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## Carter feeling 'uncomfortable'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is "still pretty uncomfortable" because of a broken collarbone suffered in a weekend skiing accident, but he does not plan to curtail his activities greatly, the White House says.

Spokeswoman Kate King, saying the 56-year-old president was "not out of commission," noted that Carter met Sunday with three Algerian diplomats at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., to discuss the hostages in Iran.

Carter's left collarbone was broken Saturday when he fell after one of his skis hit a rock along a slope on a nature trail at the Camp David compound. About three inches of snow was on the ground.

He was flown to the Bethesda Naval Hospital outside Washington for X-rays and treatment and then returned to Camp David.

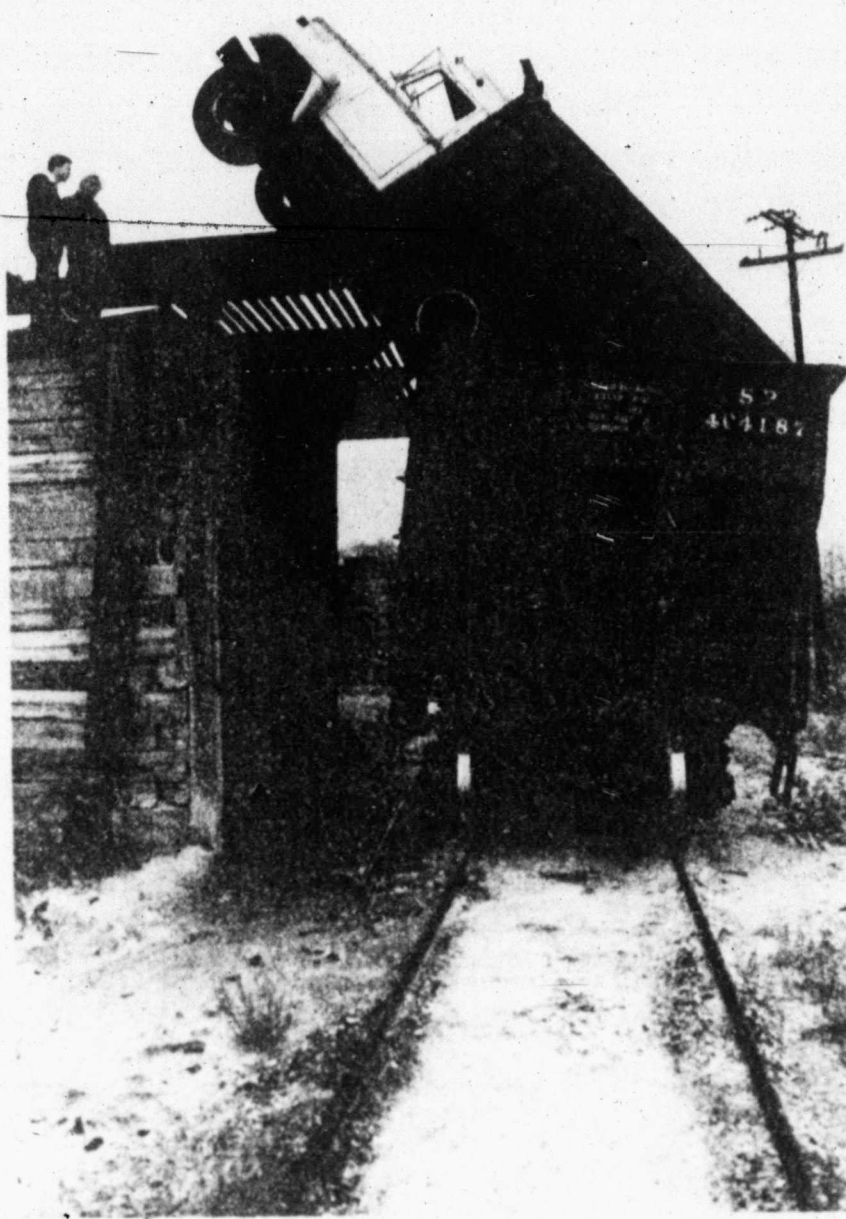
Carter spokesman Rex Granum said at the time that the president was given medication for pain and fitted with a "figure-eight" harness to hold his shoulders in place. He is expected to wear the harness for six to eight weeks.

Granum quoted the president's physician, Rear Adm. William Lukash, as saying Saturday that Carter was in "considerable pain."

Lukash was skiing with Carter when the accident happened. Granum said. Also with Carter were his wife, Rosalynn, Marine aide John Kline and two Secret Service agents, Granum said.

Lukash put Carter's arm in a sling and immobilized his shoulder before the trip to Bethesda, where the president was treated by Lukash and Capt. Bart Slemmons, chairman of the Bethesda orthopedics department, Granum said.

The collarbone connects the breastbone to the shoulder. Carter fractured the medial aspect of the left clavicle, the part of the collarbone nearest the breastbone, Granum said, adding that Carter broke the same clavicle during a jujitsu class when he was a midshipman at the Naval Academy in the 1940s.



Truck Dumped

Dump truck driver Winston Caldwell and Tommy Maxfield, left, study the situation after Caldwell accidentally back his truck into the railroad car last week in Athens, Texas. Caldwell said the arresting bar on the ramp broke off as he backed up to dump a load of clay. (AP Laserphoto)

## TV films painfully intensify yearning

### More Iran telecasts expected

By The Associated Press

Holiday telecasts of the American hostages in Iran have shed little light on the captives' conditions and have painfully intensified their families' yearning to have them safe at home, relatives say.

The families — especially relatives of the 11 men who haven't been seen in the recent broadcasts — were hoping for another film today, one that reportedly would show all 52 hostages.

CBS hoped to relay the film to the United States today, network spokeswoman Gail Freedman said Sunday.

The footage would show the Americans, now in their 422nd day of captivity, in a meeting last week with an Algerian diplomat, she said. CBS relays to American television networks films made available by Iranian television in Tehran.

It was not clear when the various networks would show the footage or which of two Algerian officials who visited the captives would be shown. From Christmas Day through the weekend, the Iranians made available still photographs and footage of 41 hostages at religious services, meals or small discussions.

Some relatives contacted by The Associated Press called the broadcasts "garbage" and "propaganda," but for families which had not seen their relatives since the seizure of the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979, the films were comforting.

Algerian diplomat Abdelkarim Gheraieb, who met the hostages during the holidays, told several hostage relatives at a briefing Sunday that the

captives were all "in excellent spirits and morale."

"I was encouraged because they're (the Algerians) not losing hope and therefore neither are we," said Penne Laingen, wife of the top-ranking American captive, charge d'affaires Bruce Laingen.

Gheraieb, Algeria's ambassador to Iran, and Rehda Malek, Algerian ambassador to the United States, reassured the hostages' families of the captives' well-being and also distributed letters for 42 families.

Algeria is acting as a go-between in negotiations between Iran and the United States.

Hazel Albin, of Little Rock, Ark., had not seen her son Robert Blucker on any film from Iran and was looking forward to new footage.

Although she said she received a letter from the 53-year-old career State Department employee last month, she was puzzled "why he didn't get on television" before.

The parents of Duane Gillette, 24, of Columbia, Pa., were luckier. Ivan and Alberta Gillette saw him in a film Saturday for the first time.

"It's bittersweet," their lawyer Andrew Appell said. "They can look at him, hear him, but he isn't here."

Michael Ahern also was reassured yet disheartened by film footage and a photograph of his brother Thomas, 48, of Falls Church, Va.

"He looks pretty good (but) he looked like he'd rather be somewhere else," Ahern said.

A glimpse of Marine Sgt. Rodney Sickmann gave his family "a great boost and renewed hope," his father

said. "Besides looking a little depressed, Rocky looked really good and physically fit, like he was still working out to keep himself in shape," Virgil Siekmann, of Krakow, Mo., said Sunday.

"Just seeing him has helped us all out considerably. At least we know he's healthy," he said. "We expected him to look worse."

Ann Elisa Moeller, who caught a glimpse of her husband, Staff Sgt. Michael Moeller, 29, of Loup City, Neb., was dissatisfied by the Iranians' holiday gesture.

## Billboard has right message

DALLAS (AP) — Steve Solomon wanted to get married, and he wanted to propose in a big way.

He looked into radio and television spots, he even considered skywriting. He settled on a billboard. A huge display towering over Dallas' busy North Central Expressway with his message written in bright red script.

"Kathy McCauley: Will you marry me? Love, Steve."

KCBN Advertising was besieged by calls from motorists wanting to know Ms. McCauley's response.

The agency answered the calls with the word "Yes" written on the same billboard in bold red letters.

## Arabs send warning to U.S.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iran and Iraq reported paratroopers and tank-led infantry raids today as oil-rich Arab states reportedly warned the United States against supplying Iran with arms in exchange for the American hostages.

The warning was reported by the independent Beirut newspaper An-Nahar amid growing signs that 40 Islamic heads of state would meet next month to mediate a cease-fire in the 99-day-old war.

An-Nahar quoted unnamed Western diplomats in the Lebanese capital as saying the Arab states of the gulf had expressed "concern" that the United States might provide arms and spare parts to Iran as part of a hostage

settlement. The prestigious newspapers said this concern was conveyed to several American ambassadors by the governments of the Arab gulf states. One official of an unnamed gulf state was quoted as telling the American ambassador his country would "look with displeasure" at the possibility of having "Iran fight Iraq with new American weapons or spare parts."

An-Nahar reported could not be independently verified here. The Arab states of the gulf, which export more than 15 million barrels of crude to the West and the non-communist world a day, have privately sympathized with Iraq in the war. But they all maintained a neutral posture

in public, hoping this eventually would help them talk the two warring nations to the negotiating table.

Meanwhile, a flurry of communications from Baghdad and Tehran reporting tank assaults on each other's positions in the southern sector of the 550-mile front, while paratroopers carried out raids in the snow-covered western highlands at the central sector.

Iraq said its forces repulsed two fresh Iranian attempts to dislodge Iraqi troops from their positions around Iran's key highway town of Susangerd in Khuzistan, killing 97 enemy troops. A communiqué claimed 125 other Iranians were killed in various actions.

## Christmas death toll below estimates

By The Associated Press

As the long Christmas weekend drew to a close, the traffic death toll climbed past 400, well below estimates of the number of people who might die on the nation's highways during the holiday.

In 1965, the record high Christmas traffic toll was recorded — 720 over a three-day weekend.

Meanwhile, council officials estimated that between 420 and 520 people may die and another 19,000 to

Wednesday through midnight Sunday.

There were 713 deaths over last year's four-day Christmas weekend. The council said 670 traffic fatalities could be expected at this time of year during a similar non-holiday period.

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Meanwhile, council officials estimated that between 420 and 520 people may die and another 19,000 to

23,000 may suffer disabling injuries in traffic accidents during the upcoming New Year's holiday weekend.

The council made that estimate for the four-day period from 6 p.m. Wednesday through midnight Sunday.

Last year, during a similar four-day holiday, the council reported that 493 people were killed and 21,700 people were seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents.

In a statement, the Chicago-based council warned against drinking and driving on New Year's Eve, noting its studies indicate the drinking driver is the largest single threat-to-life on the highways.

## Meese says Iran should not wait

NEW YORK (AP) — While it "remains to be seen" whether Ronald Reagan will take a tough stance in dealing with Iran, the Iranians would find it to their advantage to return the American hostages right away, says the president-elect's transition chief.

"I don't think we should signal what we might do or what we might not do," said Edwin Meese III. "But I will say this: It's very important that they understand that there is absolutely no reason for them to wait until after the inauguration of President Reagan to send the hostages back."

"And I think the Iranians ought to think over very carefully the fact that it would certainly be to their advantage to get the hostages back now," he said.

Meese, interviewed Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation" program, declined to speculate on the possibility of military action by the new administration if the hostages were not returned before Reagan's Jan. 20 inauguration.

"We're not going to make any predictions, but I think you know that

President-elect Reagan will take the appropriate action when the time comes," Meese said.

