

WEATHER SUMMARY



Cold weather is expected in the forecast until Wednesday morning for most of the nation. Snow flurries are forecast for the western states. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Table containing weather forecast for Midland, including temperature readings for various times of day and local temperatures.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities across the United States, including Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, and others.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities such as Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, and Dallas.

Extended forecast

West Texas: Partly cloudy with only minor day to day temperature changes. Low upper 50s mountains and snow in mid to south. Highs 50s north and mountains to 60s south.

Prime rate up to 16.25

NEW YORK (AP) — The prime lending rate today stood at its highest point since May, 16.25 percent, and analysts said the charge on loans to top-ranked businesses could reach 17 percent within a week.

"Credit demand continues to resist traditional economic curbs, indicating the extent of business's saturation with inflationary expectations," said the trade publication, which predicted "interest rates will rise further."



Margaret Pontecci viewing the ruins of her burned home on Golden Meadow Drive in the community of Bradbury, Calif., was surprised by the appearance of her cat, Kiki, safe but frightened.

Ms. Pontecci said she managed to escape with another family pet during the fire which destroyed more than 75 homes, but Kiki disappeared into the dense smoke. (AP Laserphoto)

Firefighters take the upper hand as winds die down in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While howling winds died down and firefighters got the upper hand on blazes that scorched more than 50,000 acres of brushland and suburban lawn, flood control officials began worrying about what winter rains would do to charred California hillsides.

The Carbon Canyon blaze in southwestern Los Angeles County and northwestern Orange County had burned 8,260 acres by late Monday and was 95 percent contained and 75 percent controlled.

American, Briton drown after two U.S. jets collide

SAXTHORPE England (AP) — A British rescue crewman's heroic bid to save a U.S. Air Force pilot ended in tragedy today, with both drowning in the North Sea after two U.S. jets collided and fell, officials said.

"The sea was too rough for them to be picked up immediately, and our helicopter now had no winch line. An American helicopter came to pick them up."

MISD to hold special meeting

A special meeting of the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the Board Room of the School Administration Building on 702 North N St.

Police investigating theft of construction equipment

Midland Police are investigating the theft of some \$13,000 in construction equipment from 609 N. Pecos St. where the CPI Building is under construction.

Information lid closed on Kermit stabbing

KERMIT (AP) — A preliminary autopsy report shows two women slain by a knife-wielding attacker died from stab wounds to the heart, assistant police chief Carroll Richards said Monday.

Texas claim Arizona firm has rustled mechanical-bull design

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The country-western singer whose Pasadena, Texas bar set the scene for the movie "Urban Cowboy," says a mechanical bucking machine sold in Phoenix suburb is costing him big bucks of another sort.

Casino is closed due to smoky fire

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The casino at Caesar's Boardwalk Regency was closed early today after flames from an electrical fire shot up the outside of the building, officials said.

Bugs put bite on Independence Hall

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Termites have put the bite on Independence Hall, and the National Park Service is taking steps to prevent the birthplace of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution from becoming a historic feast.

little wood-chombers have been seen from time to time, no damage to the hall has occurred.

Police Roundup

mount, a \$3,700 Binks brand saturn pump for texture coating with two spray hoses and 200 feet of hose; a \$1,100 Binks brand 8-horsepower gasoline air compressor; a \$795 chop saw for cutting metal studs; and two Perry brand scaffolds. Total value of the theft was reported as \$13,000.

Roaches get best of man

TOKYO (AP) — A 31-year-old construction worker set fire to his apartment, slashed his wrists and was arrested for arson today in a losing battle against cockroaches, police said.

Vertical sidebar on the right edge of the page containing various advertisements and notices, including 'WANT ADS', 'New Exchange', and 'Gold Fu'.

Today's opening stock market

Stock market mixed

BUSINESS MIRROR Home building rate heading downward again

New York Exchange

Table with columns for stock symbols, bid prices, ask prices, and volume. Includes sub-sections A, B, and C.

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Table of stock prices under section M.

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Table of stock prices under section N.

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Table of stock prices under section O.

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Table of stock prices under section R.

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market, absorbing news of higher interest rates and credit tightening moves by the Federal Reserve, closed mixed Monday in volatile trading.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks dropped more than 11 points soon after the market opened but managed to recover almost all of that by the close.

