposed budget cuts ranging from 9 percent — \$120 million — to 26 percent — over \$300 million — are enacted by the Legislature.

Dr. Peter Flawn, president of UT-Austin, said the 26 percent reduction proposed by the Legislative Budget Board "would

drastically alter the university. We would become over a period of years a smaller institution, a more specialized institution, or an institution of lower quality — or both."

Mark said Tuesday if the Legislature wants to save money by shutting down colleges, it had "better hit the big ones. You cannot do it by looking at some of the smaller institutions."

Mark said Texas is spending \$1.4 billion on 35 state colleges and universities during the current fiscal year, and \$1.1 billion of that total is going to eight colleges.

"One way to get \$300 million is to shut down the other 27 institutions, or you can shut down the University of Texas at Austin, I don't know," Mark said.

Laughter interrupted Mark's presentation, and he continued, "The point is, you've got large numbers."

He said even Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's proposal, which calls for increasing tuition, would reduce higher education expenditures by \$120 million. "I am thinking (there

would be) some very severe cutbacks in the functional system or in shutting down some of the larger institutions. You can't do it by making large enrollment cutbacks," Mark said.

Flawn said the LBB proposal would reduce UT-Austin's budget by \$57 million, which would be the equivalent of 800 full-time faculty and 900 staff personnel.

Hobby's proposal would reduce the budget by \$20 million, Flawn said, and "either proposal we would see — if we elected to maintain the current quality of our programs — enrollment reductions; academic program reductions, including a rather restricted summer program; curtailment of student services support; reduction in research grants and contracts and inevitably a deterioration of our physical plant."

"We are, like it or not, in great competition with California, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina and New York, and if we don't make the necessary investments, the next decade will not count us among the leading

states in this nation," Flawn said.

Mark said UT could save money if administrative officers were given more flexibility in managing funds, could retain unexpended balances and carry them forward, and was not so restricted in investing money from the Permanent University Fund.

UT can now invest in only 1,600 of over 5,000 stocks traded in the United States.

"No doubt higher education is related to economic prosperity," Mark said. He added that "the university system is the primary repository" for knowledge on the advancement of human health and welfare, and he described arts and sciences as the "heart of the business of higher education."

Asked if the Legislature should "overhaul" higher education as it did public schools in a 1984 special session, Mark replied:

"The higher education system, particularly our public higher education system, is the envy of the world. That is one of the things we've done right, so I don't think an overhaul is necessary."

## Witness testifies about Mattox threat

AUSTIN (AP) — A key prosecution witness in Attorney General Jim Mattox's commercial bribery trial was scheduled to return to court today.

Wiley Caldwell, a lawyer in the Houston firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, was to face cross examination after earlier saying Mattox threatened to "go to war" unless one of the firm's lawyers stopped trying to question his sister in another case.

Mattox is accused in the felony indictment of threatening Fulbright & Jaworski's bond business.

Caldwell testified on Monday, and state District Judge Mace Thurman said he would return today for cross examination.

On Tuesday, a series of 17 officials testified that bonds allegedly threatened with disapproval by Mattox were being sought for schools, jails, flood

control and other public projects.

However, none of the officials said approval of their bonds was withheld.

Two said their lawyers advised them of a possible "problem" in gaining the attorney general's needed approval, and a third said he was told the bonds might not be issued by a June 30, 1983 deadline.

Under state law, the attorney general must approve such bonds before they can be sold.

Prosecutors called officials from Texas cities, counties, schools and flood control districts to explain why they needed the millions of dollars from bond sales being handled for them by Fulbright & Jaworski or another firm it owns, Dumas, Huguenin, Boothman & Morrow of Dallas.

The officials testified that changes in federal law meant that after June 30, 1983, the bonds would be more difficult to sell and more

expensive to issue.

Former Lavaca County flood control official Robert Gindler of Hallettsville testified that the district's bond lawyers told him in June 1983 of possible difficulty in getting approval from Mattox.

He was told "there was another lawsuit pending involving Mobil Oil, the state and Clinton Manges ... There had been some conflict between Mr. Mattox and the law firm that actually owned his firm," Gindler said, referring to Fulbright & Jaworski.

Gindler said the district wanted to issue \$550,000 in bonds to pay for flood control work. If they failed to meet the June 30 deadline, he said, "Our bonds would be much more difficult to sell."

Also testifying was Jesse Logan

of Austin, finance director for the Lower Colorado River Authority, which was seeking to restructure its debt by issuing \$329 million in new bonds.

Asked if he knew about a conflict between Mattox and the Fulbright & Jaworski firm, Logan replied, "Yes. On the 21st of June, we learned of that type of problem."

In cross examining the officials, Mattox's lawyers made it a point to note that in each case, the bonds were approved and sold before the June 30 deadline.

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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and dignity of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Wally Simmons  
Managing Editor

## Opinion

### U.S. commitments need re-examined

Ronald Reagan may lose what could be the single most propitious opportunity of his second term if he does not overrule Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's seeming intransigence on freezing the military budget.

It is never a good practice to read too much into the posturings of the statesmen in the upper house, but the accumulation of beatings of leading Republicans in the Senate seem persuasive in one regard. Without at least a Pentagon freeze, all other deals—cooperation on \$34 billion in proposed domestic spending cuts and a determination to not raise taxes—will be much harder to cut.

It may fairly be argued that if the administration were perceived as going soft on military spending at this moment, the Soviets might take an advantage into the resumed arms-control talks. But expectations about arms control are already unrealistically inflated. And if the buildup of the military budget accomplished in the first Reagan term has been a factor in leading the Soviets back to the table, it now seems that the Strategic Defense Initiative—the space-based anti-missile defense system—will be the key factor in keeping them there. Reagan can maintain that leverage by just continuing to talk about SDI.

A freeze on the Pentagon budget would put military spending for fiscal 1986 at \$284 billion. This is about \$30 billion below what the Reagan administration wants.

But consider that decommissioning a single division of American troops, with all its hardware and support services, now assigned to NATO would alone save about \$20 billion.

In the long run, we believe that significant savings in the Pentagon budget must involve such thinking about U.S. commitments to the defense of European and Asian allies—modern, industrialized nations fully capable of defending themselves if they are told they must.

A freeze on defense spending might be the occasion to open such a debate.

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Warren T. Brookes

# How strong dollar hurts

One primary reason for the good news on inflation has been the sharp drop in the cost of new labor contracts in manufacturing.

In 1984, the Labor Department says the average first-year union contract called for an increase of only 2.4 percent, down dramatically from the nearly 10-percent level in 1981, as overall manufacturing increases have fallen from 11 to less than 4 percent.

This, combined with rising levels of productivity, has cut the nation's "unit labor costs" growth from 11.1 percent in 1980 to less than 2 percent for 1984. Since unit labor costs are the main ingredient in price inflation, this suggests that long-term inflation prospects are very good, indeed.

That good news for consumers could be bad for manufacturing workers, who face continued downward pressure on wage contracts for years to come—at least until the dollar begins to moderate from its present high levels.

It may shock you to know that, despite many wage give-backs, and tight-fisted settlements, American labor is continuing to lose ground against overseas competitors, even in the advanced industrial democracies.

The major reason being that the dollar has continued to rise much faster than U.S. labor costs have moderated—so the dollar gap between U.S. manufacturing wages and those in Europe and Japan has been widening steadily since 1981, after narrowing in the preceding decade. For example, in 1970 the average German manufacturing

worker earned about 51 percent of U.S. manufacturing wages; a 49-percent gap. By 1980, that gap had dropped below 20 percent, as German dollar wages had risen to more than 80 percent of U.S.

But, by 1984, under the push from a 60-percent rise in the U.S. dollar, that gap had risen to 47 percent, the highest since 1973. Fifteen points of that increase came in 1984 alone—putting tremendous downward pressure on U.S. wage contracts, especially with multi-national corporations.

The same thing has happened in Japan. In 1970, Japanese manufacturing wages were a paltry 28 percent of the U.S. average, a 72-percent gap. By 1980, that gap had narrowed to less than 25 percent. In 1984 with the rising dollar, it rose to 39 percent.

In France and the United Kingdom, the gap has returned to 1970 levels of more than 60 points.

What is most troubling for American workers is how much the dollar increase has hurt their competitive position just in the last year. For example, the West German worker's dollar wage rates fell from \$5.97 an hour in 1983 to \$4.95 in 1984, because the German deutschemark (D-M) fell nearly 10 percent against the dollar in one year.