Meanwhile, Meese said it was unlikely Reagan would declare an economic emergency as some Republican leaders have proposed, but said Reagan would put a great deal of emphasis on economic matters in his inaugural address.

He said Reagan might meet with the Federal Reserve Board before Jan. 20 to discuss ways of controlling inflation through monetary policy.

Reagan's economic advisers were unanimous in their support of a tax cut, to give businesses more money for capital investment and to help the individual taxpayer deal with inflation, Meese said, denying that a tax cut would balloon federal deficits and put pressure on money markets and interest rates.

Noting that some interest rates already have started to fall, he predicted that there would be fluctuation in the future.

Meese said the Reagan administration would attempt to achieve a balanced federal budget by fiscal 1983.

## Transition team snubs Embassy

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican officials are embarrassed and U.S. diplomats irritated by efforts by President-elect Ronald Reagan's transition team to exclude the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City from a meeting between Reagan and Mexico's president, the Washington Post quotes U.S. and Mexican officials as saying.

Reagan is to meet with President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico on Jan. 5.

Mexican officials said that at one point the Reagan coordinating team headed by Richard Allen refused to invite Julian Nava, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, or any other member of the embassy staff to the meeting in Ciudad Juarez, the Post reported in Monday's edition. Allen recently was appointed Reagan's national security adviser.

"I put us in a difficult spot because we wanted our ambassador to Washington to attend," an official in Mexico City was reported as saying. "When we asked them to find another trusted person in the (U.S.) Embassy as a courtesy to us, they said that would probably be difficult."

Eventually, Mexico was told that Nava would be allowed to be in Ciudad Juarez at the time of the meeting but that he would not sit in on the talks, the Post reported.

## Iran angered by Reagan statement

By The Associated Press

The speaker of Iran's Parliament reacted angrily today to President-elect Ronald Reagan's charge that the American hostages were "kidnapped by barbarians," and the Iranian official implied that the United States was trying to swindle Iran.

Reagan was asked by reporters in Los Angeles Sunday if he could go along with the latest Iranian proposal for a \$9 billion down payment for the release of the 52 hostages, with the rest of the terms to be negotiated.

"No," he replied. "I don't think you pay ransom for people that have been kidnapped by barbarians."

HASHEMI RAFSANJANI, the speaker of Majlis, or Parliament, responded to Reagan's comments from the floor of the 228-seat assembly, saying Iran was not worried about confronting the United States.

"We are not scared of your threats," he said.

"We want our money back and you call it ransom," Rafsanjani said. The deposit of financial guarantees is necessary to "prevent you from swindling us."

"The world must know that according to our Islamic morality we wanted to solve the hostage issue but it is the U.S. which looks about for an excuse."

"We will settle accounts with you," he said without elaboration.

Iran asked the United States earlier this month to deposit \$24 billion with the Algerian government as guarantees for assets Iran wants returned. Today was the hostages' 422nd day of captivity.

COMMENTING ON THE television film of the hostages released over the Christmas holidays, Rafsanjani said: "All the world saw the film of the spies and knows they are healthy and happy after a year and some months."

"You call this treatment barbaric and uncivilized but the savage crimes of the U.S. ... in the world are not considered savage and are said to be signs of civilization."

Rafsanjani was interrupted three times during the course of his remarks by Majlis deputies shouting "God is great!" and "Death to America!"

Iranians at separate religious holiday demonstrations in Tehran and other cities Sunday called on the government and the Majlis to set a deadline for the United States to accept Iran's terms, Iran's official Pars news agency reported. There was no immediate reaction from the Iranian government.

Rafsanjani also singled out the Soviet Union for criticism, objecting to Moscow's protests Sunday about al-

leged lack of protection for the Soviet Embassy during a demonstration by Afghan exiles in Tehran.

THOUSANDS OF AFGHAN exiles demonstrated at the embassy Saturday, the first anniversary of a Soviet-backed coup in Afghanistan, and tore down and burned the Soviet flag.

Soviet diplomats protested that the Iranian government had advanced warning of the demonstration but took no action to prevent it or to increase security.

"You expect millions of people who have become homeless by you not even to protest?" Rafsanjani said in an open question to the Soviet Union.

"What is the difference between you and the U.S. superpower?"

Iranian propaganda frequently refers to the United States as the "Satanic West" and to the Soviet Union as the "Criminal East." However, direct criticism of Moscow is less frequent in Iran than that directed at Washington.

A Tehran Radio commentary today said the United States was trying to "open a second front" against Iran after failing to achieve its aims through the 14-week-old Iraq-Iran war.

It said U.S. connected groups were creating disturbances in northern and western Iranian cities aimed at keeping government military reinforcements from reaching border areas. It said Kurdish rebels "linked to the White House Democrats" stopped an army column and tried to destroy weapons and ammunition being sent to the war front.

"Although our army brothers managed to frustrate this ominous plot, nevertheless the good news reaches America that White House-trained remnants in Iran as well as the U.S. Democratic Party's Marines are prepared to raid reinforcement units being sent to border areas."

IN A BROADCAST SPEECH today Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini told his countrymen "not to quiver" but to persevere through the war despite the hardships and fuel shortages it has caused. He said the Soviet Union endured shortages after its revolution and that poverty was a major burden in the United States.

In a speech Sunday, Khomeini condemned political feuding within the Iranian government, apparently referring to disputes between moderate President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai.

Today the hard-line Islamic Republican Party's newspaper reportedly accused leftists and followers of the late shah of fomenting an Iranian demonstration in favor of Bani-Sadr.

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Partly cloudy and cooler to night. Warmer Tuesday. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

Midland statistics

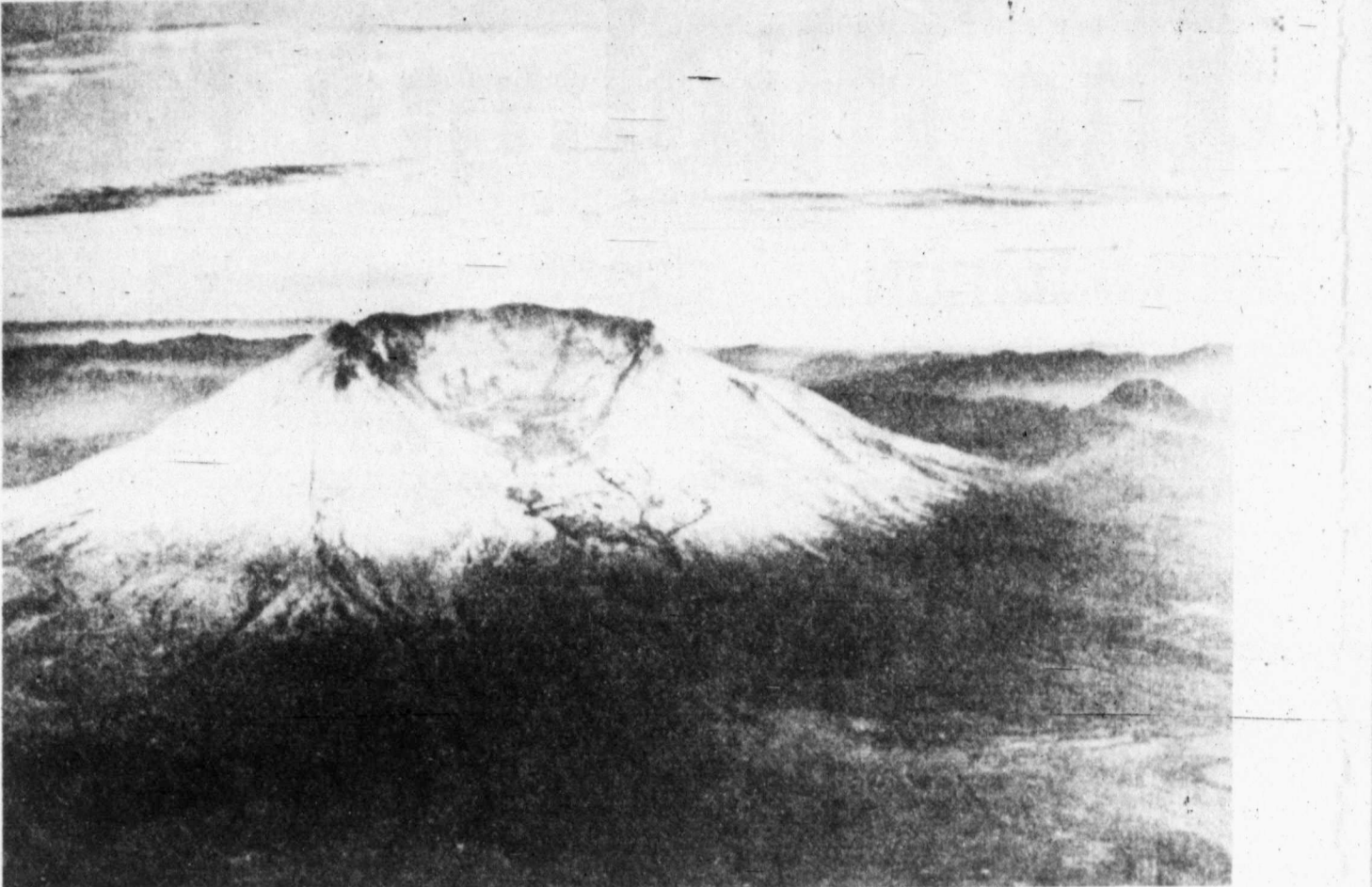
Table with weather statistics including WEATHER FORECAST, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS, LOCAL TEMPERATURES, and SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES.

Weather elsewhere

Table with weather elsewhere statistics for Monday, listing cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

Glowing lava dome growing inside crater

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Molten rock pushing up within Mount St. Helens is causing the crusty lava dome in the volcano's crater to grow, scientist say.



Mount St. Helens' volcano emerged from five days of cloud cover Sunday to give scientists a look into the crater where a lava dome is growing. (AP Laserphoto)

U.S. makes its hostage terms public

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration offered in mid-November to take 13 steps in exchange for release of the 52 American hostages in Iran, including a freeze on any of the late shah's assets in the United States, State Department documents show.

intermediaries are continuing, with an other meeting scheduled at the State Department today after 10 hours of apparently inconclusive discussions over the weekend.

It appeared likely the current round of meetings would end before the Carter administration decides on an official response to Iran's conditions.

Reagan referred to the Iranians on Sunday as "barbarians." Talking to reporters after attending church services in Los Angeles, he said, "I don't think you pay ransom for people that have been kidnapped by barbarians."

Texas temperatures

Table with Texas temperatures for various cities including Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Childress, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dalhart, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, Midland, Mineral Wells, Palestine, Pecos, San Angelo, San Antonio, Shreveport, La., Stephenville, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, and Winona.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy and cooler today, fair tonight and Tuesday. Warmer Tuesday. Highs 51 to 60. Lows 26 to 36. Highs Tuesday 60s.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair and cool through tonight, fair and warmer Tuesday. Highs 50 to 58. Lows 26 to 36. Highs Tuesday mid 60s east to mid 60s Panhandle.

Extended forecasts

Wednesday through Friday: West Texas: Fair with mild afternoons and cold nights through Friday. Lows in the upper 20s north to near 10 south. Highs in the low 60s north to upper 60s south through Thursday cooling to upper 50s north on Friday.

Warm springlike weather here to stay until New Year's Day

While Jack Frost is busy wreaking havoc in the north and eastern parts of the country, Midlanders are enjoying springlike weather. And the warm temperatures should continue through New Year's Day, said the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

Sunday's high of 72 degrees was warm enough for jogging, biking or roller skating. But it still didn't touch the record high of 80 degrees set on that date in 1964. The overnight low of 44 degrees was a sizzler compared to the record low of 9 degrees set in 1939.

Midland firemen kept busy with abundance of fire calls

Midland firemen had a busy day Sunday, and they started early. Ambulances were dispatched at 12:38 a.m. to an accident with injuries in the 1500 block of East Highway 80. One person was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital.

trailer house caught fire on County Road 1224, south of Interstate 20. Firemen spent about an hour and a half at the scene of the fire. No cause has yet been determined.