The NYSE composite index rose 0.36 to 79.32. But in the broad rally of trading, losing issues outnumbered gainers about 3-2.

The Federal Reserve Board, after the close of NYSE trading Friday, raised its discount rate - the rate it charges on loans to banks - by one percentage point to 12 percent.

Several banks raised their prime lending rates by three-quarters of a percentage point to 16.25 percent shortly before trading opened Monday.

American Exchange

Table with columns for stock symbols, bid prices, ask prices, and volume. Includes sub-sections A through L.

Gold Futures

Table of gold futures prices.

Mutual funds

Table of mutual fund prices.

Additional listings

Table of additional stock listings.

Over the counter

Table of over-the-counter stock prices.

Livestock

PORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Cattle, the 500 steers, showed steady to 2.00 higher, with advance on high dressing utility...

TODAY'S ANSWER

Advertisement for Little and Company Discount Stockbroker, featuring a man in a suit and various stock market statistics.

DEATHS

W.L. Hendrickson Alma L. Benham

ODESSA — Graveside services for Walter Lawrence Hendrickson, 73, of Midland were Monday in Sunset Memorial Gardens directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

He died Saturday in a Midland nursing home.

He was born Dec. 28, 1906, in Sisterville, W. Va. He was married Nov. 1, 1967, to Jennie Lou Jackson in Odessa. He was a retired trucking contractor and a member of the First Christian Church. He came to Odessa in 1937, but moved to Midland three years ago. He was employed with Laughlin Brothers for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Dyanna Durham of Dallas; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Howard Shaw of Midland; a son, Larry Hendrickson of Silver Bell, Ariz.; three stepsons, Gil Jackson of Houston, Bob Jackson of New York and Jim Jackson of Houston; and two sisters, Eleanor Dean of San Angelo and Carol McTreas of West Virginia.

ANDREWS — Services for Alma Lanora Benham, 63, of Andrews will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of Christ of Andrews with Dwight Whitsett, minister, officiating.

Burial will follow in Andrews Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

She died Sunday in an Andrews hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Benham was born in Childress and moved to Andrews 26 years ago. She was a housewife and a member of Church of Christ of Andrews. She was married to G.B. Benham Nov. 2, 1936, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Bill Benham of Andrews and Donnie Ray Benham of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Matt Stanley of Carlsbad, N.M.; and three grandchildren.

Poland's labor force scores again

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's independent labor movement scored again as a district governor opposed

to it submitted his resignation. Gov. Miroslaw Wierzbicki of Czesochowa offered to quit Monday dur-

Three die in collision of trains

KELSO, Calif. (AP) — Union Pacific officials today were trying to figure out why a work train lost its brakes while going down a grade and slammed into the rear of a freight train, leaving three crewmen dead.

Five people were injured, one seriously, in the accident Monday afternoon four miles west of this small desert town, said the California Highway Patrol. The work train derailed and seven cars of the freight train spilled from the tracks.

According to Union Pacific spokesman Allen Krieg, the collision came after the work train "had gone onto a siding to allow the freight to pass."

"Then the work train entered the main line at the summit of a 2.2 percent downgrade — a fairly steep one — to Kelso." The two trains, both being towed to Union Pacific, continued westbound about seven miles, Krieg said, before the work train — carrying one locomotive, a caboose and 20 cars loaded with railroad ties — experienced "brake trouble and began gaining speed."

train, the engineer radioed ahead to warn the freight, but within moments the work train plowed into the caboose at the rear of the freight.

The engineer and brakeman of the work train, in the locomotive cab, were killed, as was the freight train's conductor, who was in his caboose. The freight brakeman, who was badly injured, also was riding in the caboose, Krieg said.

The entire work train derailed and the caboose and seven cars of the freight flew off the rails as well, Krieg added. The dead, all of Las Vegas, Nev., were identified as work train engineer D.L. Totten, age unavailable; work train

brakeman W.D. Dastrop, 21; and freight conductor Frank R. Johnson, 56.

Brakeman Vernon W. Myers, 57, also of Las Vegas, was flown by helicopter to Valley Hospital in Las Vegas, where a hospital spokeswoman described him as "in guarded condition with multiple injuries."