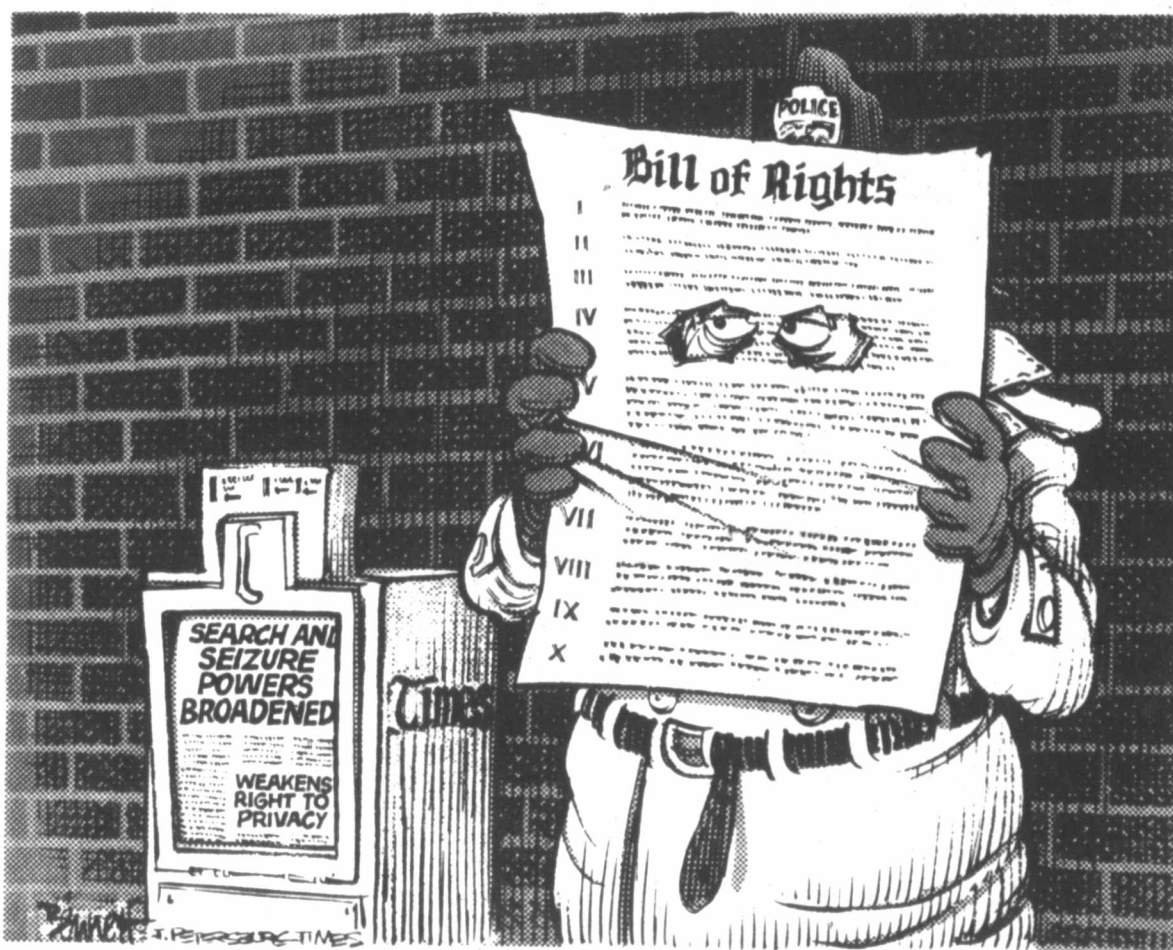
The French manufacturing worker's dollar wage fell from \$4.34 an hour to only \$3.50, because the franc lost 17 percent against the dollar. While the British worker's dollar wage plunged from \$4.78 to \$3.62, because the pound lost 24 percent of its value against the dollar in a single year.

So, although U.S. workers held their wage increases to under 5 percent in 1984, while their productivity rose a solid 3.1 percent, their competitive position dropped an average of more than 15 percent in the world finished goods markets. That spells a lot of trouble, for all manufacturing workers over the next three-to-five years.

On the plus side, of course, it puts increasing pressure on U.S. labor and management to continue to improve productivity, modernize plant and equipment, and hold the line on wage rates and fringe benefits. That means the inflation bear is likely to remain caged for some time to come. But it also means manufacturing workers, like the farmers, have become hostages of the volatile international currency markets, and through them to the actions of the Federal Reserve.

While there is nothing fundamentally wrong with a strong dollar—which has just recovered the value it lost during the serious inflation episodes of the Nixon-Carter years—there is much wrong with a currency exchange system in which value can move 15-to-20 percent in a single year—drastically impacting the economic livelihood of tens of millions at home and abroad.

When your overseas competition can improve its labor cost position as much as 20 percent in a single year, without doing a thing to productivity, merely through the policies of unelected central bankers, there is something dreadfully wrong.



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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, February 20th, the 51st day of 1985. There are 314 days left in the year. Today is Ash Wednesday. Today is also the start of the Chinese Year of the Ox.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On February 20th, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth after blasting off aboard the Friendship Seven Mercury capsule.

On this date:  
Ten years ago: In Capitol Hill testimony, CIA director William E. Colby warned that "exaggerated" charges of improper conduct by his agency had "placed American intelligence in danger."

Five years ago: The Carter White House made it official, and final—the United States would boycott the Summer Olympics in Moscow because of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

One year ago: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale won the Iowa Democratic caucuses. Colorado Sen. Gary Hart was second.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sidney Poitier and fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt are 61. Movie director Robert Altman is 60. Actress Amanda Blake is 56.



Paul Harvey

# We really have no choice

The last Super Bowl game was supposed to be close; it was not.

The "experts" knew it would be an air war—a passing attack by both quarterbacks.

They figured both teams would prepare their defense against passing to be so airtight that the winning and losing scores would be separated by a scant three points.

They were separated by 22 points!

What happened?  
Miami's Dan Marino, good as he is at pinpoint passing, was throttled by San Francisco. They hurried him, sacked him, took his targets away from him, frustrated and defeated him.

In diplomacy the strategy is called "deterrence."

In military science it's called "interdiction." And that brings us to the point of this.

The secretary general of NATO, Lord Carrington, says the United States must prepare to defend itself against star wars; that for us to do otherwise would be "the height of imprudence."

In Geneva in March the United States and the U.S.S.R. are scheduled to begin negotiating limits on medium-range nuclear missiles, intercontinental strategic missiles and the abolition of space weapons.

Don't bet on it.

Our tiny 6 percent of the world is "as big as anybody" only as long as we can hold any adversary at arms' length.

President Reagan says his star wars concept "would not militarize space; it would demilitarize the arsenals of Earth."

What he means is...

With us—U.S.—able to shelter our cities from any Soviet "passing attack"—with both defensive and retaliatory weapons—the present standoff between them and us...

And, make no mistake, that's all it presently is—a standoff...

This nobody-dares-pick-on-somebody-his-same-size standoff will be perpetuated.

An agreement would mean nothing.

They ignore written agreements.

They lie. They cheat.

They are developing space weapons.

We have no choice but to "contain their passing game."

Or we lose.

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# Tax shelters have been democratized

By Robert Walters

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A Connecticut firm offers potential investors a "tax write-off (of) 100 percent to 130 percent." A California company advertises "excellent tax advantages" for those whose money it manages.

An Oklahoma enterprise boasts that its financial backers have been able to deduct almost 90 percent of their investment from their federal income taxes in the very first year of their participation in oil and gas exploration ventures.

Those companies—and hundreds of others throughout the country—are in the business of providing tax shelters to people who believe they can legally evade their tax liabilities by taking advantage of loopholes in federal laws.

"The idea behind a tax shelter is to pay one dollar for two dollars, three dollars or more worth of deductions,"

explains a report just issued by Public Citizen, a Washington organization founded by public interest activist Ralph Nader.

"The secret of tax shelters is that they produce artificial or paper losses that don't come from incurring financial losses but which still reduce taxes," adds the report.

To achieve that goal, tax shelters are specifically structured to take maximum advantage of accelerated depreciation schedules, investment tax credits, deductions for interest payments, depletion allowances and other arcane provisions buried in the federal tax code.

The variety of investments offered by tax shelters is truly astounding. Most popular are oil and gas exploration ventures and real estate investments in office buildings, shopping centers, apartment houses, factories, warehouses and every other imaginable type of structure.

Other tax shelters specialize in leasing railroad boxcars, barges, commercial aircraft and oil tankers. Agricultural ventures include the raising of cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, ducks and even llamas, as well as the growing of such esoteric crops as kiwi fruit and jojoba beans.

Until the mid-1970s, tax shelters were the almost exclusive province of the very wealthy. Now, however, they have been "democratized" and investors are as likely to be forklift operators as surgeons.

Novices, however, can encounter unexpected problems. Some hapless amateurs have lost all of their savings in fraudulent tax shelter schemes while others have become investors in "abusive" shelters that violate the law.

The traditional participants are those who can afford to put up substantial amounts of money and can reap the maximum benefits because

they are in the highest tax brackets. In that category are professional athletes and entertainers, doctors and dentists, lawyers and corporate executives.

A typical investment involves producing \$37,500 to obtain \$125,000 worth of tax credits and deductions—with as much as 25 percent of the invested funds siphoned off by promoters, packagers, salespeople, lawyers, accountants, brokers, financial planners, tax consultants and investment advisors.

Tax shelter offerings totaled \$1 billion in 1970, then rapidly rose to \$9 billion in 1980 and \$23 billion in 1983, the most recent year for which information is available, according to Public Citizen.

The organization estimates that in 1983 the total investment in the scandalous tax dodges was as much as \$49 billion.

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# LIFESTYLES



Dear Abby

Man has occasion to read Abby's advice on writing

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Your booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," has been a mainstay of my reference shelf for many years. Just how long, I cannot recall, but I've used it for 10 years at the bank where I am employed, and nearly twice as long when I was in the Navy. Add to that my years as bulletin editor and secretary of my Lions Club, and a regular correspondent to six brothers and sisters.

I love to receive letters, and as you say, "The way to get a letter is to write one."

It's amazing the way I keep going back to your booklet for ideas on how to write good letters for all occasions. Your suggestions for letters of condolence have been coming into use more and more lately, but I suppose that's to be expected as one grows older.

Over the years I've been highly complimented on my letters, and I want to thank you, Abby. You have my permission to use my name.

EDWIN R. BAKER, STUART, FLA.

DEAR MR. BAKER: Thanks for a genuine upper. Your letter made my day.

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you said that nobody should open his or her door to a stranger. Well, recently my car broke down 30 miles from home on a dark highway on a cold winter night.

I am very thankful that a woman in a nearby farmhouse opened her door to me. She was all alone, small and appeared to be in her late 20s or early 30s. (I'm a 6-foot-tall man, weighing 200 pounds.)

This nice lady let me call a towing service who sent someone out to rescue me. It would be very sad indeed if all people took your advice and allowed fear to govern their actions.

Abby, please don't encourage people to abandon their trust in their fellowman, most of whom are decent, law-abiding citizens.