Three burned in tree ceremony

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — A family's Christmas tradition of lighting sparklers on their tree has left three people burned, Fremont fire officials said.

Fire Roundup

The trailer is occupied by Carey Ashwood. At 2:48 a.m., firemen responded to a roof fire at a residence at 2001 W. Missouri Ave. Details on the fire were unavailable.

Police checking aggravated assaults

Police are investigating two reported aggravated assaults that occurred Sunday and early this morning. Alberta Tate, 206 E. Washington Ave., told police that about 1 a.m. today she was at 405 S. Mineola St. when a man assaulted her, took her .22-caliber magnum pistol, fired a shot at her and took \$100. She said the man then forced her to leave with him and go to a private residence where she was forced to have sex with him.

someone at Midland Memorial Hospital as amphetamines. Also, a 21-year-old man was in jail this morning on drug charges — misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

At 7:07 p.m. Sunday Jose Maria Ruiz, 2304-A S. Terrell St., and Herminio A Carrasco, 1806 S Baird St., were southbound on Terrell. The two vehicles collided at the intersection of Terrell and Taylor Avenue.

Although police say Keese was taken to Midland Memorial, the hospital shows no records of his being treated. Fourteen-year-old Devin Phiffer was treated and released after being struck in the parking lot of an M-System store Saturday morning.

Another aggravated assault was reported at 6 p.m. Sunday. Officer B. Conley was sent to 601 E. Cuthbert Ave. to investigate the reported assault. When he arrived, he reported that he saw a man hitting and pushing a woman when the man saw the police unit, he ran his truck and drove east on Cuthbert to Lamesa Road and then turned south on Lamesa.

While talking to the driver, the officer observed what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette in the ash tray and a baggie of what he believed to be marijuana in the floorboard on the passenger's side. He then took the man into custody.

ACCORDING TO reports, Keese and Larry Eugene Flitcraft of 1407 Fisher were both eastbound on U.S. Highway 80 when the two vehicles collided at 12:28 a.m. Keese was riding the motorcycle.

Phiffer was taken to Midland Memorial where he was treated for a fractured leg. The vehicle, described only as being brown, continued out of the parking lot.

Police Roundup

pellet gun, and two others had numerous holes in them. Damage was estimated at \$250. Nothing is known to have been taken in an attempted robbery at the North Fort Worth and Jax Street Church of Christ, 1402 N. Fort Worth, early this morning or Sunday night.

While checking Crockett Elementary School, a patrolling officer heard dogs barking behind the church early this morning. He checked the church building, and discovered a window broken out.

Pilots released by Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Two American pilots left for the United States today after being detained here for more than a month on suspicion they were aiding Philippine terrorists.

Although the pilots were not placed under formal arrest, they were forbidden to leave the country until President Ferdinand E. Marcos ordered the charges dropped a day after Christmas.

Odessa woman is charged in Saturday fatal stabbing

ODESSA — A 24-year-old Odessa woman was charged with murder Sunday in the Saturday night fatal stabbing of Dalmore Manson Jr., 31, of Odessa.

chest. A 10-inch kitchen knife was found on a counter top, police said. Manson was taken to Odessa's Medical Center Hospital emergency room where he was pronounced dead on arrival by Peace Justice Harris.

THE ARRESTING officer said he observed the man riding a motorcycle erratically on Wall Avenue about 2:42 a.m. today. The officer followed the motorcycle, and finally stopped the man at Wall and A Street. The 28-year-old was arrested for being drunk.

BESIDES THE broken window, a door was destroyed and its facing damaged. Estimated cost of damage was \$150. A spokesman at the church said the robbers may have been the same ones who burglarized the church about six months ago.

Big party, dance in exhibit building

Midland's biggest New Year's Eve party and dance will be held at Midland County Exhibit Building on East Highway 80.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram advertisement including subscription rates for Home Delivery, Paid in Advance, and Mail Rates in Texas and Outside Texas.

DEATHS

Mae Amerson

PLAINVIEW — Services for Mae Amerson, 56, of Plainview, mother of Mrs. Bob (Jan) Halbert of Midland, were to be at 10 a.m. today at Plainview First United Methodist Church with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services were to be at noon today at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Amerson died Friday in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

A native of Ropes in Hockley County, Mrs. Amerson moved to Lubbock County as a child and attended Friendship schools in Wolfthorpe. She was married to L.D. Amerson March 23, 1945, in Lubbock. The couple lived in Shallowater for many years and moved to Hale County in 1963 where they farmed. They moved to Plainview in 1975. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, two sons, four brothers, six sisters and six grandchildren.

Sotero Martinez

MCCAMEY — Services for Sotero Martinez, 54, of McCamey were to be at 10 a.m. today in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was to be in Resthaven Cemetery here directed by Dennis Funeral Home.

He died Saturday in a Crane hospital after a short illness.

He was born April 22, 1926, in Shafter. He was married Aug. 6, 1949, to Fidelia Galinbo in Mexico. Martinez was employed by Homes Well Service. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Yolanda Gomez of Odessa and Mary Barriga of McCamey; Luis Martinez and Ector Martinez of McCamey; a sister, Maria Taren of Mexico; three brothers, Juan Martinez and Raul Mendez of Mexico and Angel Navarrete of Midland; and seven grandchildren.

Fleta Belle Hurt

LUBBOCK — Services for Fleta Belle Hurt 87, of Lubbock, mother of Roger Hurt of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in W.W. Rix Chapel with Dr. James O. Brandon and the Rev. Wilburn Coffman, both of Southerst Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Saturday in a Lubbock hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Hurt was a native of Paris, Tenn., where she was married to Frank B. Hurt March 16, 1913. They came to Texas in 1924, moving to Post in 1933. They have been Lubbock residents for the last 35 years. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, two sons, a daughter, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Chavarria

CRANE — Services for Agripina G. Chavarria, 78, of Crane were to be at 10 a.m. today in Good Shepherd Catholic Church here. Burial was to be in Crane County Cemetery directed by Box Funeral Home.

She died Saturday in a Crane nursing home.

Mrs. Chavarria was born June 23, 1902, in Terlingua. She had lived in

Crane for 24 years, moving here from Imperial. She was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Hilario Chavarria of Phoenix, Ariz.; five daughters, Simona Jimenez of Kermit, Pena Jaquez of Odessa, Dominga Primera of Crane, Juliana Heredia of Crane and Mary Gomez of Odessa; 31 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Delbert F. Jones

SAN ANGELO — Services for Delbert Franklin Jones, 43, of San Angelo and formerly of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with burial in Fairmont Cemetery.

He died Saturday in a San Angelo hospital following a lengthy illness.

Jones was born March 14, 1937, in Midland. He had been a resident of San Angelo for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Jones of San Angelo; two daughters, Benda Kay Whittington of Houston and Lillian F. Jones of San Angelo; two sons, Eldon C. Jones and Tony F. Jones, both of San Angelo; his mother, Lillie Mae Green of San Angelo; a sister, Artie Elizabeth Mauser of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

Rev. Jim H. Goins

VIGO PARK — Services for the Rev. Jim H. Goins, 71, of Vigo Park, father of Berla Lee Goins of Midland, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Ron Hart, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Tucson, Ariz., officiating.

Burial is pending with Newie W. Ellis Funeral Home at Midland.

Goins died Sunday after an apparent heart attack.

He was born March 14, 1909, in Decatur, Ark. He was married July 18, 1932, to Clara Campbell in Tulsa, Okla. He moved to Vigo Park in 1976 from Sho Low, Ariz. He was pastor of the Vigo Park Baptist Church. He had been pastor of Belview Baptist Church from 1949 to 1957.

He was a Mason. Goins had worked as a missionary for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., working with Southern Baptist Convention.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, three sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Loyd Ball

LAMESA — Loyd Ball, 60, of Lamesa died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 2:30 p.m. today at North Side Baptist Church here with the Rev. E.R. Holder and the Rev. Billy Bush officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

A native of Grayson County, Ball was married to Billie Avara Nov. 19, 1942, in Afton. He was a veteran of World War II. He moved to Dawson County from Dickens County in 1950. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Barbara Cheek and Cincy Addison, both of Lamesa; his father, W.E. Ball of Spur; a sister, Mrs. Don Ramsey of Spur; two brothers, Floyd Ball of Odessa and Boyd Ball of Casper, Wyo.; and six grandchildren.

Polish farmers ready for union fight

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Despite the threat of Soviet military intervention, Poland's private farmers, who hold the key to this nation's already rationed larder, say they'll strike unless the Polish Supreme Court upholds their demand for an independent union.

Leaders of the farmers' union movement planned a strategy meeting today, the eve of the scheduled High Court ruling on their bid for a union charter.

The farmers are appealing a lower court ruling that farmers could not form a union because they are self-employed. They have threatened to halt delivery of produce to the state-run marketing agencies if the Supreme Court rejects their appeal.

Unlike most Soviet Bloc countries, where farming is primarily run by the state, Poland's estimated 4.5 million private farmers control about 80 percent of the country's farm land and account for three-fourths of its agricultural production.

However, the often-underdeveloped private farming sector has continually had trouble meeting the nation's food needs. The Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Luda earlier this month reported shortages of flour, rice, bread, sugar and milk, and Christmas week saw the first rationing of meat since World War II.

Anger over an earlier meat shortage was a major factor behind the widespread labor unrest that paralyzed Poland last summer and forced the communist government to bow to workers' demands for the first independent trade unions in the Soviet Bloc.

The government has asked the new unions to help increase production and work off an estimated \$23 billion deficit it said was caused in part by the strikes. But some labor unrest continued.

The Soviet Union has accused the unions of harboring "anti-socialist elements" and increased its troops along Poland's borders. The Warsaw

government has said it might respond to more strikes by calling on the Soviet Union for help.

In Moscow, the first mention of possible Western response to a Soviet military intervention in Poland appeared in the Soviet Defense Ministry newspaper, Krasnaya Zvezda on Sunday.

The paper quoted the West German news agency DPA as saying the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would respond to any intervention by breaking off talks with Moscow on disarmament and that the West would use economic means to express its condemnation.

Some Western observers in Moscow cited the Defense Ministry's phrase "in case of intervention of Russians into Poland" as an unusually frank acknowledgment that such a move could occur.

Despite the reported troop buildups, Moscow has denied any intention of moving into Poland. But Soviet sources have not ruled out the possibility of intervention if called on by Warsaw to help preserve the communist system.

Meanwhile, Polish-born Pope John Paul II was quoted as saying he would fly to Poland to be with his countrymen if the Soviet Union decides to send troops into his troubled country.

Newsweek magazine quoted a

French diplomat as saying the pope disclosed his intentions during separate private audiences with recent visitors.

The diplomat, who was not named, believed the pope has communicated his intentions to the Soviet Union, and that this may account, in part, for the Kremlin's caution in handling the Polish situation, Newsweek said. Most Poles are Roman Catholics and John Paul II is a national hero.

In Washington, national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski said Sunday a Soviet move into Poland would have far-reaching consequences and called on Moscow to seek a political compromise.

"I would hope that the Soviet leadership would realize, that at this stage in history, a military conflict in the heart of Europe would set in motion forces the consequences of which are totally unpredictable, not only in the security sense but more generally politically and ideologically," said Brzezinski, who is Polish by birth.

"There is a common stake between the West and the Soviet Union in making certain that the catastrophic economic situation in Poland doesn't prevent an effective political compromise," he said.

Actor Sam Levene dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam Levene, a character actor who created the role of Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls" has been found dead in his St. Moritz hotel room. He was 75.

Levene's body was discovered Sunday night by his son Joseph, who had gone to meet him for dinner.

Police said the veteran actor, found dressed and lying on the floor of his suite, had suffered an apparent heart attack.

Levene got his start on the stage in the 1920s and specialized as a fast-talking, hard-boiled, streetwise New Yorker. He played Patsy in "Three Men on a Horse," Finkelstein, the theatrical agent in "Dinner at Eight," and Al Lewis, a retired vaudeville man, in the "The Sunshine Boys."