Four other people with minor injuries — described as cuts and bruises — were taken by ambulance to Baker, 40 miles north of the crash site, then on to Las Vegas for treatment, said Sgt. Rod Conder of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The speed of the trains was not known, he added.

ing talks between a government commission and workers from Solidarity, the biggest independent union, in the southwestern industrial city, labor and government sources said.

The sources said Premier Josef Pankowski apparently did not accept the resignation immediately, and the government delegation was to resume talks with the workers today.

The dispute began Nov. 10 when Wierzbicki declared a regional state of emergency after Solidarity threatened to call nationwide strikes unless the Supreme Court threw out a lower court ruling inserting a clause in the union's constitution affirming the supremacy of the Communist Party.

The governor also banned the union's activities in his district. Plant managers had Solidarity posters torn down, took the telephones out of the union's offices and barred union leaders from publicizing grievances in factory newsletters. Residents of the

area said revolvers also were distributed to militiamen, who normally do not carry arms.

Even though the Supreme Court overruled the lower court and Solidarity canceled its strike threat, Wierzbicki did not rescind his order. Workers at some 200 plants in the region then threatened to strike.

Polish workers won the right to organize unions free of party control for the first time in the Soviet bloc following nationwide strikes last summer. The Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu said Monday that efforts to delay implementation of the settlement as well as new labor demands constitute "anti-party activity."

"There is no doubt that the prolonged crisis is caused by those who treat the agreement as a transitory compromise and either try to halt, delay or postpone the realization of its resolutions or intensify escalation of demands posed to the authorities," the paper said.

U.S. delegate promises American military buildup

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A Soviet military buildup "unparalleled in world history" is forcing the United States into a corresponding arms program, and American leaders "will not concede military superiority," according to a U.S. delegate to the European Conference on Security.

"There should be no misunderstanding," U.S. delegate Max Kampelman told representatives to the meeting. "The United States ... has embarked and will intensify its efforts in the days ahead toward strengthening our military capacity."

Kampelman's remarks were made during a closed-door session at the 35-nation conference, which is reviewing the 1975 Helsinki accords on European security and détente. His comments were made available by the American delegation.

Kampelman called for an easing of tensions between East and West, adding the United States commitment to arms reduction would be continued by president-elect Ronald Reagan.

"We are moving precipitously toward confrontation, and it is to our interests that this movement cease and be redirected toward the spirit of détente," Kampelman said.

"My government under President Carter and president-elect Reagan stands ready to negotiate significant, verifiable and balanced arms control agreements once a mutual determination to do so becomes evident," he added.

Kampelman claimed the United States had no choice but to increase its military budget because the Russians had outspent the United States on defense by \$150 billion in the last decade.

"We are embarked on our program of renewed military strength because

we have been forced to do so in the light of a massive military buildup unparalleled in world history and regrettably one prepared for use, it would appear," he said.

"The Afghanistan invasion was a symbol of that preparation and its seriousness to us, therefore, cannot be underestimated," Kampelman said.

Last December, the Soviet Union sent about 85,000 troops into Afghanistan and began helping Afghan troops fighting Moslem guerrillas.

Kampelman said the Kremlin "devotes an astonishing 14 to 15 percent of its gross national product on its military machine" and "has a new catalog of major weapons systems, including four intercontinental ballistic missiles, three submarine-launched missiles, four new classes of submarines and four new fighter bombers."

The Soviet buildup "must be faced if we are to turn from the growing spirit of mistrust and dissension which characterizes international relations today," he said. "We will pursue our program of military preparedness with determination and we will mobilize the resources of the American people, American wealth, American ingenuity and technology so that it is effective and can serve as the deterrent so necessary to avoid war."

Kampelman added: "There can be no question that we will not concede military superiority."

The conference avoided collapse Friday when East and West delegates agreed to a compromise agenda that will allow the United States to spend a month confronting the Soviet Union over alleged violation of human rights. The Russians deny the charge.

'Gang of Four' followers planned armed rebellion

PEKING (AP) — Followers of China's radical "Gang of Four" deployed 33,500 militiamen in Shanghai and planned an armed rebellion after learning of the gang's arrest in October 1976, foreign ministry officials said today.