SINCERE IN IOWA

DEAR SINCERE: Even though most people are decent, law-abiding citizens, to assume that

everyone is could be devastating. You need only to read this newspaper thoroughly to realize that one cannot be too careful these days.

I submit the following from a reader:

"Recently, at a neighborhood watch meeting, a police officer told us about a team of girls working in a nice residential area in Berkeley. A young woman, apparently in distress, would ring the doorbell and implore urgently, 'Please, please may I use your bathroom?'"

"It would seem cruel to turn her away under the circumstances, so of course, she would be let in. Her mission, however, was not to use the bathroom; it was to case the house to see if there was anything of value around. She then pretended to use the bathroom, after which she unlocked the bathroom window. Late that night, she and her partner returned to rob the place.—Careful in California!"

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DEAR ABBY: I need to know if something is true or not. I had a high school teacher who told the class that she used to write your columns for you when you went on vacations. Half the kids believed it, and the other half didn't. I'm in the half that didn't believe it. Who's right?

NO NAMES, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAMES: You're in the winning half. When I go on vacations, I write my columns in advance.

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(Do you hate to write letters because you don't know what to say? Thank-you notes, sympathy letters, congratulations, how to decline and accept invitations and how to write an interesting letter are included in Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 (this includes postage) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)



**VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** — Pictured are the members of the volunteer advisory committee which has helped implement a volunteer program for the elderly through the Pampa Texas Department of Human Resources. They are, from left: Bob Hart; Phyllis Jeffers, secretary; Margie Holland, president; Jimmie Ivy and Mickey St. Aubyn. Not pictured are committee members, Ann Loter, Tim Gikas and Doris Hancock. Men and women, ages 18 and

older, are needed to share a few hours of their time helping the elderly and disabled in the new volunteer program recently begun by the Gray County Human Resources Committee and the Pampa office of the Texas Department of Human Resources. For more information on becoming a volunteer, call Phyllis Berg, 665-1863. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)

## Fruit, nut trees need annual 'lube' job

By JOE VANZANDT  
County Extension Agent

Have you given your fruit and nut trees their annual "lube" job? This refers, of course, to an application of dormant oil to control scale insects.

Why control scale insects? The answer is simply to save the tree. If a scale insect such as the San Jose scale or white peach gets started, it could kill your tree.

Dormant oil can be purchased at many different stores where garden supplies are sold. Be sure to follow all label directions and apply the mixture when the temperature is between 40 - 70 degrees F. Do not apply if a freeze is likely within 48 hours after application, and do not apply after the tree has budded out. Dormant oil is applied when the tree is dormant. Spraying flowers and leaves could cause leaf burn and flower drop.

Scale insects are difficult for most people to detect, so dormant oil should be applied once each year. Sooner or later your tree will probably be attacked by scale insects, so be ready by guarding against them with an application of dormant oil.

Do you have trouble finding the right vegetable varieties when you get ready to plant your garden. Some of our recommended varieties are hard to obtain. You can solve that by ordering seed direct from a company and growing your own transplants.

The key to growing transplants successfully is to plant seed at the proper time so the young plants will be ready to set out when your garden is ready and weather conditions are favorable.

For the best survival and quick recovery after planting in the garden, transplants should be young, sturdy and in good nutritional condition.

Usually four to six weeks is sufficient time to grow most transplants. Vine crops take two or three weeks to develop two to three true leaves while lettuce takes three to four weeks. Tomatoes need five to seven weeks to reach transplanting stage.

To determine the optimum seeding time for most transplants, figure back four to six weeks from the average last spring frost date in Gray County, which is around April 18.

Some transplants such as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, and onions can be set in the garden four to six weeks before the last frost date.

When starting plants indoors, I suggest using a soilless or synthetic soil mix available at garden centers or nurseries.

Seed can be started in almost any

type container such as flower pots, milk cartons or cake pans. Be sure the container has holes for adequate drainage. Other popular containers are seed flats, peat pots and peat cubes or pellets.

Once you've got the needed materials and planting time is at hand, fill the containers with the synthetic mix, firm it in well and then water thoroughly. Space the seed evenly, cover lightly and water again.

To improve germination, slip the container into a plastic bag and place it in an area at room

temperature but out of direct sunlight. Remove the bag when the seed first emerge and place the container in sunlight.

Once the container has been removed from the plastic bag, add water to maintain good moisture. Frequent watering will be necessary but use care to avoid saturation.

When plants are of adequate size and outside conditions are suitable for plant growth, transplant them into the garden area and you've got a jump on the planting season.

## Ratzlaff takes third in typing contest

Lisa Ratzlaff, a Pampa High School student, won third place honors in typing III during the Texas State Technical Institute Business Skills contest Feb. 8.

Pampa High School students were among students from six area high schools who participated in

the contest sponsored by the technical office training program of the institution.

High school representatives matched skills with other contestants in accounting, typing I, typing II, typing III, UIL I and UIL II.

## Correction

Because of incorrect information supplied to The Pampa News, the parents of Marc Covalt, a contestant in the recent Petite Master Top O' Texas pageant,

were incorrectly identified. Marc is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Covalt. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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# FOOD

## How corn bread has changed

By CECILY BROWNSTONE  
Associated Press Food Editor  
To give substance to a meal, corn bread is often a perfect choice. Served with a hearty soup, a "vegetable plate," or simply prepared fish, it is really satisfying.

During most of America's culinary history, corn bread was made from a plain batter — cornmeal only or cornmeal plus white flour, leavening, eggs, milk

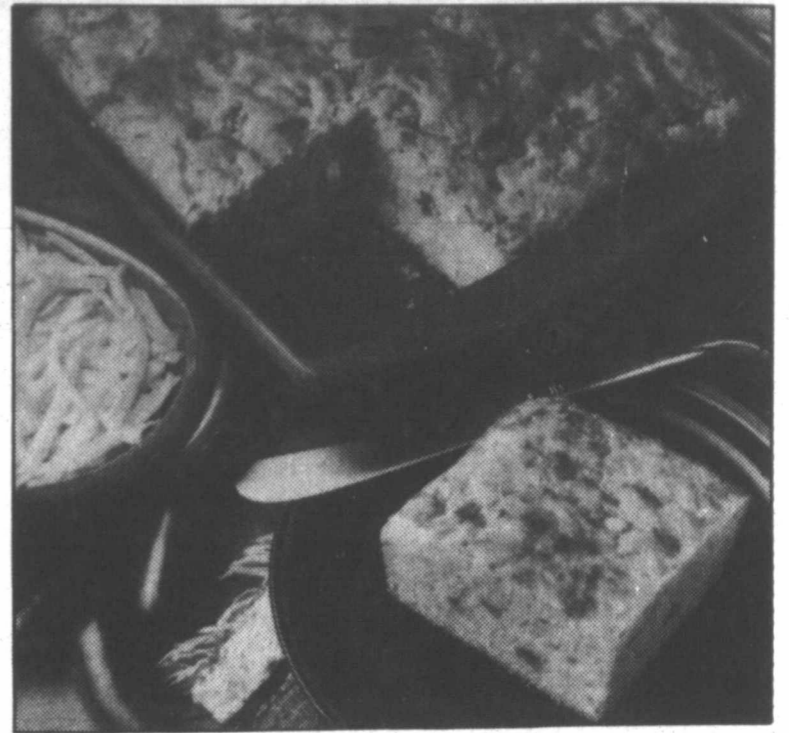
or buttermilk. In the North, sugar was usually added. In the South, until recently, no sugar was allowed.

For some years now, corn bread has taken on new ways. Southwestern and West Coast cooking have made inroads. A recipe for corn bread that has become a favorite all over the country calls for cheese, chilies and corn.

### DOUBLE CORN BREAD

- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 c. enriched yellow cornmeal
- 4 t. baking powder
- ½ t. salt
- 2 T. sugar, if desired
- 6 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded medium-fine
- 8½ oz. can cream style corn
- 4 oz. can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1-3rd. cup milk
- ¼ c. vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs

In a medium bowl stir together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt and sugar. Stir in cheese, corn, chilies, milk and oil. In a small bowl beat eggs until yolks and whites are combined; add to cornmeal mixture and stir only until blended. Turn into an oiled nine-inch square baking pan and bake in a preheated 400-degree oven until golden brown — 30 to 35 minutes. Cut in squares and serve hot. Makes nine servings.



NEW-FASHIONED CORN BREAD — It's deliciously flavored with cheese, chilies and corn.

## Mix mincemeat with apples for convenient pie

By Aileen Claire  
NEA Food Editor

Mom's apple pie has never been the same since the growth of convenience foods.

Here's a version that is quick to do because it is based upon a ready crust and a box of mincemeat.

The combination of tart apples and mincemeat makes it a special dessert

to serve hot or cold, topped with ice cream or whipped cream topping.

### MINCEMEAT APPLE PIE

- 1 graham-cracker ready-crust
- 1 box mincemeat (9 ounces)
- 3 medium tart apples, pared
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons flour

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons apple jelly, melted

Cook mincemeat according to package directions, using 1 cup water. Cool slightly, pour into pie shell.

Toss apples with lemon juice. Com-

bine flour and sugar, and toss apple slices with the sugar-and-flour mixture. Lay apple slices over the mincemeat, in concentric circles, to form an apple crust. Cover center portion with 3 or 4 slices. Brush apples with butter. Bake 30 minutes in 425-degree oven.