Irascible and hot-tempered in appearance, Levene's characters often were affectionate and kind under their tough exteriors.

Born in Russia on Aug. 28, 1905, Levene came to the United States in 1907 and became a naturalized citizen in 1937.

His first Broadway appearance was in "Wall Street" in 1927, and he went on to starring roles in "Room Service," "The Matchmaker," "Heart Break House," "Street Scene," "Last Analysis," "Dreyfus," "The Prince of Grand Street" among others, including a role last year in "Goodnight Grandpa."

Levene also had more than 30 films to his credit, including "Act One," "Shadow of the Thin Man" and "The Babe Ruth Story."

His son, Joseph K. Levene, said his father had returned to New York last Wednesday after appearing in Toronto in "Horowitz and Mrs. Washington."

He had lived in the Central Park South hotel for many years.

Gunbattle leaves one wounded

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Transit Authority has not decided whether to discipline a bus driver who allegedly shot and seriously wounded a 17-year-old passenger whom he suspected of being a pickpocket, officials say.

Police said Elvin Boone, 29, a nine-year CTA veteran, was detained but later released without being charged in the incident on Chicago's South Side. A CTA spokesman said regulations do not allow a bus driver to carry a gun.

Christopher Crisp, 17, was shot in the thigh and was reported in serious condition at Jackson Park Hospital.

Police said Boone picked up Crisp and two other teen-agers about 2:30 p.m. Saturday. They said after Boone

noticed the three youths were observing the passengers, he cautioned riders to watch their purses and wallets, saying pickpockets were aboard.

Police Lt. August Annerino said the three youths then approached the bus driver in what Boone thought was "a threatening manner."

Boone then parked and stepped outside the bus. The three youths followed him outside, and a fist fight broke out between the bus driver and Crisp, police said.

Witnesses told police that one of the youths, identified by police as Christopher Jones, 17, then pulled a handgun and fired once at the bus driver, according to authorities.

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Court asked to referee fight between judges

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has been asked to referee a dispute between a state judge and a federal judge that has made "helpless hostages" of three students, their lawyer says.

The legal dispute stems from a parishwide desegregation plan drawn up by U.S. District Judge Nauman Scott at the beginning of the school year. At issue is whether three teenage girls must transfer to a 50 percent black school or may remain at their all-white, rural school.

J. Minos Simon, lawyer for the girls, petitioned the appeals court Friday to delay Scott's latest order, which would send the teen-agers to the black school.

Truce ends

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Gunmen shot and killed a part-time soldier, ending a Christmas calm in the troubled British province of Northern Ireland, police said today.

Hugh McGinn, 41, a part-time member of Britain's territorial army reserve and a father of five children, was gunned down Sunday night when he answered a knock at the front door of his home in Armagh, 30 miles southwest of Belfast, a spokesman said.

A number of gunmen were involved and several shots were fired before the assassins escaped in a car.

McGinn, who worked as a repairman for a washing machine firm, was a Roman Catholic, the Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, reported.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the slaying.

McGinn was the first person killed in sectarian violence in Northern Ireland since Dec. 10, when a member of the predominantly Protestant Ulster Defense Regiment was murdered.

The lawyer said the girls were being held "helpless hostages" between Scott and state District Judge Richard Lee, who has sided with the teen-agers.

"Both have vowed to prevail in this jurisdictional conflict," Simon said. "The antagonism between these two judges has escalated to the point where U.S. District Judge Scott has characterized state Judge Lee's authority as 'make believe.'"

Under Scott's desegregation plan, Michelle LaBorde, Lynda McNeal and Ramona Carbo were transferred from rural, all-white Buckeye High School to 50 percent black Jones Street Junior High in Alexandria, the biggest town in Rapides Parish. The transfer required them to ride buses to school, a distance of about 15 miles.

To keep them at Buckeye, their parents gave legal custody of the children to friends living in the Buckeye attendance area.

Lee allowed that maneuver and told school officials to admit the girls to Buckeye. He told Scott not to meddle in the case, saying child custody is a state matter, not a federal one.

But Scott, saying the move was intended solely to circumvent his desegregation order, told Buckeye officials not to admit the girls.

Each judge has issued orders countering the other's directives, and at one point, Lee sent sheriff's deputies to Buckeye High to escort the girls to class.

Just before school recessed for the Christmas holidays, Scott said he would impose a \$500-a-day fine on anyone trying to oppose his desegregation plan by keeping the girls in Buckeye High.

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# Briton escapes from Saudi Arabian jail

BACUP, England (AP) — A British engineer has been reunited with his family after escaping from a Saudi Arabian jail where he was serving a three-year sentence for illegally manufacturing and possessing alcohol, authorities said.

Saudi Arabia on a construction project, was arrested in May when his passport was confiscated and later was jailed, authorities said. He was reportedly also sentenced to 300 strokes of the cane but never received the punishment.

After crossing the Saudi border into neighboring Bahrain, 43-year-old Ian Fraser was issued with a fresh passport by British authorities. He returned to Britain on Christmas Eve, but news of his escape was withheld until the weekend.

Fraser, who comes from Bacup, near Manchester in northwestern England, was alleged to have been involved in running a club selling alcohol for Britons working in the Saudi capital of Riyadh.

The manufacture and consumption of alcohol is forbidden under Saudi Arabia's strict Islamic law.

Fraser, who was in

frases either in Bahrain or the United Kingdom. "Even though the authorities were aware of his prison sentence, they issued him a passport on request," the spokesman said.

During his imprisonment, Fraser's wife Anne persuaded the local government representative, Conservative lawmaker David Trippier, to appeal publicly for clemency for her husband.

Trippier said he did not

condone Fraser's escape because he had violated Saudi law. "But we all thought the punishment too severe," he told reporters. "Mr. Fraser had been ill and was in need of medical attention."

British newspapers said Fraser had been unable to obtain pain-killing drugs needed for a plastic plate lodged in his head.

No Saudi official was immediately available for comment on the escape.

## Subway crash hurts commuters

NEW YORK (AP) — A four-car rapid transit train jammed with rush-hour passengers overshot its terminal on Staten Island and struck a wall, and police said between 75 and 100 people were injured, eight of them seriously.

The Emergency Medical Service said a half-dozen ambulances carried injured passengers from St. George Station to St. Vincent's Hospital. The hospital said it was treating one person for a possible fracture of the right arm.

The train was pulling into the

northern terminus of the Staten Island Rapid Transit system, where Manhattan-bound passengers transfer to the Staten Island Ferry for the trip to the Battery.

The train struck a retaining wall in the station at about 8:07 a.m. when it failed to stop while pulling in at what officials described as normal speed.

Police said many passengers on a four-car train were standing and fell when it hit the wall.

A train dispatcher said a waiting room was on the other side of the wall into which the train rammed.

protest over what they called the "barbaric" punishments handed out by the oil-rich Persian Gulf state.

The floggings were one of several incidents that have troubled relations between Britain and Saudi Arabia.

The two countries broke off diplomatic relations for four months earlier this year after the screening of the controversial British-made television film, "Death of a Princess," which reenacted the executions of a Saudi princess and her lover.

That rift was healed when Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd paid a visit to Saudi Arabia.

But in the last few months, charges by an ex-detective that his daughter and her boyfriend were flung to their deaths after the girl was sexually assaulted at a party given by a British couple in Saudi Arabia have caused official embarrassment and growing scandal here.

The Foreign Office says all evidence indicates that 23-year-old nurse Helen Smith accidentally fell from the balcony of the party's host and hostess, Richard and Penelope Arnott. The Arnotts returned to Britain in September after being granted clemency by King Khaled when they faced being flogged for serving alcohol during the party at their apartment in Jeddah.

Ronald Smith, father of the dead nurse, has charged British authorities with arranging a massive diplomatic cover-up to protect the Arnotts.

The Foreign Office has rejected Smith's allegations about his daughter's death.



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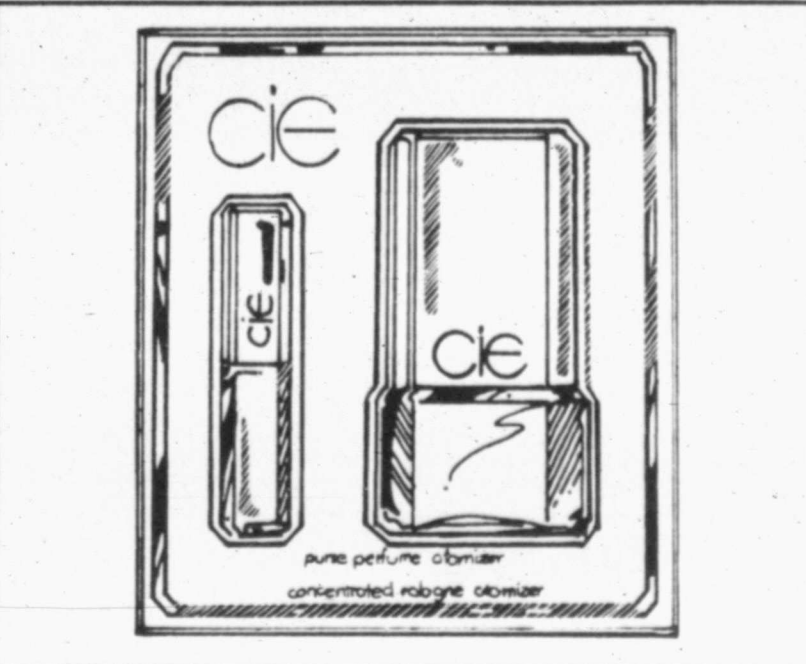
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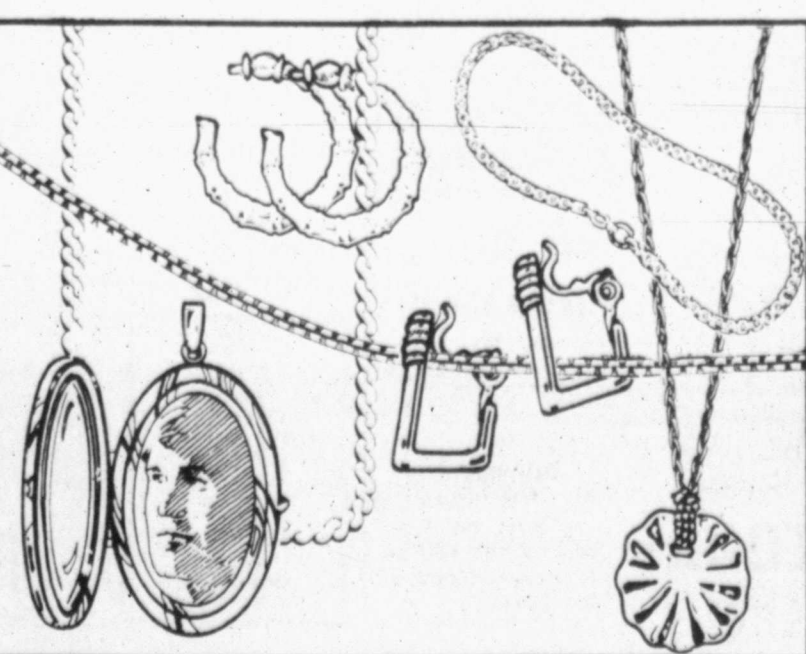
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# One's 'belief system' can affect that person's health

By TONY DAVIS  
The Tucson Citizen

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Edgar Monetatchi picked a cigarette pack off the table. He had just finished telling a rapt audience how easily one's "belief system" can affect one's health.

"If I believe I never will get cancer from these, I won't," he said.

Ed Monetatchi, a 46-year-old Cherokee and native of Lawton, Okla., is a medicine man — a "traditional medicine specialist" for the

U.S. Indian Health Service's San Xavier clinic. That means he explains the ways of Indian medicine to health-care professionals for a living and treats Indians on his own time.

He says he is the first and, as far as he knows, the only practitioner of traditional Indian medicine to hold a post of this type with the federal government. His job was created two years ago after the passage of a federal Indian health-care improvement act.

"There is a need for health providers to understand what traditional medicine is all about, including In-

dian health providers," he said.