In the last of four briefings on indictments against the gang and six members of the "Lin Piao Clique," the officials said the gang's followers planned to control key facilities in China's biggest city and instigate strikes and demonstrations across the country.

There was no indication why the alleged rebellion failed to start.

The officials again declined to say when the trial of the 10 would start. But the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said today it was imminent and hundreds of representatives of various organizations had arrived in Peking to attend the trial.

The newspaper said parts of the trial would be telecast to the world by satellite. All 10 defendants face the death penalty.

The indictment says the gang handed out 74,000 rifles to the militia in Shanghai in August 1976, along with 900 artillery pieces and 10 million rounds of ammunition in preparation for an armed rebellion.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, who led the People's Republic from its founding in 1949, died on Sept. 9, 1976. Senior leader Deng Xiaoping has said the gang did not accept his choice of a successor, a reference to current Party Chairman Hua Guofeng, and wanted to seize power.

The gang's alleged leader was Mao's wife, Jiang Qing. She was not among those charged with plotting the October 1976 rebellion, but the other three members — Zhang Chunqiao, Wang Hongwen and Yao Wenyuan — were.

On Oct. 8, 1976, according to the indictment, the gang's Shanghai followers learned by secret code of the gang's arrest in Peking, called an emergency meeting and decided to use the militia for an armed rebellion.

They set up a command team and two secret command posts, deployed 33,500 militiamen, assigned 27,000 rifles and artillery pieces and 225 motor vehicles and made available a large quantity of food and other materials, the indictment said.

It said they planned to cordon off the center of the city of 11 million people and control its administration center, railroad stations, wharves, airports, harbors, the Pujiang River tunnel, bridges and other main transport routes.

They planned to issue a "message to the people of Shanghai and the whole country," instigate production stoppages, strikes, parades, and demonstrations and control the press and radio stations to block news released by the central media, it charged.

They also planned to cut off electricity supplies, barricade airport runways and scuttle ships to block river mouths in hopes of holding out three days to a week and letting "the whole world know what is happening," the indictment said.

Character actor, Nick Dennis, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nick Dennis, a character actor who appeared in such films as "Spartacus" and "Four for Texas," has died of cancer and heart disease at the age of 76.

Dennis died Friday at Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital, where he had been a patient for several years.

Born in Greece in 1904, Dennis started his acting career on Broadway in 1936. He appeared in numerous theatrical productions including "A Streetcar Named Desire." In the television series

"Kojak," he played the detective's brother-in-law, and in the "Ben Casey" series he played Nick the Greek.

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Lunch is also a sumptuous spread. At least three meat items, soup, salad, real mashed potatoes, country gravy, two vegetables, rolls and desert. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Dinner, served from 5 to 8 p.m., is a variation of the lunch menu. Served at nights on Monday and Wednesday is barbecued ribs. On Tuesday and Friday nights the featured selection is fried shrimp. And on any night, there are at least two other meat items on the menu.

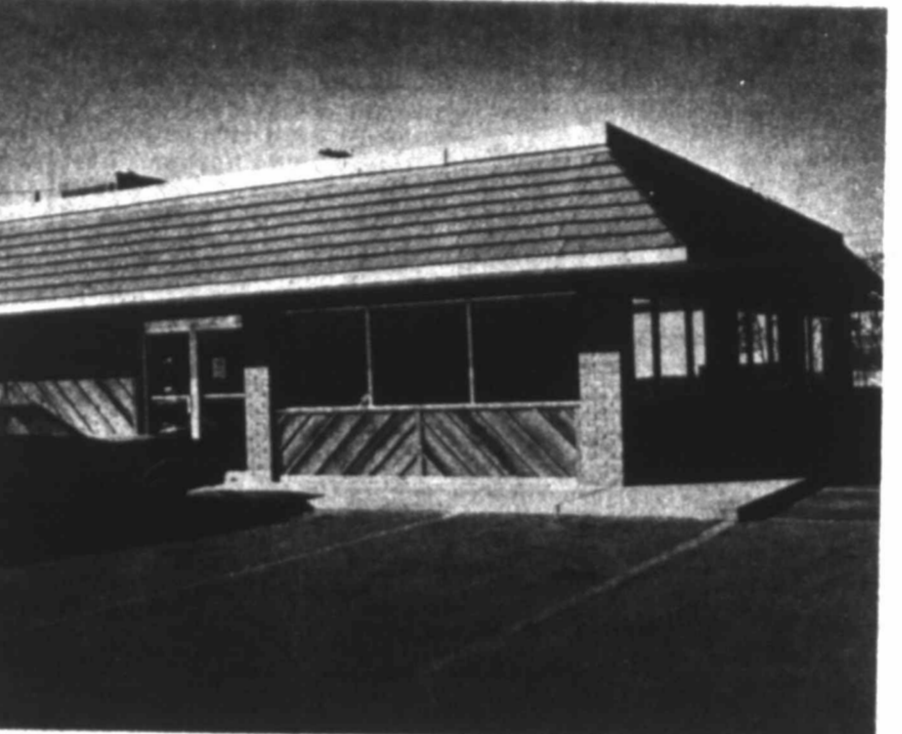
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Senator says he won't seek immediate repeal of nation's minimum wage law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the incoming head of the Senate Labor committee, says he has no plans to seek immediate repeal of the nation's minimum wage law, although he won't say whether he might try to do so in the future.