Brush with melted apple jelly after baking. Cool slightly before serving.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES are on sale again. Brownie Scouts Jamie Smith, left, and Christy Hoover, right, prepare for taking Girl Scout Cookie orders as they participate in the annual cookie sale which began Friday. Local Girl Scouts will continue to take orders through March 4. Cookies are to be delivered between March 29 and April 19. Proceeds from the sale of these cookies funds many of the Girl Scout's learning and growing experiences. Each troop keeps a

portion of the profits for special troop activities while the Quivira Girl Scout Council, serving Pampa and the area, uses cookies profits directly for Girl Scout - related programs and activities, including camp improvements and additions. For more information about Girl Scout cookies and placing orders, call the Girl Scout office, 669-6862. (Staff photo by Cathy Spaulding)

## Overeating or undereating can place stress on body

COLLEGE STATION — Some people overeat when they're under stress while others avoid eating.

"Either of these responses can hurt the body's ability to cope with stress," says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist Dr. Alice Hunt.

For short term stress, like that faced before an important business presentation or athletic event, the best foods to eat are those that are easy to digest, she says.

Stress diverts the blood supply away from the stomach and intestines where it is needed to aid digestion. So you may feel uncomfortable if you eat foods that take longer to digest.

Carbohydrate foods such as bread, cereals, spaghetti, macaroni, rice, potatoes and fruits leave the stomach earlier and are digested more readily than fats or protein, observes the nutritionist.

Foods that are high in fat take longer to be digested. Hunt recommends avoiding rich cookies

and cakes, peanut butter, nuts, frankfurters, luncheon meats, gravy, yellow cheese and ice cream when stress levels are high.

"The best menu for coping with long - term stress created by financial difficulty, work or family problems is simply a balanced diet," she maintains.

"A regular routine of eating a variety of fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals, dairy products and protein, will supply all the nutrients you need when you're under stress."

According to the nutritionist, many people are unaware that the recommended daily allowances (RDA) are already designed with a built-in margin of safety.

The RDAs make generous allowances for supplying the nutritional needs of most people — including those under stress. That's why special vitamin supplements are not needed.

## Is this someone you know?

Henry has always been the life of the party. He entertains family and friends for hours with his stories and tall tales. At Christmas he loves to dress up as Santa Claus and visit the children at the local hospital.

This year, though, Henry himself is in the hospital. He had a stroke a few weeks ago that left him completely paralyzed on his left side. He has to learn how to walk, talk, eat and dress himself all over again.

The doctor says he's well enough to leave the hospital but will need nursing supervision and therapy for several months to come. Henry, the eternal optimist, is in good spirits and believes that with time and the help of God he will be talking and laughing again.

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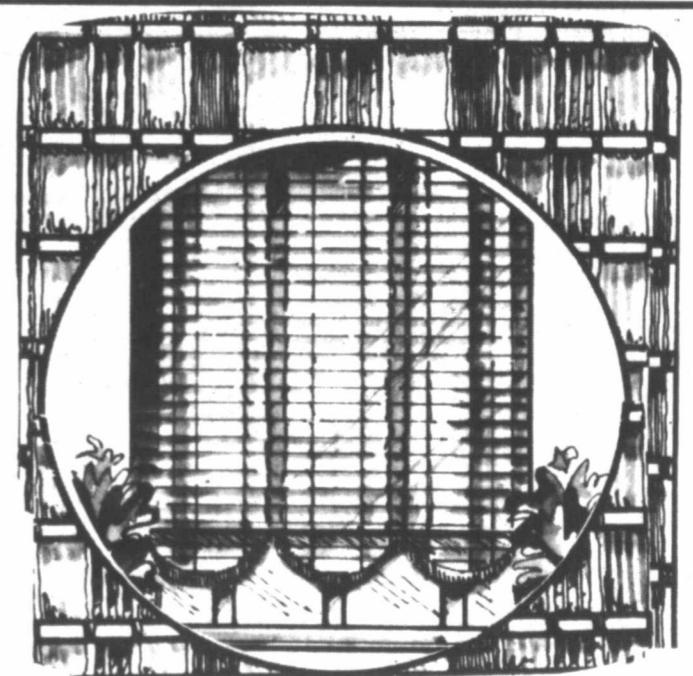
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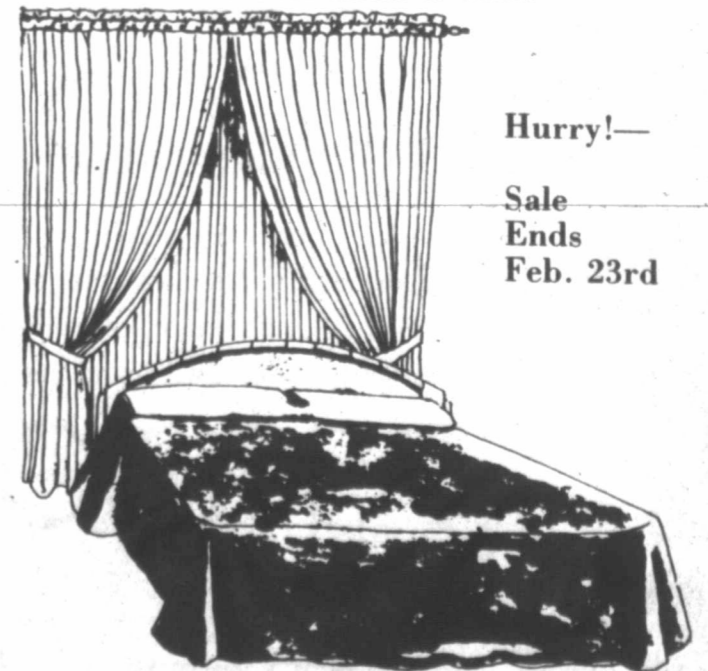
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# Georgia executes former minister



Van Roosevelt Solomon

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — Former Baptist minister Van Roosevelt Solomon thanked "all the people who tried to save my life," then died today in Georgia's electric chair for the murder of a college honors graduate and convenience store manager.

Solomon, 41, a former assistant pastor at a Baptist church in his hometown of Lawton, Okla., was pronounced dead at 12:27 a.m. by Ralph Kemp, warden at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center near Jackson.

He was executed for the 1979 murder of Roger Tackett, an honors graduate of Georgetown University who managed a Cobb County convenience store because he was unable to support his family as a teacher.

Solomon was the fifth man executed in Georgia since the state resumed using the electric chair in December 1983 following a 19-year hiatus. Like Solomon, three of the other four inmates executed since then have been black. He was the 38th person executed in the United States since the U.S. Supreme Court

reinstated the death penalty in 1976 and the sixth this year.

Also sentenced to death for killing Tackett was Brandon Jones, also known as Wilbur May, who is on death row while his case is being appealed.

During Solomon's trial, when his attorneys said evidence was wrongly interpreted, prosecutor Tom Charron said Solomon "was in the building when Mr. Tackett was being executed. Both defendants were caught within inches of the gun and within feet of the deceased."

Solomon was led unassisted into the death chamber at 12:10 a.m. Dressed in a white prison uniform, he watched intently as six guards strapped him into the white oak chair.

He occasionally spoke to the guards, but his words were inaudible to the 13 witnesses, seated in wooden pews in an adjoining room with a thick glass window.

Solomon carefully looked over the witnesses, which included George Kendall, the American Civil Liberties Union attorney who represented him on appeal and before the State Board of

Pardons and Paroles. Kendall and Solomon looked at each other momentarily. Solomon broke the contact with a nod.

Asked by Kemp if he had a final statement, Solomon said, "I would like to give my blessings to all the people who tried to save my life."

Following a prayer by a minister, a guard placed a cap on Solomon's shaved head. A mask was fixed over his face, and at 12:18 a.m., the 2,000-volt current was applied, forcing Solomon's body up and back.

# Reagan advised to let auto import quotas die

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite congressional and industry pleas for limits on Japanese auto imports, administration officials are recommending that President Reagan, in effect, do nothing to extend "voluntary" quotas that expire next month.

Sources who commented on condition they not identified said the president's Cabinet council on commerce and trade agreed Tuesday to make such a recommendation to Reagan.

The fourth year of the quotas expires March 31. Under the arrangement, Japanese exports to the United States were limited to 1.85 million cars last year.

Although the administration and the Japanese refer to the current quotas as "voluntary" on Japan's part, it is an open secret that the limits were put in place in 1981 following quiet pressure from the Reagan administration and outcries from Congress over the flood of Japanese imports.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes confirmed Tuesday that officials discussed the matter and adopted a single recommendation, but he declined to disclose it.

Speakes said Tuesday it will be

up to Japan whether to extend the quotas.

Speakes said the president would consider the issue in the next few days, while insisting "the matter has not gone before the president yet." He added that Reagan may feel he does not have to make any decision.

"We're not required to make a decision because it's voluntary on the part of the Japanese," Speakes noted.

An end to the quotas would open the way for more Japanese automobiles to be sold in the United States.

Labor officials say that could cost about 200,000 U.S. autoworkers their jobs as domestic companies use cheaper foreign plants to compete with the Japanese.

But critics of the quotas say the limits have pushed up the prices of Japanese cars, costing consumers billions of dollars. And free-trade

advocates in the Reagan administration point to a record \$10 billion in profits last year for U.S. automakers.

Also on the economic scene: The economy got off on the right foot in 1985 with a burst of new housing starts and a solid gain in industrial operating rates in January.

Housing construction jumped 14.9 percent in January, its biggest gain since a 17.7 percent advance in May 1983, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

It said housing was started at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.83 million units in January, up from the December rate of 1.60 million units.

Separately, the Federal Reserve Board said Tuesday the nation's industries operated at 81.9 percent of capacity in January, an 0.2 percentage point increase from the December level.

# Ruling pleases public workers union

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major Supreme Court ruling limiting states' rights, denounced by detractors as an unfair concentration of power in Washington, is being hailed by public workers as a key to better working conditions.

"Public employees have been treated like second-class citizens for too long," said Gerald W. McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. "This ruling helps to rectify what we have felt all along is an obvious injustice."

