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## Senate ends 97th Congress on positive vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted today to increase the federal gasoline tax by a nickel, finally ending its ordeal over the legislation, and the 97th Congress.

At a White House news conference, President Reagan called passage of the tax hike he embraced "excellent news." He said the legislation will speed the repair of the nation's deteriorating highways, bridges and mass transit systems.

"It's a credit to the leaders of both parties" in Congress, the president said. After an 81-5 vote, the Senate passed the measure 54-33 and sent it to Reagan, who has pushed for the bill. There were 20 Democrats and 34 Republicans joining to pass the bill while 17 Democrats and 16 Republicans voted against it.

The action cleared the way for the Senate to adjourn, nearly two days after the House left town.

After the vote, Majority Leader Howard H. Baker, Jr., R-Tenn., and Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia called the president to tell him the Senate had completed its work.

Meanwhile, Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis praised Congress for passing the tax increase — which takes effect April 1 — saying it "won because it deserved to win — and because those who believed in it and supported it wouldn't give up."

Vice President George Bush, acting in his role as presiding officer of the Senate, was on hand for today's votes to indicate the administration's interest in the bill and cast a vote in case of a tie on the final tally.

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The latest problem cropped up Tuesday night after the House passed a compromise version of the legislation and adjourned. Senators thought they also would be able to vote and go home.

But Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., mounted a last-minute filibuster, standing at his desk and objecting to requests that would allow a quick vote. Helms and Baker eventually agreed to the showdown votes today.

While Baker and Helms were at odds over the gasoline tax, they and other senators agreed that the post-election session Reagan requested to get action on money bills was not a good idea.

"It was silly as a 10-cent watch," Helms said. "The lame-duck session never ought to have been called, it was a tragic mistake and I felt that way when it was called."

"I was not for it...Frankly, I recommended against this session," Baker said.

"There's very little credit for anybody to take" from this lame-duck session, said Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich.

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## Israel, Lebanon ready to start talks Monday

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and Lebanon will open negotiations early next week aimed at withdrawing Israel's invasion army from Lebanon and normalizing relations between the two Middle East neighbors, the Israeli government said today.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's spokesman Uri Porat said the talks would be held alternately in the Beirut suburb of Khalde and Kiryat Shmona, on Israel's northern border. He did not say which day the talks would open, or in which country the first session would be held.

Israeli officials briefing reporters said the talks probably would open in Khalde on Monday or Tuesday, and then shift to Kiryat Shmona.

"The negotiations on normalization of relations, security arrangements and the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon will open at the beginning of next week," Porat said.

The Israeli announcement again emphasized that normal relations will be on the agenda though Lebanese officials say Lebanon does not want to go beyond the rest of the Arab world in building normal ties with the Jewish state before there is an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday that normalization was a "central issue" along with security arrangements that would ensure that Israel never be threatened by terrorist attackers from Lebanon.

In Washington, The New York Times quoted Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens as saying Israel and Lebanon had already reached tentative agreement on "the security arrangements in southern Lebanon...normalization of relations between Israel and Lebanon, and synchronization of the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian troops to take place after the withdrawal of PLO forces."

Porat said the Israeli delegation would be headed by David Kimche, director-general of the Foreign Ministry. Other members would be Maj. Gen. Avraham Tamir, head of the army's planning division, Elyahu Rubinstein, the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser, Yitzhak Lior, the Foreign Ministry's representative in Beirut, and two brigadier generals, Uri Saguy and Amos Gilboa.

Sharon said Wednesday that the United States would be invited to play a role "not as mediators but as participants" in the talks. But he insisted Israel and Lebanon would bargain directly.

"If they (the Americans) would like to sign the agreement as witnesses of course we will be satisfied, and if they would like to give any guarantees to this agreement which I'm sure will be achieved, of course Israel will be glad, as well as Lebanon, I'm sure," Sharon told reporters during a tour of the Egyptian border.

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Winter white

Although local temperatures haven't been exactly winter-like lately, there has been a lot of the white stuff in other parts of the nation. Here, a cross-country skier and his four-footed companion trek across a fruit

orchard in Bath, Maine. New England and the mid-coastal region of the United States received up to 4 inches of snow in the season's first major snowfall on, appropriately enough, the first day of winter.