A 23-year employee of the federal government before taking his current job, he worked for the Indian Health Service at other posts in Albuquerque, N.M., Phoenix, Washington, D.C., and Cambridge, Mass. Monetatchi says he has been a lifelong practitioner of traditional medicine.

HIS COMMENTS CAME during a recent University of Arizona conference on Native Americans and the future of health care in Arizona.

His pitch was a far cry from the customary medicine man's lecture on the all-importance of using herbs and

avoiding the "sinful" white man's diet that gets blamed for so much.

He said he had read scientific studies condemning cholesterol, refined sugar and other targets of the health-food crowd. His response was that if you believe that, fine — but don't try to force it down his or anyone else's throat.

"It goes back to how we're programmed," he said. "We're programmed like a computer. If you believe that eating nothing but alfalfa sprouts and other natural foods will be the best for you, then it will be."

"And you notice that natural foods

is a billion-dollar industry," he went on. "That tells you where it's at, now — money, and what someone can make of it."

His point was that the relationship between diet and health is as much in the mind as it is in the body.


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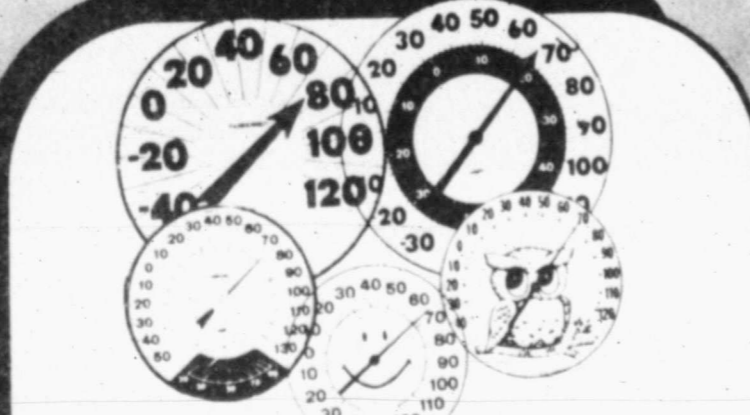
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# Floodwaters recede in Northwest

By The Associated Press

Emergency offices closed and crews caught up on sleep today as floodwaters that claimed two lives in the Pacific Northwest receded, leaving behind muddy homes and at least \$3 million in damage to Canadian roads.

The flooding was "basically under control" Sunday, said emergency communications supervisor Arnie Williams in Snohomish County, the area hit hardest by the holiday flooding in western Washington.

The National Weather Service forecast only the possibility of light rain tonight and Tuesday. Rivers in the region were receding, the service reported.

Spring-like weather on Thursday and Friday melted away the light Cascade snowpack. The runoff combined with heavy rains to swell most rivers in the state and cause flooding on Friday and Saturday.

Dozens of homes were damaged or destroyed by the raging rivers. Hun-

dreds of people were evacuated from the communities of Index, Sultan, Darrington and Snohomish Friday when rivers topped their banks.

"Breaks in the dikes have been repaired. The water has been dropping. The emergency office is closed today. The workers have gone home to get some sleep," said Art Iverson, shift commander for the Snohomish County Sheriff's office.

About 35 people were evacuated Friday from their homes in Darrington, in the northern part of the county, on Friday, but they returned Saturday when the waters receded. At least 10 homes in the area were destroyed.

On Ebey Island, east of Everett, residents breathed easier Sunday after a major flood threat subsided. Residents of the tiny island were warned to evacuate when breaks appeared in a system of dikes surrounding the island, but most declined to leave.

In Chelan County, water in the Wenatchee River had receded about a

foot and a sheriff's dispatcher said people forced to leave their homes were probably able to return. A pickup truck owner who was rescued by deputies using jet boats near White River Saturday, was able to retrieve his truck Sunday morning.

In Oregon, two deaths were blamed on heavy rain which began Christmas Eve. The body of a drowned man was found in a mobile home near Mount Hood on Friday, and a woman was killed when her car hit a mudslide west of Eugene.

A 10-mile stretch of scenic highway east of Mount Hood washed out and won't be repaired for some time, officials said.

The town of Tillamook, along the coast, was under four feet of water Friday, but the waters receded by Saturday. That was the only serious flooding in a populated area.

In British Columbia, flood waters subsided in the southwest, allowing most of the hundreds of people evacuated during the weekend to go home and assess the damage.

Rivers north and east of Vancouver, swollen with melted snow, spilled over their banks Friday and Saturday, wiping out roads and rail lines in their paths and causing millions of dollars damage to homes and highways.

Hardest hit were the communities of Squamish, Cheakamus and Brackendale, about 30 miles north of Vancouver, where two rescue helicopters and a Coast Guard hovercraft worked around the clock to lift more than 500 people from their rooftops and hillside perches to higher ground.

At one point, British Columbia was cut off by land from the rest of Canada by the weather, washouts and mudslides. By Sunday, most roads were open.

Highways Minister Alex Fraser estimated the torrential rains and muddy floodwaters caused at least \$3 million to \$4 million damage to provincial highways.

## Ford repairs bent license-plate frame

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co., which expects to lose \$1.6 billion in 1980, recently spent \$350 to fly a company engineer to New York City to fix a bent license plate frame on the new car of a company director.

"It's an overreaction, no doubt about it," said Ford spokesman Jerry Sloan.

The license plate frame was on a 1981 Cougar belonging to Marian S. Heiskell.

At a Dec. 11 directors' meeting in Dearborn, officials say, Mrs. Heiskell mentioned the bent license plate frame to company officials. The same day, a Ford engineer with spare parts flew to New York City aboard a commercial jet, checked the car for design defects and fixed the frame. He stayed overnight in New York.

## Penitentiary to be school for Cubans

ATLANTA (AP) — For 78 years, the federal penitentiary here has been home to some pretty shady characters. Now officials plan to turn it into a school of Americana.

The pupils will be a group of Cuban detainees — 1,700 "undesirables" awaiting admission to the United States.

American prisoners now housed in the huge granite structure are to be moved to other facilities next year. The prison was to be closed, but the need for a place to house the Cuban refugees convinced federal prison authorities to keep it open.

The Cubans will remain under guard as officials change the facility from "a prison situation more to a rehabilitation center," said Paul Sheetz of the Atlanta Committee on

Behalf of Cuban Prisoners. "This will include teaching them English, trades and generally preparing them for life in the United States."

One educational goal, said George Handelman, an attorney and director of Atlanta's Latin American Association, is "getting rid of the myth about the United States that as soon as they get off the boat, a job will be available for \$5 an hour."

"We need to teach them that it is hard work, that they have to start at the bottom and work their way up. It will be orientation to the rules, regulations and laws of the U.S. ... how to look for jobs and where to look for jobs and what kind of assistance they are entitled to," he said.

It is called "social education," says federal prison spokesman William Noonan. "It is to primarily get the

people ready for the society they are going into. We're presuming it will be the American society. We need to make them aware of the differences in culture, how things are done in our country," he said.

Among the skills to be taught are how to open a checking account and how to apply for a job, he said.

Most of the Cubans are being detained because of criminal records in their native land. They legally have not entered the country.

They were all part of last spring's boatlift from Cuba. Officials of that island nation said they considered the boatlift a way to send the country's undesirables to the United States.

Several thousand other Cubans are awaiting processing and sponsors at a government relocation center at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

## Time for change, says FCC chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles D. Ferris, expected to be replaced as chairman of the Federal Communications Com-

### Tanks of solvent explode

EL DORADO, Kan. (AP) — Firefighters worked into the early hours today to bring under control blazes in three giant storage tanks containing several hundred thousand gallons of solvent, officials said.

Two people were injured in the fires, which began at about 4 p.m. Sunday at the Getty Refining and Marketing Co. refinery in southeast Kansas when one of the tanks exploded. The resulting river of fire set off the blaze in the second tank.

Two hours later, the side of one of the tanks burst, triggering a series of explosions that set a third tank on fire and refueled the blaze, said Bob Dice, a spokesman for the El Dorado Department of Public Safety.

A refinery employee who was admitted to an El Dorado hospital after inhaling fumes from the fire was reported in good condition early today. A firefighter who injured his knee battling the blaze was treated and released.

The first two tanks to catch fire each contained about 336,000 gallons of non-toxic chemical solvent used in a variety of products, said Lew Hartwig, a spokesman for the refinery.

Dice said the third tank also contained solvent, but he did not know how much and whether it was the same kind.

There was no estimate on property damage or product loss, Hartwig said, and it was not known what sparked the first blast, which rocked buildings miles away.

Firefighters from El Dorado, several surrounding communities, McConnell Air Force Base and the Boeing aircraft plant in Wichita battled the blaze.

El Dorado is a community of 12,500 people about 25 miles east of Wichita.

mission when the Reagan administration takes over, says having a new chairman may be good for the FCC.

"It's probably time there is a new chairperson who feels there's so much that still needs to be done," he said, explaining he has "a sense that we've been able to accomplish a great deal more than I thought we were going to."

Ferris took over as chairman of the FCC in October 1977 after 14 years on Capitol Hill as a legal aide. In an interview last week, he said that during his term as chairman the FCC has been helping "to remove the protective cocoon that the government had spun around the industries it regulated."

During his tenure, the FCC has deregulated satellite earth stations, removed major restric-

tions on cable television, proposed to deregulate radio broadcasters, staked out a new regulatory structure for the telephone industry and authorized a tripling of America's domestic satellite capacity.

The commission in that time also has angered broadcasters with the imposition of tighter equal employment guidelines, with a proposal to require additional TV programming for children and with a series of proposals that could lead to the licensing of thousands of new radio and television stations across the country.

Ferris, who describes himself as a "strong, committed liberal Democrat," is expected to be replaced as chairman after Republican Ronald Reagan is inaugurated next month. But the 47-year-old Ferris says he

plans to keep his seat on the commission as a member until he finds something "new and different to do."

Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said recently that he would like "to get rid of Ferris within a half hour after the president is sworn in."

"I really don't think they should stop the inaugural parade," Ferris said, laughing. "But deregulation means

many, many things to different people. My theory of what we've done here is to create competitive environments, and then you can remove the red tape on licensees where there's no justification for it."

He expressed worry that "the exhilaration" Republicans are showing in anticipation of taking control indicates they might scrap his emphasis on competition.

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**BUSINESS MIRROR**

# Japan's economy is troubled by so many bankruptcies

TOKYO (AP) — Despite general good health, Japan's economy is troubled by a disturbing number of bankruptcies among small and medium-sized companies which form the backbone of the nation's phenomenal growth.

Some 1,631 business failures were counted in November, with combined debts equivalent to \$1.2 billion, pushing the total past the 1,500-company "crisis line" for the third straight month.

Toko Shoko Research Ltd., a credit survey company which tabulates business failures every month, said total bankruptcies for the year will be just below the record of 18,471 failures set in 1977.

Most of the failures are of small and medium-sized enterprises with 50 to 150 workers. Unlike their big brothers in autos and electronics, they were unable to deal with high energy costs and falling demand.

"The appreciation of the yen against the dollar, rising fuel costs, and growing competition from developing nations — they all combined to drive us in a hole," said Mitsuo Shimizu, accountant for the Kyoei Electric Manufacturing Co., which failed this fall with liabilities equivalent to about \$17 million.

"We started to feel the pinch in 1977," said Shimizu, whose company was formed in 1960 and made a name as an exporter of tape recorders and radio cassettes.

Led by the big export industries, Japan's economy had weathered the oil shocks and stagflation of the 1970s. Government forecasts project economic growth of 5.3 percent in fiscal 1981, up from a projected 4.8 percent this year and well ahead of other western countries.

The rise in consumer prices is expected to be less than 7 percent this year, and will drop to the 5 percent level in 1981, according to government estimates.

Industry has learned to move to the drum's slower beat by reducing em-

ployees, conserving energy, working in close coordination with the government and convincing labor to accept smaller annual raises.

"Small factors in the recent rash of bankruptcies," Shunichi Nakao, a government bankruptcy official said, are the belt-tightening of consumers whose real incomes have leveled off or dropped, and the government's fiscal austerity policies which have clamped down on public works projects, a bad blow to the construction industry.