Hatch, viewed by union leaders as one of the Senators least sympathetic to organized labor, also said Thursday he intends to push legislation permitting employers to pay young workers at a rate below the prevailing minimum wage.

He did not answer directly when asked about a possible attempt to repeal the minimum wage law in the future. "If we can get America working...I don't know if that will be an issue," Hatch said.

Hatch did say that seeking a repeal wouldn't be a "fruitful approach at this particular point."

Repeal of the minimum wage law, which organized labor regards as virtually sacred, has long been a goal of many conservatives.

President-elect Ronald Reagan was on record in favor of a repeal of the minimum wage law as recently as last January. Aides now say he favors the proposal to allow teen-age workers to be paid less than the minimum for adults.

There are several proposals for the "youth differential" for teen-age workers. Some would allow employers to pay them at 75 percent of the minimum wage, which now stands at \$3.10 an hour and rises to \$3.35 on Jan. 1.

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U.S. automakers report hike in sales this month

DETROIT (AP) — Sales of U.S.-built cars increased in early November compared to the same period last year, but industry analysts warn the spurt in sales may level off again.

The five major U.S. automakers reported Thursday that sales were up 3.5 percent compared with the first 10 days of November 1979. The increase over last year's reporting period was only the second since January.

Despite the upturn, the annual selling rate — what a year's sales would be based on one period's rate — declined to 6.6 million cars from 6.7 million in October as a whole, putting the industry back at September's level.

"It's just like winter and summer, you don't go from freezing to sunbathing in a day," said one company analyst who requested anonymity. "We're going to be on a plateau for a month while we see what interest rates do."

Positive comparisons with fairly strong year-ago sales will be "increasingly difficult through February," he warned.

The five major producers delivered 163,802 cars in the Nov. 1-10 period against 178,085 in the same period last year, when there was one extra day in the reporting period.

Chrysler Corp. sold 14,843 cars against 14,080 in early November 1979, including 3,877 "K-car" front-wheel drive compacts. That's a 19 percent gain, based on sales per day.

General Motors Corp. sales of 105,123 represented a 9.6 percent increase, on a daily basis, from 107,900; Ford Motor Co.'s 38,451 was 8.5 percent below 47,250; American Motors Corp.'s estimated 3,100 was down 38 percent from 5,475 and Volkswagen of America was down 24 percent, 2,285 against 3,380.

Like importers, AMC reports sales at month-end.

VW, strong all year, is "running short of inventory" on models introduced Oct. 22, according to company spokesman Tom McDonald. The industry publication Ward's Automotive Reports earlier this week said VW's overall stocks of its U.S.-built cars on Nov. 1 would last 76 days, well above the desired benchmark of 90 days.

Industry executives expressed no concern about a sales plateau.

Jerry Pyle, a Chrysler vice president for U.S. sales, said his company's results were bolstered by its new "K-car" line of front-wheel drive compacts and "future sales will be supported by sold retail and fleet orders that are now flowing through the production channels."

GM said it was the third time in the five periods since introduction of its new models that sales had increased from last year's levels. GM took 64 percent of the market for domestic models.

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