## U.S. taking naysayer role?

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — By publicly proposing to cut nuclear weapons arsenals and promising not to use the deadly weapons first, the Soviet Union has seized the initiative from the United States in what is partly a propaganda war.

The Soviets appear to be opening the window for arms control, only to have the United States slam it shut with a quibble.

While negotiators in Geneva work earnestly and under a confidentiality rule, the Kremlin is unveiling one dramatic offer after another. Forced into a defensive posture, the Reagan administration has to compete for world approval by explaining why the Soviet proposals are unacceptable.

The reasons given by U.S. officials may be too complex for public consumption. Step back and the Americans look like naysayers.

The Soviets invite the United States to join in renouncing first use of nuclear weapons. They are accused of making a grandstand play. Besides, such a declaration might undercut NATO deterrence.

The Soviets offer to reduce their medium-range missiles in Europe from more than 600 to about 162, the number of missiles maintained by Britain and France. In exchange, the Kremlin asks that 572 U.S. missiles still not deployed be scrubbed. They are accused of trying to maintain nuclear

superiority in Europe.

The Soviets propose a 25 percent cutback in globe-girdling strategic missiles. While the move prompted President Reagan last month and U.S. negotiator Edward Rowny this week to credit the Soviets for moving in the right direction, it is criticized by Pentagon, State Department and other officials as one-sided.

Even though, in each instance, the Soviet proposals are beaten down, the Kremlin obviously considers the game worth playing. Leonid I. Brezhnev played it, and so has his successor, Yuri V. Andropov.

Ultimately, the two superpowers may find their way to agreements to limit both strategic and medium-range nuclear weapons. The potential for nuclear war is too ominous not to be taken seriously.

Significantly last summer, amid the public jousting, the two superpowers were working on a compromise that U.S. arms control director Eugene V. Rostow told The Associated Press on

Wednesday was "a generally promising compromise initiative."

However, Rostow said when the United States tried to pursue the proposal, it "was turned down flat."

Rostow urged Andropov to engage in "serious dialogue" with the United States instead of making "debating points."

Rowny, meanwhile, said he would have a better idea if the "trial balloon" hoisted by Andropov was genuine after he returns to the negotiating table in Geneva in February.

Reagan's two, principal proposals remain on the table.

One would reduce U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear warheads by about one-third, to equal and lower ceilings.

The other, known as the "zero-option" plan, would eliminate all Soviet missiles from Europe and shelve the planned deployment of 572 U.S. Pershing II and cruise missiles.

U.S. officials have not lost confidence they will be accepted — either completely or in modified form.

The theory is the Soviets will agree to a START treaty as new U.S. nuclear bombers, submarines and missiles are developed. Similarly, the thinking is that "zero-option" will become infinitely more attractive to Moscow as the December 1983 U.S. deployment draws near.

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## Bomb destroys consulate

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A bomb wrecked the Israeli Consulate offices in Sydney today, injuring two people, and two explosions about five hours later ripped the underground garage of a Jewish club.

No injuries were caused by the bombs in the garage, police said.

In a third incident, police evacuated guests from the Cosmopolitan Motor Inn, in Sydney's predominantly Jewish Double Bay district, after a telephone bomb threat was received. Police

searched the motel for a bomb, but it was not immediately known if one was found.

The first bomb tore through solid concrete walls at the consulate on the seventh floor of a downtown Sydney highrise, police and witnesses said.

Police said two explosions at the Hakoah Club, damaged several cars in the underground garage.

Dr. Moshe Liba, the Israeli consul

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## Problems ground Pershing test flights

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — The new Pershing II missile has had its test flights grounded indefinitely because of "problems" with a launch last month that caused a hydraulic system failure. Army officials have disclosed.

The Pershing, the Pentagon's answer to the Soviet Union's SS-20 missiles pointed at Europe, is a nuclear warhead scheduled for deployment next December in West Germany.

Protesters in Frankfurt this fall had demonstrated to protest the basing of 108 of the highly accurate, seven-ton missiles in their homeland.

But last month, after four test failures, Congress canceled \$468 million in

appropriations for the missile's construction.

The Nov. 19 test firing of the missile, packed with a dummy nuclear warhead, was "a partial success."

Four air control vanes that allow the missile to veer in on its target failed to activate because the hydraulic pressure was too low, said David Harris, spokesman for the Army Missile Command at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Revelation of the test failure follows three previous launch failures. In July, a test Pershing had to be destroyed seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla., because of a casing leak. Two other tests from this New Mexico desert range were called off because of electrical circuitry problems.