The court ruled, 5-4, Tuesday that San Antonio's public transit system must abide by a federal law regulating minimum wages and overtime. The ruling could mean millions in added overtime pay there and in other big cities.

The ruling gives Congress almost unlimited power to force state and local governments to comply with federal laws.

In a strongly worded dissent, Justice Lewis F. Powell said federal laws are drafted and administered by congressional staff aides and bureaucrats who "may have little or no knowledge

of the states and localities that will be affected" by the federal regulations.

"It is at these state and local levels — not in Washington, as the court so mistakenly thinks — that democratic self-government is best exemplified," he added.

Justice William H. Rehnquist, who joined Powell in dissent, expressed the hope that the court might reconsider Tuesday's ruling in the future and give back power to the states.

In its ruling, the court overturned a 1976 opinion that

exempted "traditional" and "integral" state and local government services from the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, which sets minimum wages and overtime.

The swing vote was cast Tuesday by Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who was allied nine years ago with states' rights advocates.

Blackmun wrote Tuesday's opinion, saying he now believes it is unwise for the courts to decide which state and local government functions should be exempt from federal law. He said that job should

be left to Congress.

"The political process ensures that laws that unduly burden the states will not be promulgated," he added.

Groups representing state and local governments predicted major cost increases to pay overtime for such workers as bus drivers whose normal work day may stretch over more than 12 hours to accommodate morning and evening rush hours.

The federal minimum wage is already paid most public employees.

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# WAL-MART

# Ham radio license opens up windows to blind woman

By MARY SHERWOOD  
Corpus Christi Caller

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Carmen Carreno, who has been blind for 20 years, never traveled outside Corpus Christi without her husband until last August. At his insistence she attended a week-long ham radio camp for the disabled in Minnesota.

"I said, 'No way I'm going without you,'" the diminutive gray-haired woman recalls.

But her husband put her on the plane, kissed her goodbye and she went, crying all the way to Houston. "I guess people around me thought I was going to a funeral," she joked recently. "I was so afraid to be alone that I forgot to be afraid of flying."

That trip and obtaining her novice ham radio operator's license were turning points in Mrs. Carreno's life. "I had always been so dependent on my husband, even before I was blind," she said. Mrs. Carreno, who is a victim of retinitis pigmentosa, began losing her vision at an early age and was totally blind by the time her fourth child was born.

While Mrs. Carreno was changing planes in Houston, a woman who sat next to her on the transfer train struck up a conversation. The woman, it turned out, was also blind, but she traveled quite a lot by herself and taught school in Minneapolis.

The woman gave Mrs. Carreno hints about traveling alone. She then told Mrs. Carreno that her cane was named Abraham and asked the name of Mrs. Carreno's cane.

Mrs. Carreno had a cane, but she had not used it since learning to get around 20 years before. The woman said, "Here, put your cane next to

Abraham. Abraham, meet Moses."

"I'm a very religious person," said Mrs. Carreno, who is originally from Madrid. "When this happened, I said, 'Dear Lord, you are showing me the way.' It gave me such faith and confidence meeting this woman."

Now, Mrs. Carreno takes "Moses" with her everywhere. "It was a new feeling for me. I always was hanging on my husband's arm and now I was just walking with my Moses," she said. "When I have my cane in my hand, I see many more things."

She recently decided to go shopping and to the beauty shop. She called a taxi and went. For

Mrs. Carreno, that simple trip opened a whole new world of independence. Before she would have waited until it was convenient for someone to take her.

Attending the ham radio camp, which is sponsored by a non-profit organization called Handi-Ham, gave Mrs. Carreno even more confidence. She learned to get around in a hotel room and at the camp and learned enough radio theory and Morse code to pass the Federal Communications Commission novice ham radio operator's exam.

Now she has her "rig" in a closet off her bedroom and spends many happy hours talking with other hams. In fact, Mrs. Carreno said

her son told her the other day, "All you know how to do these days is be with the radio."

The Carrenos are avid sailors who enjoy long cruises and her ham radio skills not only provide her a pleasurable pastime but will also be useful.

Mrs. Carreno recently went to Malibu, Calif., attending another Handi-Ham camp in order to obtain her general license.

Mrs. Carreno can't say enough good things about Handi-Ham, which is a service of Courage Center, a non-profit independent rehabilitation center in Golden Valley, Minn.

Handi-Ham was started in 1967 as a non-profit volunteer group by

Ned Carmen, who worked in collections for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

He was often in the homes of disabled people and saw how bored many were. On his own he got a number of disabled people to start studying for their ham radio licenses.

Later, he contacted the Sisters of Assisi, many of whom he knew through the Mayo Clinic, and got several of them interested in his idea of helping disabled people to become ham radio operators.

After his death in 1972 Handi-Ham continued as a non-profit volunteer group until 1975 when it became a service of Courage Center. Not only blind

people, but those who cannot talk, who have cerebral palsy, who are quadriplegics or have other physical disabilities, are taught at the Handi-ham camps.

Handi-Ham, as well as running camps twice a year in Golden Valley and Malibu, provides educational material, loans equipment for a limited time and will introduce a new ham to an experienced ham in their area who can work with them and provide encouragement.

For more information about Handi-Ham, contact Sister Alverna at Courage Center, 3915 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Minn. 55422.

## Old dairy holds tales of South Pacific

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Dot Strickland has been a faithful keeper of her brother's memory since 1948, the last time she saw him.

The symbol of the love she has for her brother is wrapped in a yellow and blue knitted cover. It is Leo Strickland's last gift to his sister, a diary containing 52 years of a South Pacific island's history.

He acquired the small book while serving in the South Pacific during World War II and gave it to his sister in 1945, after his return.

"I don't know if it has any monetary value," Ms. Strickland said. "To me it has sentimental value because it was from my favorite brother."

Because the diary is written in Spanish, Ms. Strickland never knew what it contained until 1958, when she took it to the Library of Congress. When told it was filled with island weather reports, she did not pursue the matter further.

Actually, the diary is a fascinating account of life, including the weather, in Saipan from 1847 to 1899. It was written by a Spanish missionary, Father Aniceto Ibanez del Carmen, who lived in Agana, Guam.

Tales of epidemics, assassinations and devastating cyclones and earthquakes fill the book.

While some years are summed up in one paragraph, 1856 took Ibanez six pages. An outbreak of smallpox on the tiny island that year reduced its population by almost half, from 8,208 to 4,724.

The priest, anguished by the death he saw around him, wrote: "If it were not for the obligation I have to chronicle these events, I probably would not write them in order not to distress my soul and torment it with such sad and melancholy memories."

A few telling lines added to Ibanez's 1856 account relate the legacy brought by the Spaniards when they came to Saipan in the 1600s:

"History tells us that when the Spaniards first set foot on this island, there were 40,000 inhabitants and currently we only have a little more than 4,000. This means that from then until now 90 percent have disappeared, which if this does not take a different turn and what has occurred up until now continues, in a few years this island will be deserted or uninhabited."

August 1884 brought the assassination of Angel Pasos Vela Hidalgo, the island's Spanish governor. Hidalgo was killed by one of his guards. Ibanez describes the assassination, including the bullet's trajectory through the governor's body and the killer's escape.

He then adds: "It was a great surprise, when the day after, following the funeral, the assassin suddenly presented himself to the interim governor and told him he was the governor's killer."

The assassin went on to say the murder was part of a plot among island soldiers to kill the governor and any other highly positioned Spaniards in Agana. The conspiracy was quickly thwarted.

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# Firm finds way to neutralize killer chemical

By PAUL RECER  
Associated Press Writer  
LA PORTE, Texas (AP) — The chemical that claimed 2,500 lives last December in an accident in India no longer will pose a threat in a Houston-area Du Pont Co. plant which uses it because a way has been found to disarm the killer substance, company engineers say.  
Du Pont is spending \$10 million to \$13 million at its La Porte plant southeast of Houston to build a "closed loop" manufacturing process and hopes to have it operating by June 1, company officials say.

The Texas Air Quality Board issued a building permit last week and construction is to start immediately.  
Methyl isocyanate, or MIC, a temperamental compound that is one of the most poisonous, volatile chemicals known, is used by Du Pont to make insecticide. Hundreds of tons of MIC once were stored at the plant beside the Houston Ship Channel.  
But history's worst industrial accident changed all that.  
Last Dec. 3, an MIC storage facility at a Union Carbide plant near Bhopal, India, leaked more than 25 tons of the chemical,

sending a cloud of death spewing into a nearby residential area. About 2,500 died and another 3,000 were injured.  
The accident sent a worldwide wave of shock through the chemical industry and caused a review of safety procedures at plants everywhere.  
At the time of the accident, storage tanks at the La Porte Du Pont plant contained 120 tons of MIC, almost five times more than was spilled in Bhopal.  
R.D. Stewart, manager of the La Porte Plant, said that once news of the Bhopal tragedy became known, he immediately made plans to

dispose of the MIC through processing. The following days, as the MIC was reduced to an insecticide, were tense, he said.  
"I must admit that from Dec. 4 to the end of January, I was concerned," said Stewart. "Bhopal was a shock to everybody."  
Even though Du Pont had used MIC for 15 years without an injury-causing accident, Bhopal changed the company's view of the hazardous chemical.  
"Pre-Bhopal, we looked at the factors and decided it (use of MIC) was worth the risk," said Stewart. "But after Bhopal, we took another look and decided that now was the

time for a change."  
MIC is a key chemical step in the manufacturer of Lannate, an insecticide that, ironically, was developed to help protect the environment.  
Lannate is used on field crops to control chewing insects. The insecticide is short-life, with a half life of only 48 hours. It was developed to replace DDT, a long-life chemical that damages the environment.  
Stewart said it was believed the environmental advantages of Lannate was "worth the risk" of transporting MIC halfway across the country and storing it here in