Said Nakao: "What we have is a split economy, where business is good for most big companies but where many small companies are still mired in the recession. We are very concerned."

Some critics argue that the big business-oriented government and the nation's banks, many of which are affiliated with industrial conglomerates, have ignored the struggles of the smaller enterprises.

The government has begun a counseling program to help these smaller companies and has increased the number of "hardship industries" such as textile makers who are eligible for low-interest government loans. But Nakao acknowledged their efforts are not always enough.

Futaya Fukuda, senior official at Taikoku Koshinsho Ltd., another credit research firm, said there "are too many companies in trouble for the government to help them all."

"We should look at the problem coolly," he said, explaining that "the Japanese economy is becoming more modern and efficient, shifting from manufacturing to service and high technology industries."

He said he felt sorry for the companies that fail, "but the government must be highly selective in deciding who it will bail out."

Few disagree that bankruptcies, which totaled only 8,000 as recently as 1973, will continue to be a serious social problem.

(John Cunniff is on vacation.)

**WASHINGTON TODAY**

## West fights Washington in Sagebrush Rebellion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Frost Belt and the Sun Belt aren't the only regions of the country feuding these days. The West is angry, too.

Westerners have labeled their revolt the Sagebrush Rebellion. Its target, rather than another area of the country, is Washington, and its object is to force the federal government to relinquish control of 450 million acres of land in 12 Western states.

The land is managed primarily by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. The acreage involved is substantial. For example, federal lands comprise 87 percent of Nevada, 66 percent of Utah, 64 percent of Idaho and 45 percent of California.

Western unhappiness stems from the fact that many in the region see Uncle Sam as a big absentee landlord who knows little and cares less about their problems.

While the Sagebrush Rebellion has involved minor skirmishes over the past two years, leaders of the movement feel the November elections have given them substantial reinforcements.

President-elect Ronald Reagan sent a telegram to a meeting of 600 rebellion supporters last month in Salt Lake City. He extended "best wishes to all my fellow Sagebrush rebels" and renewed his pledge to "work toward a Sagebrush solution... to insure that the states have an equitable share of public lands and their natural resources."

More meaningfully, Reagan has picked as his interior secretary James G. Watt, a conservative lawyer who heads a Denver legal foundation which has been fighting the federal government the last three years over issues dear to the hearts of rebellion leaders.

At a press conference earlier this week, Watt called himself a member of the Sagebrush Rebellion, which he said sprang from the "oppressive actions taken by the Department of Interior management team."

Sentiments like those strike a responsive chord with many West-

terners who have sullenly watched over the last three years as the Carter administration enacted a host of new regulations governing how Westerners graze their cattle, water their farms, drill oil wells and mine coal.

Many Westerners claim the regulations bear the heavy influence of armchair environmentalists in the East who have no understanding of conditions in the West.

The opening shot of the Sagebrush Rebellion was fired by the Nevada Legislature in July 1979, when it passed a law asserting state control over 49 million acres of federal land. The law alone can't change federal ownership, but Nevada officials say the measure is the opening gambit in a yet-to-be filed lawsuit.

So far, similar Sagebrush bills have been introduced in the legislatures of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and New Mexico.

And in Congress, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. James Santini, D-Nev., have introduced bills that would set up a commission to establish an "orderly process" for transferring federal land to the states.

The rebellion even has its own lobbying group, the League for the Advancement of States' Equal Rights.

One LASER official, Mike Hurst, said Reagan's election and Republican control of the new Senate are seen as good signs for prospects in the coming years.

"We are optimistic. We now have a friend in the White House and friends in the Senate," Hurst said. "That will give us some clout."

Environmentalists are pinning hopes for derailing the rebellion on House Interior Committee Chairman Morris Udall, D-Ariz. Udall, a strong supporter of conservation causes, says a case might be able to be made for giving up federal lands around certain fast-growing Western cities, but he opposes wholesale efforts to turn over federal lands to the states.

Watt also says he does not feel the Sagebrush Rebellion has to result in a "massive transfer of federal lands to the states."

## Student camps out at door of store awaiting big sale

LONDON (AP) — University student Fariba Vaziri spent the past 11 days living on a bedroll in the doorway of Barker's department store to be first in line today for the bargain of the year — a \$3,450 blue fox fur marked down to \$227.

"It wasn't something I always wanted, but I thought it would be a nice thing to own," the 21-year-old Iranian woman told a reporter before the kickoff of Britain's annual bonanza, the post-Christmas sales.

Stores always sharply reduce a few expensive items to draw publicity.

But because of the recession, there were widespread price cuts this year on everything from televisions to teacups — clothes, shoes, bedding, carpets, furnishings, radios and stereos.

One store, Debenhams, put \$138 million-worth of goods on their bargain counters, including mink jackets cut half-price to \$1,837.

Stores allotted chosen items to shoppers who had waited longest. Debenhams set up a soup kitchen "for those in wait."

The sales did not begin until today because the day after Christmas is a holiday in Britain.

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# Lawsuits bucking mechanical bulls

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Those bucking, spinning mechanical bulls made popular by "Urban Cowboy," have galloped into bars across the nation. But some riders aren't getting off with the same vitality they had when they climbed on.

A man in Colorado, for instance, lies motionless in a body brace with a broken neck. A Daytona Beach woman suffers a similar injury. Both were hurt when they landed on a hard floor after being hurled off one of the machines.

Dozens of other patrons get cut and bruised. And then there's Rick Cheshire, 23, of Gainesville, who despite a thumb that was mangled on the machine, still enjoys riding "El Toro," the nickname of the device at a Western bar here.

Like John Travolta in the popular film, riders start out on the machine with their legs tightly braced around it, holding the handle atop the device with one hand. Then the operator starts the machine, which is set to spin and buck according to certain speeds, usually on a scale of one to nine.

Cheshire, a reporter for the Gainesville Sun, said he was trying to ride El Toro like a bare-back bronc, so he positioned his legs higher than usual around the machine.

"My leg came down and hit my thumb and it split my knuckle in half," he recalled. The medical bills will total at least \$1,500, he estimated.

Cheshire, a novice rodeo performer himself, admitted that his injury was probably his own fault because he was riding the device like a bronc and not a bull. Now he simply uses his left hand while riding El Toro. "My doctor told me I was crazy," he said.

"I don't think it's all that dangerous. It's just like cars," Cheshire added. "If you just act like you have some sense and think about it, it can be fun."

Several lawyers say the establishments must share some blame, though, particularly when patrons tumble from the machines only to land on the floor.

Bar owners, meanwhile, say they don't feel negligent or responsible when a patron's ride falls short.

"It's a sport," said Rod Marcus, manager of a Fort Lauderdale bar that was taken to court recently. "Like anything else, it takes practice."

That club, Cowboy's, has been sued by Anthony Zucco, who suffered cuts, bruises and sprains in his ride. His suit says that he had a few drinks before he climbed on the machine and wasn't "fully cognizant of the events taking place around him" when he signed a waiver before hopping aboard.

The club's lawyer said injuries usually stem from the riders' inexperience.

"The bull rides for about 15 or 20 seconds," said attorney Frank Sevier. "It gets used for hours and hours. Out of about 100,000 people, only a small percentage will get hurt, and it's usually the person who's a klutz and would trip over his own two feet anyway."

Attorney Martin Hoffman, who also filed suit against Cowboy's, said the combination of alcohol and an excited audience create a dangerous atmosphere around the device.

Hoffman acknowledged that his client was so drunk the man climbed on the bull backward, but he said the bar must be responsible for presenting the opportunity for injury.

"In a drunken stupor they get these people to sign a release form. They ply these people with drinks," the attorney said.

A University of Florida student, Steve Taylor, 20, said he has signed the release forms but he couldn't remember what one said: "I've never taken the time to read the whole thing. I don't think anybody else does, either."

Taylor said that while he makes it a rule never to ride the machine if he has been drinking, others don't share his discipline.

"As far as I'm concerned, you can't ride it when you've got any alcohol in you at all. You've got to have total concentration to ride it," said Taylor, a veteran both of rodeo bulls and their mechanical counterparts.

For some, though, it isn't the ride y Leon Sanders said client Milton Grantham suffered a broken back when he was thrown from the machine.

Sanders said the fad raises several new questions. They include the legal responsibility of the person at a bull's controls, whether the manufacturer is liable and what type of responsibility the bar itself has to provide a safe landing area around the machine.

In the Denver bar The Wild, Wild West, and others like it, mattress padding is placed around the machine, but a previous faller jostled the padding and exposed the floor before Grantham fell.

# CBS wins ratings race for sixth time

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS continued to strengthen its grip on the No. 1 position in prime-time television, winning the networks' ratings race for the sixth time in two months, figures from the A.C. Nielsen Co. for the week ending Dec. 21 showed.

CBS' triumph, its second in a row, came with a big boost from "Dallas," which now has won the ratings competition seven weeks running.

CBS has seven shows among the 10 highest-rated, and ABC two. NBC, which finished last in the competition for the eighth straight week, listed only the "Bob Hope Christmas Show" in the Top 10 — 10th.

"Dallas," which began its remarkable string in November with the most recent survey of 33.8, nearly five points higher than the score for the runner-up, "60 Minutes," also from CBS.

Nielsen says that means of all the country's homes with television, just over a third saw the top-rated episode of "Dallas."

CBS' rating for the period was 19.3, to 17.3 for ABC and 16.5 for NBC. The networks say that means in an average prime-time minute during the week, 19.3 percent of the nation's TV-equipped homes were tuned to CBS.

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  - "Hungry Heart" Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
  - "Every Woman in the World" Air Supply (Arista)
  - "Guilty" Barbra Streisand & Barry Gibb (Columbia)
  - "The Tide is High" Blondie (Chrysalis)
  - "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" Pat Benatar (Chrysalis)
  - "Tell It Like It Is" Heart (Epic)
  - "Passion" Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)
  - "De Do Do Do, De De Da Da Da" The Police (Sting)
  - "Master Blaster" Stevie Wonder (Tamla)
  - "Another One Bites the Dust" Queen (Elektra)
  - "It's My Turn" Diana Ross (Motown)
  - "I Made It Through the Rain" Barry Manilow (Arista)
  - "Celebration" Kool & the Gang (De-Lite)
  - "Everybody's Got to Learn Sometime" The Korgis (Asylum)
  - "I Love a Rainy Night" Eddie Rabbitt (Elektra)
  - "Hey Nineteen" Steely Dan (MCA)
- TOP LP'S**
- "Double Fantasy" John Lennon & Yoko Ono (Geffen)
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# Evening TV Schedule



**Drama of passion**  
Mark Harmon stars as a deputy sheriff in a small Florida city, who is engaged to the daughter (Christina Raines) of a wealthy citizen and indulges in a brief romance with a carnival drifter ("Flamingo Road," airing Monday, Dec. 29, on NBC. "Flamingo Road" will be aired as a regular series beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6, and also stars John Beck, Woody Brown, Howard Duff, Kevin McCarthy, Barbara Rush and Stella Stevens. (REPEAT)  
NBC, Channel 2.

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## Your horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Tuesday, December 30, 1980

**YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY:** Comedienne Marie Wilson was born on this day, as was the English poet-novelist Rudyard Kipling. In the year ahead, distant affairs could have a significant impact on your success in business.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): The plans you outline now can be of great value in the years ahead. Be careful not to neglect your artistic talents. This could be the right time to announce a romantic decision.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): The year ends on a quiet, contemplative note. Take advantage of this period of calm to review your financial affairs and you will start the new year with greater peace of mind.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Guard both your reputation and your valuables today. Attempts to pick up "easy money" will be unsuccessful. Trusted ally has the answer to an old question. Listen to the concerns of offspring.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 21):

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
1980 by Chicago Tribune

**Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦K52 ♦AKJ3 ♦K872 ♦83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?  
A.—It looks as if the hand is probably going to play in no trump, but you should not bid two no trump now even if that bid does not show extra values. Since your hand has virtually no tenaces, there is no reason to suppose that no trump will play better from your side. Your cause will be better served if partner declares a no trump contract. For the moment, just rebid two diamonds.