The test launch last month was initially lauded as a success when the missile rushed 200 miles into the air and landed 66 miles downrange. But Wednesday, Army officials said the maneuvering system failed to perform as required.

"It was a mechanical problem," Harris said. "We have now fixed the hydraulic system, so it is not a design problem."

Additional tests of the missile, however, initially scheduled for mid-January, have been put on indefinite hold, said missile range spokesman Jim Lovelady.

## Decision expected to balance costs

By JIM PRESNELL  
Staff Writer

The Federal Communications Commission announced Wednesday it will begin a phaseout of important subsidies paid to local telephone companies through artificially high long-distance rates.

The FCC said these subsidies — \$7 billion in 1980, and estimated at \$8.5 billion for 1984 — stifle competition for long distance phone service.

The decision will, in a few years' time, reduce prices for interstate calls — while tacking on an access fee for long distance, whether or not the customer actually uses any long distance services.

Midland phone company officials have said all along that long distance

calls were compensating for unprofitability of local telephone service.

The day of reckoning, when all customers must bear a "fair" portion of local and national phone costs, is being pushed on the unbelieving public by Uncle Sam. Each customer would pay another \$7 in telephone costs if the subsidies were billed directly, instead of through pumped-up long distance rates.

"The FCC has made a major policy decision attempting to recognize the needs of non-users and low users of interstate long distance service — without creating economic incentives for high users to bypass the local exchange network," local Bell spokesman Jay Allen said Wednesday.

"A proper balancing of these interests is vital to maintaining affordable

telephone service and to the viability of our company.

"We'll be reviewing the decision in detail as quickly as it is available and will then formulate specific plans," Allen stated.

The commission's 7-0 vote is part of a proceeding described as one of the most important telephone decisions ever made by the agency.

It is designed to place all long-distance companies — including American Telephone & Telegraph Co., MCI Communications and Southern Pacific Communications — on a "level playing field" in dealing with local phone companies for access to their switching equipment.

This restructuring should spur

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## No Christmas edition planned

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will not publish a Christmas Day edition in order that employees may spend the holiday with their families.

Most newspaper departments, including circulation and advertising, will be closed Saturday, although the news department will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Reporter-Telegram will resume normal publication schedule with its Sunday morning edition.

The newspaper's management and staff wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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# Congress approves new wilderness areas

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — Between stalemates and disappointments, the lame-duck Congress voted to create more than 130,000 acres of new wilderness areas in five states, including a vast stretch of West Virginia woodlands that would become the second-largest wilderness in the East.

Five bills protecting wild forests in Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Missouri and West Virginia passed in the last days of the session, although some had languished for much of the 97th Congress and others had been the subject of intense local controversy for as long as 13 years.

Each measure was sponsored by both Republicans and Democrats from the home state, continuing a trend of bipartisan support for wilderness protection that surfaced before the Nov. 2 general election.

Earlier in the lame-duck session, Congress amended the 1983 Interior Department appropriations bill to ban oil and gas leasing on 23 million pristine acres "where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man."

The largest new preserve would be the popular Cranberry Wilderness in West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest — 35,600 acres of hardwoods, hemlock and spruce that are home to 50 species of birds, including eastern North America's smallest owl, the six-inch saw whet owl.

"Congress and the American people have said very clearly that they want more, not less, of our wild areas preserved," said Peter Coppelman of the Wilderness Society. "They have rejected this

administration's attempt to halt additions to our wilderness system."

The bills mark the only additions to the wilderness system in this Congress, other than a small portion of Georgia's wild Cumberland Island. A series of much larger wilderness proposals for California, Oregon and Wyoming went down to defeat.

The Reagan administration opposed the West Virginia and Florida measures, and officials said Wednesday that Reagan may veto them because they require the government to reimburse mining companies for mineral rights in the new wilderness areas.

The West Virginia wilderness would take in rich coal deposits in the national forest, and the Florida boundaries encompass phosphate mines in the Osceola National Forest. Both bills would ban further mining in the forests, which are popular camping and hiking grounds.