huge quantities.  
Properties peculiar to MIC require some of the most expensive precautions of any industrial substance. The chemical is toxic, unstable and flammable. Exposure to only 0.02 parts per million is considered hazardous.  
MIC is so unstable that it must be stored at temperatures below 36 degrees and at a pressure of no more than 15 pounds per square inch. The chemical will react swiftly — by rapidly heating and expanding — at contact with water or with such common metals as zinc or iron.  
Union Carbide is the only company manufacturing MIC in the United States.  
Until last December, Du Pont annually purchased about 51 tank cars of the chemical and had it shipped from the Union Carbide plant in West Virginia. It was unloaded in a special rail yard at the Du Pont plant in La Porte and transferred through stainless steel pipes to the storage tanks.  
The storage tanks, triple-walled and made of stainless steel, were kept only half full, with the empty bunker space filled with pressurized, dry nitrogen gas.  
In 15 years of handling the chemical, Du Pont experienced only one spill. Eight ounces escaped in 1981 and evaporated before it could be neutralized. No one was injured.  
Following the Bhopal accident, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration conducted an inspection of the Du Pont plant, the Union Carbide facility in West Virginia, and of three other U.S. plants where MIC is used. The agency reported that the safety design of the plants showed "the chances of an uncontrolled MIC reaction are extremely remote."  
Nevertheless, Stewart said Du Pont decided to go one step further and develop a way to make Lannate without the need to store MIC.  
The result is the "closed loop" process that allows MIC to exist as a chemical compound for only a few seconds. MIC is created inside a reactor and immediately is consumed in the next step toward making Lannate. The chemicals on either side of the reaction are much less dangerous than MIC itself, said Stewart.  
No more than two to three pounds of MIC will exist at any given moment during the process, said Stewart. Never again will tons of the material be kept in storage at the La Porte plant, he said.  
Stewart said the chemical industry has the best safety record in America, but the tragedy in India is leading to a lot of soul-searching by all chemical manufacturing firms.  
The accident, he said, "has forced us all to go back and look at all our chemical processes. It's going to take years and years to overcome the image left by Bhopal."

## Voters asked to OK bond proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — City Council members say they will ask voters to approve up to \$50 million in bonds to build the best wastewater treatment system on the Colorado River.  
Other river communities — including Bastrop, which has sued the City of Austin over pollution of the river — have been challenged by Mayor Ron Mullen to match the treatment level that Austin will give wastewater entering the Colorado.

"The council will direct the staff to take steps to significantly improve the quality of discharge permits at all wastewater treatment plants operated by the city," said Mullen, adding the city will seek to upgrade existing permits or permits awaiting action from the Texas Water Commission.  
"We are prepared to join others in encouraging higher discharge permit standards not only on our section of the Colorado River, but the entire river and on all the state's waterways," he said. "It is time for those who spend their time criticizing Austin to start working with us and not against their city in this important area."  
"It does not appear that other cities are under as close scrutiny as Austin" by the Texas Department of Water Resources, he said.  
Mullen said the Texas attorney general's office told him the city would be cited today because of two sewage spills that allegedly allowed 2.5 million gallons of raw sewage to enter Williamson Creek, a tributary of the Colorado.  
The Department of Water Resources asked the attorney general's office to take action against the city after the executive director of the state agency said the spills did not seem to be accidental, as the city claimed.  
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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

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### ACROSS

- 1 terrier
- 5 North Atlantic bird
- 9 Actress
- 12 Period of time
- 13 Bird's birthplace
- 14 Military school (abbr.)
- 15 Current events
- 16 Equal (Fr.)
- 17 I (Ger.)
- 18 Twine about tree
- 20 Compartment aboard a ship
- 22 Crag
- 23 Compass point
- 24 More foolish
- 28 Swerve
- 32 Not in
- 33 Drug agency (abbr.)
- 34 Medical suffix
- 35 Barrel (abbr.)
- 36 Fair grade
- 39 Celtic sea deity
- 40 Close falcon eyes
- 42 End of a spar
- 44 Plead
- 47 Foxy
- 48 Prayer
- 51 Muscle part
- 55 Wager
- 56 Emit coherent light
- 58 Egyptian deity
- 59 Elaborate poem
- 60 River in Bavaria
- 61 Man's nickname
- 62 Eternally
- 63 Part of face
- 64 Biblical prophet

- 2 Sharp
- 3 Jolly boat
- 4 Bogus
- 5 Scoffed
- 6 Small cask
- 7 Custom
- 8 Reference book
- 9 Bubble up
- 10 Behold (Lat.)
- 11 Pallid
- 19 Make hairdo
- 21 French article
- 24 Corn parts
- 25 Bumpkin
- 26 Tamarisk salt tree
- 27 Spicy
- 29 Tropical nut
- 30 Wife of Cuchulain
- 31 Thermal
- 37 Oriental
- 38 Author Gardner
- 41 Pounds (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### STEVE CANYON

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IT'S PASTIE! COME TO HELP YOU...  
...YOU MUST BE COLD! I BROUGHT A WARM ROBE!  
WERE YOU ASLEEP?  
NO, THE COBRA IN MY BED HASN'T BIT ME YET!

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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, DAD?  
THERE GOES THE BEST TAX SHELTER A MAN EVER HAD

### EK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE YUPPIES?  
HIM?  
HE'S A YAWNING, UNMOTIVATED KNOW-NOTHING  
A YUKKIE

### B.C.

By Johnny Hart

OH, GREAT GURU, WHAT IS THE SECRET TO LONG LIFE?  
NO BOOZE AND NO CIGARETTES  
WHAT ABOUT WOMEN?  
THE SAME THING GOES FOR THEM!

## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol  
Feb. 21, 1985

Your timidity will be replaced with self-confidence in the coming year as you begin to use more and more of your talents. As your self-esteem grows, so will your successes.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Backing up your concepts with action demonstrates to others that you know what you're talking about. Next time they won't be so hard to persuade. Looking for a mate? The Matchmaker wheel and booklet can show you you're best suited to romantically. To get yours mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Respect any feelings you get today that things might not be all they seem on the surface. There's a good chance you'll spot a flaw missed by everyone else.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A difficult problem will be handled successfully today, due to your cooperative spirit. You'll set the scene from which others will take their cues.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An extremely kind individual is going to offer you direction on how to achieve a goal you think is unattainable. Listen, because this person knows the way.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Once again you may have to deal with an individual who isn't the easiest to get along with. Rely on past experience to make your task smoother.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You're the one who can help guide or complete a project another is floundering on today. You'll take pride in displaying your talents.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today might be the day where you'll get that chance to reciprocate to one who has come through for you in the past when the chips were down.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You might finally see a material payoff today that has been long in coming. Your entire family will share in your joy of what you'll receive.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Proof could come to you today that others care for you in far greater measure than you ever imagined. If you've been down on yourself, this should turn you around.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Much to your credit, you'll focus your time and attention today on someone who has been down on his luck. Your input will be productive.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Some cold, hard facts might have to be laid on an individual today but you'll unleash your words so charmingly that this person will take no offense.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Using both your reasoning and intuitive faculties today enables you to accomplish a feat that appears overwhelming to most. They'll stand in awe.

### MARVIN By Tom Armstrong MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson KIT N' CARLYLE By Larry Wright

ISN'T SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN FUN, MARVIN?  
ALL I KNOW IS...  
SPASH!

THAT IT'S PLAYING HAVOC WITH MY LOW-SODIUM DIET  
SPOOT!

"This is hard to believe...he's conducting an obedience class."

BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE?

### ALLEY OOP

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AAAARGH! I...CAN...FEEL IT...MOVING!  
THERE! THAT OUGHTA DO IT! I...  
HOLY MACKEREL! THIS MUST'VE BEEN THE CONTROL CENTER!

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MY DAD SAYS BEFORE I KNOW IT I'LL BE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE...  
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LET'S SEE, WHAT CAN I GET FOR VEEBLEFESTER TO GIVE HIS WIFE FOR HER BIRTHDAY?  
CAN I INTEREST YOU IN SOME BABYLONIAN POTTERY?  
I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A FRIEND.  
AND YOU...UH...FEEL HE MIGHT BE HIDING IN THERE?

### FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

GET WELL CARDS  
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE TOO SINCERE. HE'S A HYPOCHONDRIAC.

### PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LINUS? NOTHING  
NOTHING? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BUILDING A ROCK WALL  
WHAT I MEANT WAS NOTHING IMPORTANT  
DO YOU MIND IF I WATCH?  
FASCINATING...SOMEBODY USELESS WATCHING SOMEBODY DOING SOMETHING UNIMPORTANT...

### GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

HEY, GARFIELD, I'M MISSING A SLIPPER, TWO SPOOLS OF THREAD AND A BUTTON...  
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, WOULD YOU?  
I THINK I DO...  
MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU, SQUEAK?  
VROOM! VROOM!

# Poverty, heart disease connected, study says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Poor people are far more likely to die of heart disease than wealthier people, the American Heart Association said today in a study, and according to the chief researcher access to medical facilities may be a reason.

"Conventional wisdom has it that in the U.S. population, white males are at most risk of having a heart attack. We see from this report that in Los Angeles County, that's not just so," said Dr. Ralph R. Frerichs, an epidemiologist at the University of California who conducted the study for the Heart Association's Los Angeles affiliate. The study also found that poor blacks were more likely to die of heart disease than better-off blacks. The fact that a greater proportion of black men than white men are poor explains why black men overall had higher heart disease death rates than white men, who were a close second, Frerichs said.

The study found poor people are likelier to die of heart disease outside a hospital or other medical facility. That suggests that inadequate access to health care,

and not just lifestyle, may explain their higher death rate, said Frerichs.

He said previous studies indicated the poor are less likely to get regular checkups, to have medical insurance and to be able to afford health care, and more likely to delay in getting treatment for illness.