**Q.2**—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦872 ♦J6 ♦A1092 ♦QJ94  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—Opposite a partner who has reversed, you have a reasonably good hand. With so much strength in the unbid suits and no great preference for either of partner's suits, you should insist on no trump. But don't bid two no trump—that shows a very weak hand. Jump to three no trump and let partner decide if he wants to play in some other contract.

**Q.3**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦AK72 ♦A62 ♦865 ♦942  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 ♦ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—Even though you passed a hand with 11 points in prime cards, there is no reason to indulge in dramatics now. Your hand is not suitable for a jump to two no trump because you have one suit unguarded and no source of tricks. The correct response is one spade. If partner cannot bid again, you certainly have not missed a game. And partner's rebid will give you a better idea of the hand's potential.

**Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as

22). Get in touch with someone who is in a position of power, influence. A bit of luck comes your way, and you receive the secret support of old friends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone else's attitudes or beliefs may come into direct conflict with your own. Talk things out calmly, rationally. Romance, finance have their ups and downs over the next few weeks.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Changes are taking place and a continuing sense of pressure may color your professional, personal decisions. An optimistic attitude will help you get back on the right track. Be more open, affectionate with mate.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your financial situation is clarified, improved by a stroke of good luck or news regarding a legal settlement. Avoid scattering your energies too widely. Focus on top-priority projects, problems.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Much to your surprise, a casual friendship intensifies. Do not act remote. All signs

indicate the presence of true love! Keep spending at a reasonable level to prevent money worries.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be caught off guard by loved one's reactions to the year's end. Recognize mate's special emotional needs. You need to set your sights high and move in new directions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romance may be under cloudy skies for a little while, but you eventually see a favorable trend for the year ahead. Use your charm to gain the attention of an important acquaintance.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some very good things begin to happen as the year draws to a close. Start making your plans for the next few months. A romantic interest, strongly influences decisions regarding career, finances.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): A sticky situation could come unglued. Close friend or relative shows you the best way to proceed. Your intuition is your best guide when it comes to love.

## GOREN BRIDGE

South you hold:

♦832 ♦A7632 ♦Q98 ♦73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ 2 ♦ 2 ♦ 3 ♦  
Pass Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—Ask whose lead it is. Despite your five-card support, you hand is not worth another bid. You described everything you had when you freely raised partner's one heart to two. Unless partner is hard of hearing, or refuses to bid a second time with fewer than 20 points, the possibility of your side making a nine-trick contract is nil.

**Q.5**—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦K54 ♦J2 ♦KQ9852 ♦J7  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♦  
1 NT Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—Your hand should prove very useful to partner at no trump, especially since you

know that he has at least two diamonds. Also, partner must be better than dead minimum, since he was under no compulsion to bid over West's overall. We feel that a raise to two no trump describes your hand adequately. Three no trump is a little pushy for our tastes.

**Q.6**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦AQJ64 ♦K ♦K542 ♦K83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—If you think that your partner has made a "drop dead" bid, you are greatly mistaken—partner has shown a hand strong enough to play in four hearts even opposite a minimum response with no help in hearts. Actually, you have a magnificent hand with a key heart honor. We would ask for aces, and bid a small slam if partner has two and a grand slam if he shows three.

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Answer On Market Page

### HEATHCLIFF



"HE CAN ALWAYS PICK OUT THE VETERINARIAN!"

### MARMADUKE



"Tear yourself away from your football game long enough to look at this instant replay!"

### DENNIS THE MENACE



"I USED TO WORRY ABOUT THEM EXCHANGING ME, BUT I FIGGER IF THEY COULD, THEY WOULD A DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO."

### PEANUTS



### THE BETTER HALF



"It just occurred to me that if we lived on a Florida beach, the sand would already be ON the driveway."

### FUNKY WINKERBEAN



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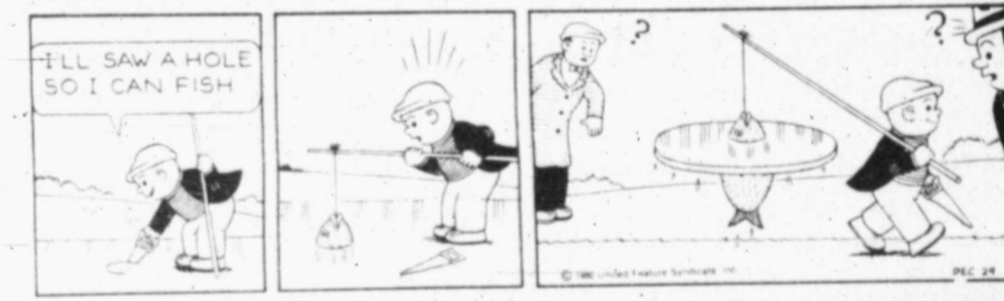
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# Its tough to keep automobiles on highways in Japan

The Los Angeles Times

TOKYO — Mayumi Takahashi has turned 18 — the driving age in Japan — and her parents have bought her a new car. But there was no traipsing through dealer showrooms to make the decision.

Takahashi and her mother just sat home and waited for a knock on the door. Like most Japanese, they made their selection out of a catalog brought by a salesman who works door-to-door.

That may be the only thing that's easy about owning a car in Japan, however. For a country that currently makes more of them than any other, the Japanese certainly take pains to see that it is difficult to have four wheels of your own.

If a would-be car owner survives 30 hours of training in a classroom and 27 hours on the road to get a driver's license, then all he or she has to do is certify there's a place to park the car, be willing to fatten the pocketbooks of the local repair shop to get the vehicle through a required inspection every six months and be ready to pay a healthy toll for every inch of freeway driven.

It is no wonder that barely more than half the households in this nation own a passenger car — in contrast to about one and a half cars per household in the United States — or that half the cars produced here are sold somewhere else in the world (the United States gets half of those exports).

Take that first problem, getting the driver's license. Takahashi, a college freshman who earned the car from her parents by passing a college entrance exam without the cost of a year of special prep school education, is currently taking three months of driving lessons in a school in Kawagoe City, west of Tokyo. Tuition for those lessons is \$1,116.

Takahashi says she's not having any trouble learning the driving rules, but

she complains about the lessons on the structure of an automobile and its engine — a part of every driving course here. "I still haven't figured out how a carburetor works or what it does for the car," she says.

When she gets her license, Takahashi will be somewhat out of the ordinary. At present, only about 50 percent of the driving age population in Japan — 75 percent of the men and only 29 percent of the women — hold a license.

When it is time to purchase a car, the sales pitches can be suffered in the comfort of home. But the prices are no bargain. Despite lower production costs in Japan, prices are almost as high as in the United States. That's because the Japanese government slaps a 15 percent excise tax on the factory cost of an automobile. True, American car buyers pay a state sales tax, but that probably only equals the other taxes and fees the Japanese buyer faces — including a one-time "acquisition" tax of several hundred dollars and \$40 to get that mandatory off-street parking spot certified — a requirement even for farmers in rural areas.

Monthly parking lot fees in Tokyo generally run around \$333.

Part of the high price of new cars here reflects the emissions control equipment which must meet Japanese standards copied from the original 1975 clean air regulations in the United States. Some of that equipment isn't required on Japanese cars shipped to the United States because U.S. standards were subsequently softened.

Financing a car isn't easy, either. Dealers can offer no more than 25 months to repay an auto loan, about half the term available in the United States.

Once out on the road, there's \$3.25 a gallon gasoline to reckon with and expressway tolls that run about a dollar for every 10 miles.

Moreover, the driver isn't out on the road long before it's time for the six-month inspection — handled by a local repair shop which just incidentally

also serves as an agent for new car dealers. The fee for that inspection is \$67. That's cheap compared with what happens every two years. At that point, the driver generally gives up his car for three or four days and pays some \$640 to have 135 parts of the car examined.

What does the Japanese driver get in return for all this trouble and expense? Looking at the downtown traffic jams in Tokyo, it would appear not much. But Japan's driving safety record, aided by tough measures against even casual drinkers, is improving rapidly. Deaths per 10,000 vehicles declined to 2.3 in 1979 from 9.0 at the start of the decade and were actually well below the U.S. figure of 3.3 (down from 4.9 in 1970).

The Japanese generally use their cars less, however, and measured against total miles driven, the Japanese safety record is not yet as good as that of American drivers.

Naturally, being short of energy has made the Japanese far more conscious of fuel conservation than U.S. drivers have been, at least until recently. Being short of space, the Japanese also figure they can't stand much further growth in car ownership — and don't expect much. Japanese cities have only a fraction of the road area found in American cities, and streets are often so narrow cars can pass only at turnouts. Public transit is much more extensive.

All this puts consumer groups in Japan in a peculiar position. Shoji Ono, secretary general of the National Liaison Federation of Consumers Organizations, says consumerists seldom protest the high prices and taxes imposed on the nation's car owners.

Why? Because the high costs keep down the number of cars on the road — a goal the consumer movement gives high priority.

## Committee supposed to lighten taxpayers path

By MARTHA HAMILTON  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The tax muse is like everything else in government. She is a committee.

The Internal Revenue Service has something called the tax forms coordinating committee, a group whose job it is to light the taxpayers' path through the pages and pages of forms the IRS has put in the mail, carefully timed to arrive after Christmas.

Each year about 25 IRS employees struggle with the task of elucidating instructions on how to compute "net earnings from farm self-employment," of penning the crystal phrase that says everything there is to say about "refunds of state and local income taxes," of devising the formula that will somehow make it all clear.

It is a wordsmith's job, subtle as poetry if not as elegant. A simple "insurance" dropped in after the words "unemployment compensation" can suddenly illuminate instructions for thousands of taxpayers used to the phrase "unemployment insurance."

This year the knot to be undone entailed ensuring that taxpayers who change their names in midyear — adding or dropping a spouse's name or hitching it on with a hyphen, for instance — receive their refunds. The result of the committee's labor was a paragraph added to the forms 1040 and 1040A, filed by some 90 million taxpayers.

"If you have changed your name because of marriage, divorce, etc., make sure you immediately notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) so the name on your tax return is the same as the name SSA has on its records. This may prevent delays in issuing your refund."

BUT THE COMMITTEE'S changes aren't of the fast and furious variety. "The most frequent comment we always get is 'Leave the form alone,'" said Nelson A. Brooke, assistant director of the tax forms and publications division of the IRS. "Many people will take last year's form and lay it next to this year's form to help them fill it out."

It is Brooke's job to preside over the committee — a group made up of representatives from major divisions of the IRS. The committee is charged with reviewing public comment and

changes in the law and distilling them all into one of the best-read publications in the world. The committee meets in midsummer, when April 15 is just a memory for most taxpayers, to try to determine if changes are needed, either to deal with a frequent problem or just to clarify.

"I've been in the IRS for 15 years," Brooke said, "and I think the (tax) code has just about doubled in size," further complicating the business of telling taxpayers how to fill out forms. "It's never gotten easier."

Even so, the service has been able to make the forms more readable, as seen through IRS eyes. From a form in 1976 that required at least a year's college education to comprehend, the IRS has arrived at a form that a person with a 9th- or 10th-grade education can reasonably be expected to understand, assuming some familiarity with household financial management.

The IRS usually gets about 200 comments each from a published request in the Federal Register and in response to the commissioner's message. The service holds hearings in four cities each year, as well. Meetings this year in Seattle, Des Moines, Burlington, Vt., and Atlanta attracted from 25 to 50 taxpayers, Brooke said.

"ONE GENTLEMAN WROTE in and said we should delete the word 'please' from the forms, because hearing the IRS say 'please' was like having a man with a gun at your head say 'please,'" Brooke said. Other taxpayers have suggested a dollar checkoff for the U.S. Olympic teams. Still others have proposed putting a smiling face next to the line that indicates a taxpayer is due a refund and a sad face next to the line that indicates a taxpayer must fork over more money.