The measures garnered heavy grass-roots backing in each state, particularly in Florida, where wilderness advocates dubbed their movement the "Palmetto Rebellion" and won the backing of Sen. Paula Hawkins, R-Fla., Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., all 15 congressmen, Gov. Robert Graham and both houses of the legislature.

"I firmly believe this is an area of the state that shouldn't be tampered with," said Hawkins, who was doggedly lobbying for Reagan to sign the bill. The Florida bill would create 50,000 acres of wilderness forests in the Osceola, Ocala and Apalachicola national forests, doubling the forest acreage now protected as wilderness.

The other bills would create 6,800 acres of wilderness in Alabama's Talladega National Forest, 13,000 acres in Indiana's Hoosier National Forest, 6,888 acres in Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest and 47,800 in West Virginia's Monongahela.



"Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson, posing as television journalist Mike Wallace, interviews Santa Claus during a recent segment of the show in Burbank, Calif. This was the first time Carson used Wallace as a character in a sketch.

## Helms' attempts to kill gas tax rub most Senators wrong way

By MIKE SHANAHAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today's vote on the nickel-a-gallon gasoline tax marks the end of a bitter, personal struggle which likely will isolate Jesse Helms and other Senate hardline conservatives when the 98th Congress convenes next month.

Helms' tactics in seeking to defeat the tax had posed a direct threat to Majority Leader Howard

### An Analysis

Baker and other moderate Republicans who control the Senate.

Baker, R-Tenn., reasserted his authority by battling what Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., termed "a minority within a minority within a minority."

In the process, Baker may have sharply diminished the influence of the New Right in Congress.

Helms has been the leader of the Republican Party's extreme conservative wing. If his power is decreased, there is no clear successor.

Senators from both parties said Helms and his fellow North Carolinian, John East, went too far in their fight to block the tax they said was regressive and bad policy during a recession.

Simpson called Helms' action an "obdurate and obnoxious performance" that amounted to an attempt to get publicity in North Carolina, where Helms is up for re-election in 1984.

Senators tolerate filibusters as necessary efforts by the minority to make a point, and delay legislation they oppose as long as possible.

Helms not only organized a filibuster, but for two weeks he and a small cadre of conservatives used every twist within Senate rules to delay or block the inevitable at a time when exhausted senators and House members were eager to get home for Christmas.

At one point, Baker pulled the gas tax, which is supported by President Reagan, from the floor. It appeared that Helms and his allies had won.

But sources said Baker decided if Helms won on the gas tax fight, he would be able to paralyze the Senate at will in 1983.

And in the end, Helms and East were alone against almost all of the senators.

Many said the gas tax bill, while controversial, was the wrong issue for a high stakes congressional battle.

One senior Republican source said, "This was not the kind of issue to tear up the Senate. It was not a Panama Canal, labor law reform or even a three-year tax cut."

"Going to those extremes was a serious mistake," said Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., a senator for 12 years. "I think Sens. Helms and East hurt themselves. I can't recall a time when personal feelings were that intense."

By forcing Baker to pull out all the stops and keep the Senate in session, Bentsen said Helms and East "have hurt the image of the Senate, the institution."

Bentsen and Republican Simpson both said Helms and East will suffer when legislation important to them comes up next year.

Simpson told Helms on the Senate floor there will be a "veritable phalanx of opposition" against farm measures and other legislation of direct interest to North Carolina.

That, said Simpson, "will likely be most demeaning and disturbing to the senator's constituency and that of his colleague (East)."

Helms said, "I didn't come here to win a popularity contest among senators."

Of senators concerned about spending Christmas with their families, Helms added scornfully, "Their top priority is getting home and their own convenience."

Helms said he does not believe the Senate will take "punitive actions" against him.

Baker said when the new Senate meets "we will have to see if we can put this all back together and try to re-establish friendships."

In the battle to get the gas tax through, Democratic senators aided Baker in repeated efforts to shut off Helms' filibuster.

The measure includes an extension of up to six weeks of unemployment benefits for the jobless, giving it special political appeal to the Democrats.

But one source, who asked to remain anonymous, said many Democrats came close to leaving Washington for the year or voting against shutting off the filibuster just to let Republicans "stew in their own juices."

## Social Security commission gets new lease on life from Reagan

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will extend the life of his bipartisan National Commission on Social Security by 15 days in hopes that it can finally agree on steps to assure the program's solvency, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Wednesday.