The findings, which showed heart disease death rates increased steadily as median family income declined, were based on analysis of death certificates of all 179,529 Los Angeles County residents who died of all causes from 1979 through 1981.

The link between poverty and higher cardiovascular disease death rates probably holds true nationally, Frerichs said, noting the county's 7.5 million residents represent about 3 percent of the U.S. population and have cardiovascular death rates similar to those nationwide.

"Twenty years ago, heart diseases — especially heart attacks — were mainly in the upper class," said Dr. Richard Havlik, an epidemiologist at the National

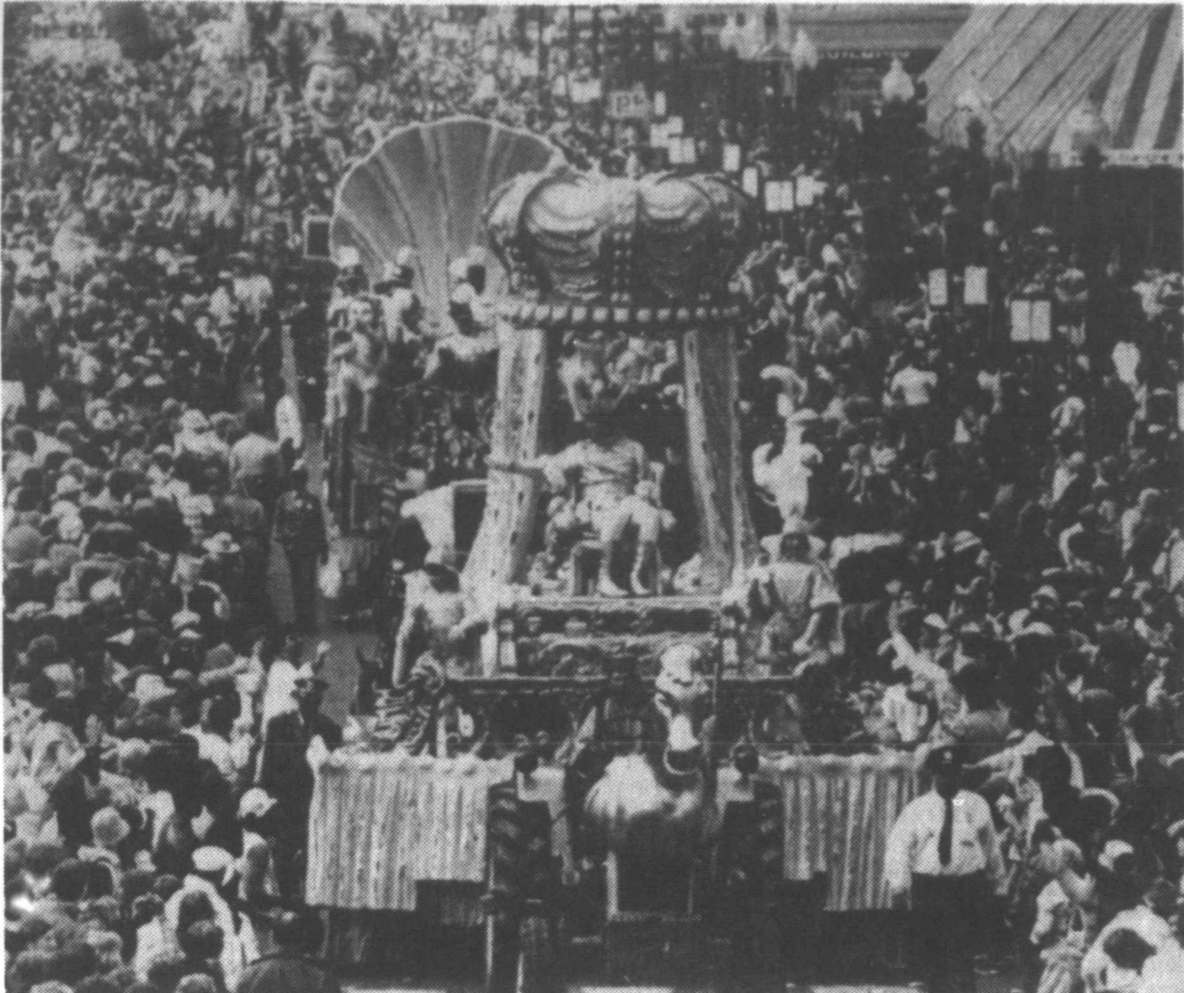
Heart, Blood and Lung Institute.

But in the last decade or so, "the impression is that it's less well-to-do people who have maintained the bad habits" — fatty diets, smoking, lack of exercise and failure to control hypertension — "while the well-off have either gotten medical care for their high blood pressure, modified their diet or are more fitness conscious," Havlik said in a telephone interview from Bethesda, Md.

Frerichs' study is not the first to link poverty with a higher heart disease death rate, but he said the relationship it demonstrated "is stronger than (shown) before."

Among males of all races, those living in neighborhoods with a median annual family income of \$13,600 or less had a heart disease death rate of 460 per 100,000 — 40 percent higher than the 329 per 100,000 death rate among males in neighborhoods where income exceeded \$28,501.

Among females of all races, the death rate in the poorest group was 268 per 100,000 — 27 percent higher than the 211 per 100,000 rate among women in the highest income group.



**HAIL REX**—Rex, King of Carnival, nears the end of his parade on Canal Street in New Orleans Tuesday afternoon. With a million people jammed into the city, Mardi Gras marks the end of the carnival season of parties and parades and clears the way for the start of the austerity of Lent in this predominantly Catholic area. (AP Laserphoto)

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## Top Demos view labor differently

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the leadership of the AFL-CIO got together in Florida this week, Walter F. Mondale joined them. Paul G. Kirk Jr., the new chairman of the Democratic Party, stayed home. Their differing approaches to the labor meeting summed up a lot that is happening within the party.

For Mondale, old loyalties matter. No matter how many signs he gets that his ties to labor hurt him in the last election, Mondale refuses to distance himself from the AFL-CIO and its president, Lane Kirkland.

"I thought that was a bad rap," the defeated Democratic presidential candidate said when asked whether he had been hurt by accusations he was a tool of labor.

But Mondale is a master of negative symbolism. Repeatedly, he gets himself into positions that reinforce what his opponents are saying.

He spent 90 minutes in a closed meeting with the leadership of the AFL-CIO, then quickly departed and left it to Kirkland to speak for him.

As for Kirk, "He needed a day in the office," was how Democratic Party spokesman Terry Michael explained the new party chief's decision to pass up the labor federation meeting.

One reason the new chairman needed a day at his desk is that he's been busy meeting with state party leaders concerned about the influence of the AFL-CIO and other special interest groups on the national party.

Kirk had the backing of the AFL-CIO when he ran for party chairman and he's not likely to snub the federation.

But he seems to understand better than Mondale and Kirkland that big labor has an image problem.

"We can't succeed if we turn our backs on the coalition that produced victory in the past," Kirk said after meeting Saturday with party leaders from the South. "But if we don't succeed as a whole, then no element of the party does."

"The party needs to get away from the perception that the cumulative weight of its caucuses and special interest groups causes it to nominate liberal presidential candidates," said Bert Lance, the Georgia Democratic Party chairman.

A 49-state defeat such as the one suffered by the Mondale ticket has a way of skewing the vision and memories of politicians. The Democrats didn't fare much better in 1980 when Jimmy Carter, Lance's fellow Georgian, was at the top of the ticket.

And one of the regions that saved Mondale's candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination when Sen. Gary Hart had him on the ropes was the South. Lance played a major role in delivering the region, which prompted another display of misbegotten loyalty from Mondale.

Only days before he was to claim the nomination last summer, Mondale became embroiled in a disastrous effort to dump party chairman Charles T. Manati and replace him with Lance.

When Mondale defended his ties to labor as he hurried from the Bal Harbour meeting, he described the unions as "working men and women who are part of this country."

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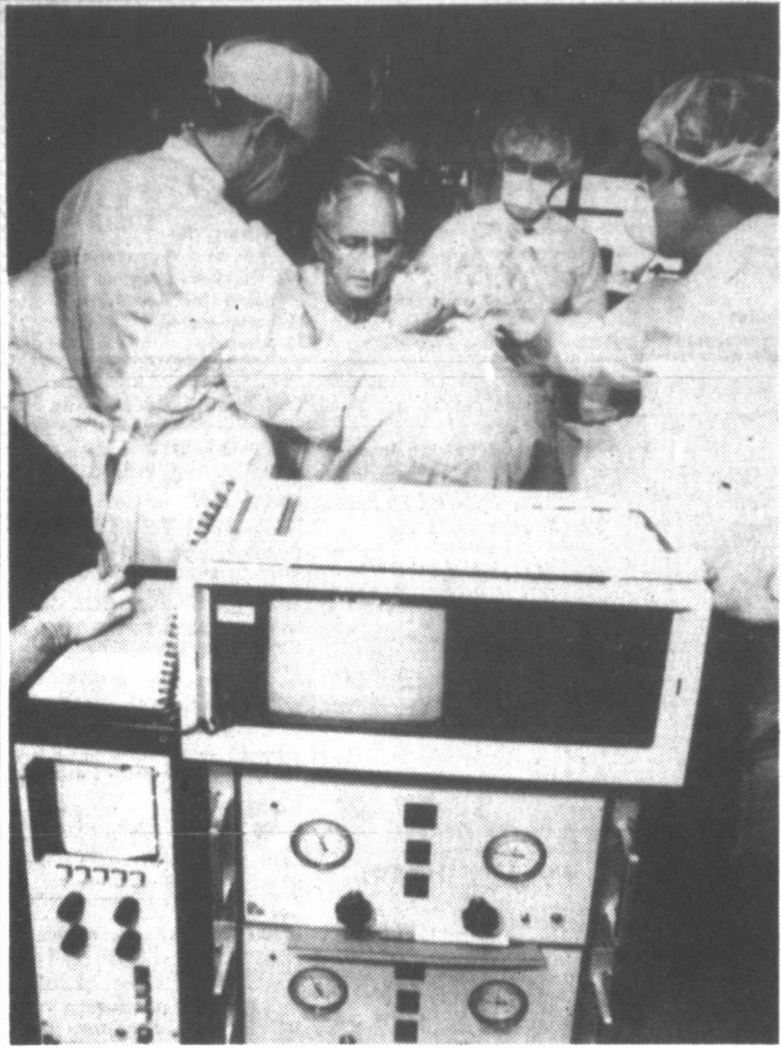
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Haydon helped sit up in bed

## Artificial heart recipients meet

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — William Schroeder visited and waved to his only peer, Murray Haydon, but he seemed oblivious to two young well-wishers when he took a tour of a parking lot and became the first artificial heart recipient to leave a hospital building.