The risk, said Brooke, is that some taxpayers might not be amused. "Generally the letters are very positive," said Brooke. "Only occasionally is there something that could be taken in a bad light — like, 'take this form and shove it.'"

Besides trying to render the tax forms comprehensible, Brooke and his troops have to guard against errors in the form or instructions. The IRS booklets go through seven proof-readings.

## Oil ministry draws blame

TULSA, Okla. — The U.S.S.R.'s oil ministry, together with the nation's top industrial planners, are being blamed for an imminent drastic reduction in Soviet crude production growth and a production drop that is expected to follow, Oil & Gas Journal reports.

Most of the criticism by prominent Soviet geologists and economists focuses on mismanagement in development of western Siberia, the U.S.S.R.'s leading petroleum region, the weekly business magazine says.

It's alleged that government policy makers, in a frantic effort to keep oil flow climbing during 1978-80, ordered excessively rapid exploitation of the biggest fields — including supergiant Samotlor — in Tyumen Province's prolific Middle Ob district.

Meanwhile, oil exploration in western Siberia's more remote areas was neglected. As a result, the reserves/production ratio has fallen in the huge, still lightly explored basin east of the Ural Mountains.

Production gains in Tyumen and neighboring Tomsk provinces no longer will be able to offset substantial oil flow declines occurring in the nation's older oil regions such as the Valga-Ural area, Azerbaijan, Turkmenia, the northern Caucasus, and the Ukraine, the Journal says.

Crude and condensate output by the world's biggest producing country is targeted at 12.12 million barrels a day. The U.S.S.R. has failed to

achieve its oil production targets for each of the past seven years.

Soviet oil flow for 1980 probably will average about 12.05 million barrels a day, compared with 11.72 million barrels a day in 1979, the Journal says.

The precipitous drop in oil production gain anticipated in 1981 indicates that output should peak by late 1981 under normal circumstances, the Journal says.

Prospects are that the Soviet Union by 1982 will experience its first decline in average annual crude and condensate flow since the end of World War II.

Bad weather, such as that in the spring of 1979, and continued big shortfalls in planned drilling footage could cause the U.S.S.R.'s 1981 production to lag this year's rather than increase slightly as projected.

And the Soviets show little confidence that crude and condensate production will rise significantly after 1981.

Target for 1985 under the recently announced 11th Five Year Plan is 12.4 million to 12.9 million barrels a day. That's about the same as the originally announced — but unattained — 1980 goal of 12.4 million to 12.8 million barrels a day under the 10th Five Year Plan.

Even if the most optimistic projection for 1985 are achieved, Soviet oil production will increase only 1.3 percent a year, compared with an average of 4.2 percent a year during 1976-80, the Journal says.

## GH sale plan announced

HOUSTON — Galveston-Houston Co. announced that it has entered into a contract to sell substantially all of the operating assets of its GH Fluid Services Division to The Dow Chemical Co.'s Dowell Division for approximately \$44 million in cash.

These assets consist principally of the company's operating facilities and equipment in Louisiana and Texas but do not include the barite producing properties, mine and barite plants located in Missouri.

The consummation of the sale of assets is subject to obtaining all necessary or appropriate regulatory and other approvals. Galveston-Houston Co. and its subsidiaries manufacture and market products and furnish services for the drilling, completion and workover of oil and gas wells and for oil and gas production, pipeline and processing operations. Galveston-Houston Co. common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GHX.

## Almost unnoticed change made in labor movement

By WARREN BROWN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A fundamental but almost unnoticed change has occurred in the U.S. labor movement in the last 20 years — blacks are now more likely to be represented by unions than whites.

Labor Department statistics show that 33 percent of all black wage and salary workers, including those on farms, are represented by unions, compared to about 26 percent of their white counterparts.

The black union members are found mostly in so-called "second tier" jobs in the service and garment industries and in nonprofessional positions in the public sector, where pay usually is lower than that received by union members in "first tier" industrial and skilled trades jobs.

Blacks and "other minorities," for example, make up about 40 percent of the Laborers union, 37 percent of the Service Employees union, 30 percent of the Food and Commercial Workers and 30 percent of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the nation's largest public employee union.

And even in the higher-paid unions where salaries often exceed the annual U.S. median family income of \$17,640, blacks are making headway. For example, the United Auto Workers union is now 18 percent black.

LABOR EXPERTS SAY blacks also are beginning to emerge in union leadership positions, often in second-ranking slots such as secretary-treasurer of a local or international union.

Those experts, for various reasons, contend that the growth of black membership and influence in organized labor is likely to continue.

"If you name any area of union growth today, be it the public or service sector, or the South regionally, it's a place where you'll find large numbers of black workers," said Norman Hill, executive director of the New York-based A. Philip Randolph Institute. The 15-year-old organization, largely funded by the AFL-CIO, is credited with doing much to increase black participation in unions.

Others, like William E. Pollard, director of the AFL-CIO's civil rights department, say the trend probably will continue if racial discrimination continues to decline in the general workforce.

"A lot of what is happening with blacks in unions reflects the hiring policies of management," Pollard said.

The trend has important implications for the future of organized labor.

FROM ONE PERSPECTIVE, the development could hasten the day when the U.S. labor movement solves one of its most intractable and debilitating problems — troubled race relations.

From another view that considers increased competition for dwindling jobs and the growing wage disparity between "first tier" and "second tier" unions, the black emergence in organized labor could spark a renewal of racial bickering.

But most black and white labor leaders prefer to see the trend as a positive development — one that counters a long-held, popular sentiment that organized labor is, at best, racially insensitive and, at worst, anti-black.

"The people who hold those views are mental dinosaurs locked in the past. ... They really know nothing about history," said Ernest McKinney, a 94-year-old black labor historian and former union organizer who lives in New York.

Echoing the sentiments of others who agree with him, McKinney added: "There is no way you can equate 1980 unions with those that existed in the early decades of this century."

THEN, BY RULE OR practice, many unions excluded blacks. Largely as a result, "You had Negro leaders who went around saying that the white union worker was the worst enemy of the Negro people," McKinney said.

Management groups frequently exploited that sentiment in the early 1900s by using black workers to break strikes by white trade and craft unions.

That practice began to be checked with formation of industrial labor groups, particularly with the birth of the Committee for Industrial Organization — later to become the Congress for Industrial Organizations — in 1935.

The CIO welcomed black workers, if only as a practical step to end their use as strikebreaker. More progress came in 1955 in the merger of the American Federation of Labor — the then-pre-eminent trades and crafts group — with the CIO.

"The AFL-CIO formed its civil rights department that same year. We let it be known that racial discrimination would not be tolerated in any member union," Pollard said.

IN KEEPING WITH that stand, the federation's leadership became a major source of support for the civil rights legislation of the 1960s, backing equal employment bills that often were opposed by the AFL-CIO's predominantly white rank-and-file members.

Those bills, in turn, helped to open jobs previously closed to blacks, and those jobs, in turn, helped to increase black union membership because many of the positions were in "organizable industries," labor experts say.

The changing complexion of the AFL-CIO's membership is an example of that development. Twenty years ago, blacks accounted for about 6 percent of the federation's membership. Today, blacks account for about 2.5 million, a little more than 17 percent of the federation's 13.9 million members.

By contrast, according to a 1979 Labor Department report on the characteristics of organized employees, blacks constitute 11 percent of all U.S. wage and salary job holders.

"We are becoming a power in organized labor," said Pollard. He said he expects blacks to use that power to push for economic and social changes favorable to black and white union members alike.

## Father comes up with mind-boggling figure

By LINDA GRANT  
The Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — A 35-year-old father of four punched some data into his calculator recently, and came up with a mind-boggling figure: If inflation continues at today's rates, it will cost the executive about \$240,000 to put his children through college.

While that astronomical sum may seem preposterous, it is not. Families today are shelling out payments for tuition, room and board that average \$6,082 a year at private schools and \$3,409 at state institutions, according to the College Board. With costs escalating another 10 percent during 1980, it does not take a mathematical whiz to figure out that inflation could more than double those figures in a decade — meaning that by 1990 it may cost close to \$60,000 on average to underwrite four years of private undergraduate education.

Said Joe Paul Case, director of the College Board's College Scholarship Service, "The trend (in financing education) is toward borrowing. Twenty years ago parents typically funded college expenses from past savings and current earnings. Now they are using more current earnings and future borrowings. In many cases it is not the parents' past efforts — but the children's future efforts — that will pay."

Because the cost of a college education has swollen to such a significant investment, John L. Steffans, vice president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc., recommends that families "do everything possible they can" to prepare for the crunch. He suggests that families make sound savings and investment decisions years in advance to cover at least some portion of the cost, then borrow at the time, if necessary, to make up any difference.

IN PARTICULAR, Steffans suggests that families in a 40 percent to 50 percent tax bracket look closely at the possibility of investing and saving in the children's name to avoid paying taxes on the income. "I think it's foolish of individuals to pay taxes on interest income if they have kids to educate," he said.

Specifically he recommends setting up a type of living trust called a Clifford trust. By terms of this trust, parents can contribute investments in one lump sum or installments, but each installment must be made for 10 years and one day. At the end of that term, the principal returns to the parents. Throughout that period, however, income goes to the beneficiary and is taxed at the child's lower bracket. For example, Steffans says, if parents own \$25,000 in bonds, those assets can be placed in a trust and the income can go to the children, perhaps to be used for further investments.

Parents also can give gifts to their children of up to \$3,000 per year, tax free. The tax-free limit applies to each parent — so Mom and Dad together can give each offspring \$6,000 a year.

FOR FAMILIES THAT can afford to put aside only small sums periodically, Steffans suggests a common stock, Sharebuilder Investment Plan, which allows people to invest as little as \$25 at one time. With that amount a person can buy a fraction of one share of a blue-chip stock and receive dividends proportionately. Investors receive substantial discounts on com-

mission in the Merrill Lynch share-builder program, and parents can use the account to set up a custodial account for children under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act to help defray college expenses.

If children are headed for college next year, it's time for parents to investigate some of the more than \$14 billion in aid from both public and private sources that may be available to help them finance an education. About 7 million students will receive grants, loans or jobs to help them pay for school or job training during 1981.

Thanks to legislation signed last October by President Carter, a new federally funded loan program makes it possible for parents to borrow up to \$3,000 a year at 9 percent interest regardless of their income. Education Amendments of 1980 also increase the total amount undergraduate students can borrow under the guaranteed student loan program to \$12,500 from \$7,500 over five years. Thus any family today can borrow a total of \$5,500 each year for each student in college.

The interest rate on those student loans was raised to 9 percent starting Jan. 1, but students who already are borrowing under the program will continue to pay only 7 percent until their education is finished. Parents must begin repayment of their loans 60 days after they are received, while students are obliged to start repaying six months after their studies stop.

FOR STUDENTS NEEDING a great deal of assistance, federally funded basic grants are available. Joe Paul Case says that eligible students generally are those from families that earn \$25,000 or less and have one child in college. Family income is occasionally higher.

more children are being educated. Case adds that financial assistance is also available in work-study programs that require students to work for non-profit organizations such as their college or a government agency, and in co-operative educational programs aimed at students interested in alternating semesters of study and work for a private company.

Scholarships based on merit are offered by universities, and many children can receive help from their parents' employers, unions, or civic organizations which may offer benefits. Finally, Case reminds anyone eligible for benefits from Social Security, the Veterans' Administration, or other agencies to investigate those possibilities.

For guidance through the complexities of determining who qualifies for how much, and how to apply, a number of books are available. The College Board publishes a guidebook entitled "The College Cost Book," which outlines costs and aid available at more than 3,000 colleges. To order a copy, send \$7.50 to College Board Publication Orders, Dept. C-91, Box 2815, Princeton, N.J. 08541.

Octameron Associates publishes six pamphlets that sell for \$1.25 to \$2.25 each, including a comprehensive overview entitled "Don't Miss Out, the ambitious student's guide to scholarships and loans." To order it write to Octameron Associates, P.O. Box 3437, Alexandria, Va. 22302. Finally a free booklet, "Student Consumers Guide," published by the Office of Student and Financial Assistance of the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202, is also available.

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