Speakes said an executive order extending the commission's authority until mid-January probably will be issued Thursday.

Asked what result was expected

from an extension of the life of the year-old commission beyond its scheduled Dec. 31 expiration date, Speakes replied, "hopefully an agreement."

The White House hopes the 15-member commission can come up with specific recommendations, Speakes said, but even some possible "options" would be helpful.

Asked if the president had received any indication from the deadlocked commission's chairman, economist Alan Greenspan, that an agreement is possible, Speakes noted that the chairman had been in contact with White House chief of staff James A. Baker III.

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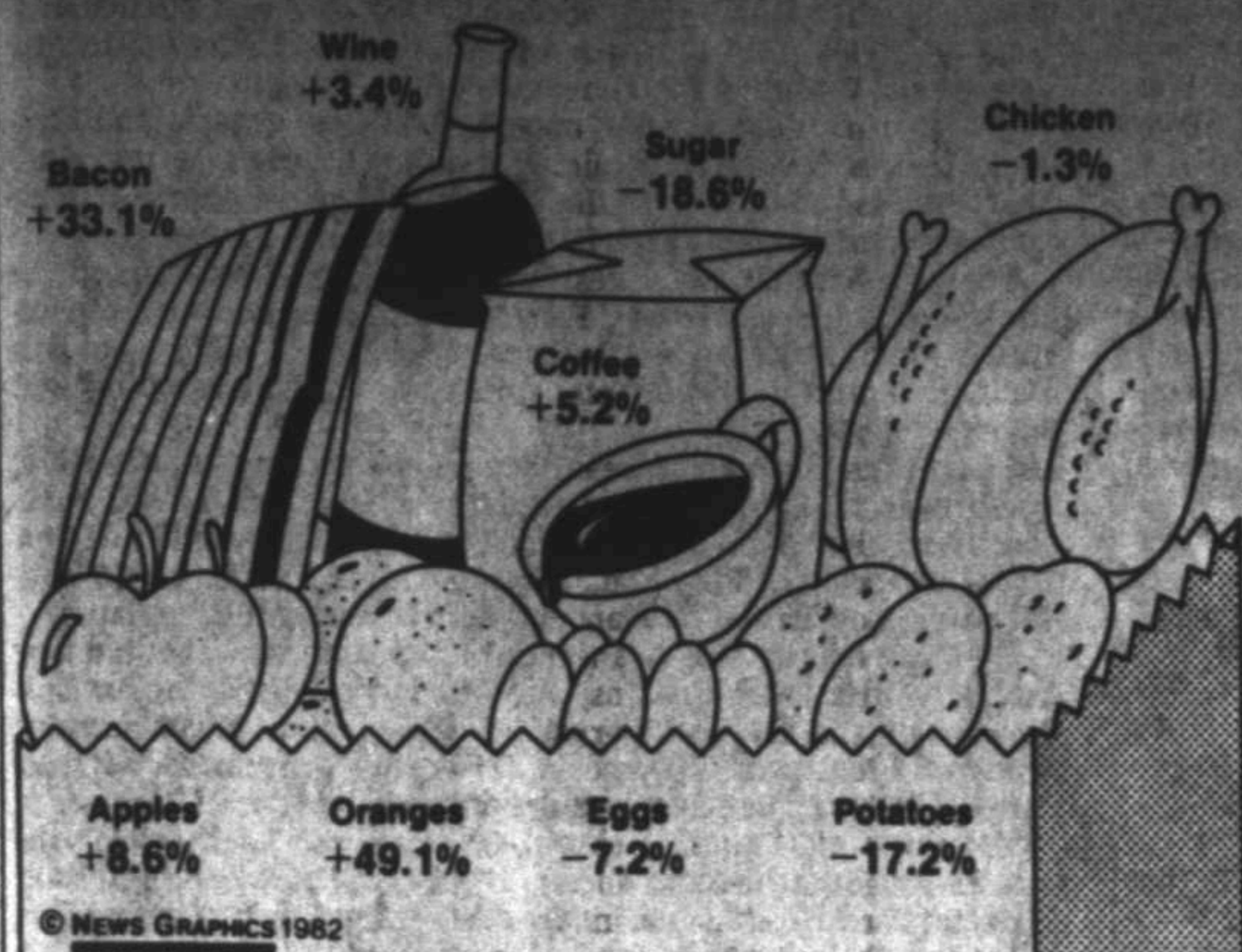
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### Market basket pluses and minuses

(Price changes, September 1981 to September 1982)



SOURCE: Labor Department

## Lady Bird gives birthday gift to nation

AUSTIN (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson says her donation of 60 acres for a National Wildflower Research Center was a gift to the nation on her 70th birthday.