Meeting Schroeder "was like shaking hands with history because he's so famous," said 10-year-old Kim Nasief, who with Crispy Ballard, 12, met the Jasper, Ind., man in the Humana Hospital Audubon parking lot on Tuesday.

Schroeder shook hands but "didn't say anything. I'm not sure if he knew we were there," Miss Nasief said.

Meanwhile, Haydon, the third artificial heart recipient, continued his remarkable recuperation, sitting up, drinking fluids and exercising. Doctors said he might be able to get out of bed today.

Haydon had a slightly queasy stomach, probably a natural consequence of the stress of open heart surgery, said Dr. Allan M. Lansing, chairman of Humana Heart Institute International.

Schroeder was wheeled to Haydon's room in the intensive-care unit Monday night, but Haydon was asleep. On Tuesday, Schroeder made a return trip and the men waved to one another, but did not speak, Lansing said.

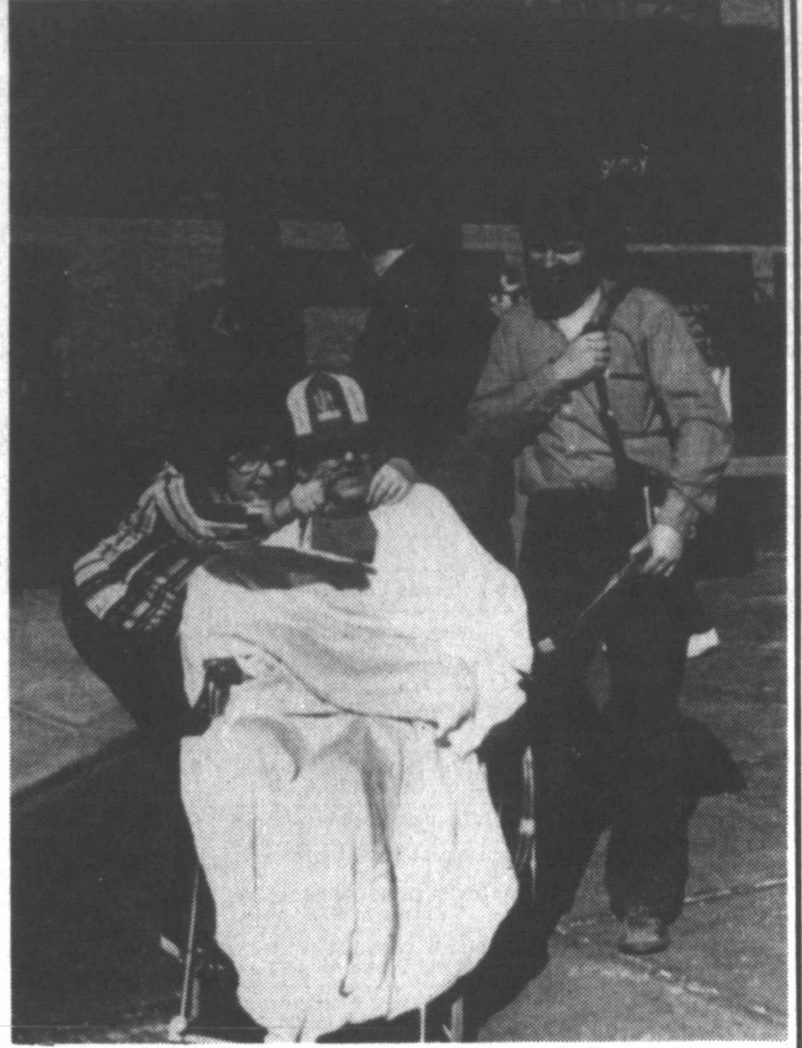
Haydon was sitting up, drinking fluids and exercising — moving all his joints, even down to "wiggling his toes," and breathing as deeply as he could, Lansing said.

Miss Nasief said she hurried to the parking lot from her mother's hospital room upon hearing that Schroeder had been wheeled out into the 44-degree sunshine.

"I said, 'Hello' and 'How are you feeling today?' But he really didn't say anything," she said.

Schroeder didn't smile, she said, but just looked toward the sun.

Schroeder, 53, has been struggling to recover from three strokes he suffered Dec. 13 and from an unexplained fever that reversed his recovery. By Tuesday afternoon, the fever had subsided, Lansing said.



Schroeder outside first time

## Busy married women healthier, study shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Busy women who combine job and marriage tend to be healthier than those who are either unmarried or unemployed, a new study of government statistics discloses.

And the so-called "superwomen" who add children to the responsibilities of job and spouse are just as healthy as those who don't have to deal with offspring, the report adds.

"Contrary to popular belief, the triple roles of job, spouse and mother are linked with good health," reported Lois M. Verbrugge of the University of Michigan and Jennifer H. Madans of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Their findings, reported in the March edition of American

Demographics magazine, are based on information collected in the National Health Interview Survey taken in 1977-78.

"Of the three factors we examined, employment has by far the strongest and most consistent tie to women's good health. Marriage ranks second and parenthood ranks a weak third," they reported.

Working women had fewer days of restricted activity because of illness, spent less time bedridden, had less chronic illness and in general felt better than unemployed females, they found.

While married women were rated healthiest, single females with jobs felt better than those who didn't work.



CBS reporter Mike Wallace leaves Federal Court at the conclusion of Gen. Westmoreland's libel trial against the network.

## Verdict 'left to history'

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. District Judge Pierre Leval, who dismissed the jury after Gen. William C. Westmoreland dropped his libel suit against CBS, told jurors in the historic case it was best the "verdict be left to history."

Leval told the 12 jurors and five alternates it was "safe to say no verdict you or I would have been able to render in this case could have escaped widespread disagreement." And, he said to the panelists, after 18 weeks of testimony he "understood your feeling a sense of letdown, of disappointment."

"We have been participants in a most interesting, a most unusual proceeding, a trial seeking the judgment of history," Leval said Tuesday. "There is no legal power to fix the judgment of history, it must be left to study, reflection and debate."

Leval also invited the jurors

back to the courtroom to talk with participants from both sides.

All but one juror came back after speaking with Leval. They were greeted warmly by Westmoreland, his wife and lawyers, and by Mike Wallace and George Crile of CBS and the network's lawyers.

After 18 weeks of testimony about the inner workings of television news, the jurors had few inhibitions about talking with

reporters Tuesday.

Six of the jurors said they had been leaning toward a verdict in favor of CBS, while one said he was leaning toward Westmoreland.

Four jurors — including the one who did not return to the courtroom but was reached at home — said they hadn't made up their minds. One said she was leaning toward one side, but declined to say which.

## Older Americans to face more complex tax forms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxation of some Social Security benefits, which provide about 40 percent of the income of people over age 65, will require many older Americans to switch to the more complicated Form 1040 when they file their tax returns this year.

As many as 4 million people who received Social Security benefits in 1984 are having to pay income tax on a portion of those benefits for the first time, and all will have to file the long Form 1040. In the past, many pensioners have been able to use the shorter Form 1040A.

This is only one of the changes affecting how older Americans file their tax returns this year.

Rules for claiming the special credit for the elderly have been changed. Taxpayers, regardless of age, no longer will be allowed to deduct non-prescription drugs other than insulin, and for those who don't itemize deductions, the maximum writeoff for charitable contributions is up to \$75.

Two free government publications may help.

The 52-page "Tax Benefits for Older Americans," published by the Internal Revenue Service, is available by writing or telephoning the nearest IRS office in your state and asking for Publication 554.

The "1985 Federal Income Tax Guide for Older Americans" is published by the House Committee on Aging. This 20-page booklet is designed for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions. Write your congressman for a copy.

Meanwhile, a couple of tips: —If you are over 65, don't file the simplest form, 1040EZ, or you won't be able to claim the extra \$1,000 exemption for your age. In most cases, you may file the two-page Form 1040A if your income is less than \$50,000 and is all from wages, tips, interest, dividends and unemployment compensation — and if you do not itemize deductions.

Several special circumstances require the long Form 1040. For example, you must use 1040 if you received taxable Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits; you

received or paid alimony; you had self-employment income; you made estimated tax payments last year; you claim the credit for the elderly, or you want to average last year's income against earnings of the previous three years.

—As a rule, a person over 65 must file a return if wages, taxable pensions, interest and other non-Social Security income totaled \$4,300 or more last year. For a couple over 65, the figure is \$7,400. An over-65 person who was widowed within the last two years and lives with a dependent child must file once income reaches \$4,400. Even with income as low as \$1,000, you have to file if you are married and your spouse files separately or if you and your spouse were living in different households at the end of 1984.

Social Security beneficiaries should have received by now a Form SSA-1099 showing total benefits paid in 1984. If yours is not correct or if you have yet to receive one, call toll-free 1-800-772-1099 or your local Social Security office.

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