"It's sort of to pay the rent for the space I've taken up in this highly interesting world. I love all the 70 years and I'm grateful for them," she said Wednesday, before sowing the first seeds at the center site.

Mrs. Johnson, the widow of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, gave \$125,000 in addition to the 60 acres, about 10 miles east of Austin.

"At 70, face it, my years are limited so I've got to get to work," she said on the flower-bedecked bus that brought Johnson relatives and friends to the center site.

The former first lady remains active in the Austin community and throughout the state. She spends her weekends at the LBJ Ranch in Stonewall, 60 miles west of here.

During the week, she lives in an apartment in the building housing KLEJ — the Johnson family radio sta-

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tion. She said she "tires more easily, my energy is less and I have to say a lot more nos" to invitations.

But Mrs. Johnson was energetic and enthusiastic for the birthday celebration and dedication of the wildflower research site.

"There's a certain sense of freedom about becoming 70. It gives you the license to do what you want to do," she said.

Johnson daughters Lynda Bird — the wife of Virginia Gov. Charles Robb — and Luci were on hand for the ceremony, along with the seven Johnson grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson said the nation's 25,000 species of wildflowers have practical uses, as well as aesthetic ones.

"There's so darned little known about them," she said. "They are capricious and frustrating."

The Karnack, Texas, native said wildflowers could have nutritional or medicinal uses and could be a money-saver on public land.

Robert Dedman, chairman of the state highway commission, said at the ceremony that Texas spends \$24 million mowing grass along highways.

Mrs. Johnson said wildflowers and native grasses could replace the grass now being mowed by the state.

"It's harder and more expensive to manage public lands, city parks, industrial parks and the right-of-ways of highways. We cannot manage them in the old way which meant heavy use of mowing, manpower and fertilizer," she said.

"We've got to crank in some use of our native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs. The native, hardy things, right where the Lord put them, can get along better with the rainfall that is there."

The only permanent structures at the site now are an old house — the rest will move out soon — and KLEJ's transmitter tower. Areas for future greenhouses, wildflower beds and a laboratory were marked by ribbons.

No wildflowers were in sight on the warmer-than-usual December day.

"It's like going to see the baby while it has chicken pox," she said.

### Livestock import changes suggested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has proposed a change in federal import regulations that would allow U.S. feedlots to import Mexican cattle without being tested for brucellosis.

Officials said the proposal, which would impose strict conditions on such imports, will be open for public comment until Feb. 22.

## 1982 year farmers will want to forget, A&M report says

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A combination of harsh weather and high interest rates spelled disaster in 1982 for Texas farmers, who already had started the year in financial straits, says a Texas A&M agricultural report.

"1982 was a disaster in almost every sense of the word — a year that most farmers and ranchers would just as soon forget," said Bill Braden, author of the year-end report issued by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Braden's report said poor prices in 1980 and 1981 put most Texas farmers in the red at the start of 1982.

"And from there, things got worse," Braden wrote. "Farm prices continued to suffer as commodity supplies mushroomed."

Lower interest rates and slowed inflation may signal a better harvest in 1983, and the plight of the Texas farmer could be helped with milder weather, he said.

But at the top of the farmers' Christmas wish list would be higher prices, he said.

"If U.S. and world economic conditions improve some, the demand for agricultural products could increase and prices could strengthen. But that may not happen for some time," Braden said. "So farmers and ranchers must continue to hang on for survival — a situation they have become accustomed to over the past several years."

More than one million fewer acres of cotton were planted in Texas in 1982 because of the poor price prospects, Braden said. Rice plantings also were down, replaced by corn, grain sorghum and soybeans.

Wet spring weather delayed plantings in West and Central Texas. The delay pushed crops into the summer when the heat wilted crops not washed out by spring rains.

Millions of acres of corn, cotton and vegetables were lost to flooding, hail and high winds in central, eastern and southwestern Texas counties. The harsh weather conditions resulted in some federal assistance relief for farmers.

In the Texas South Plains, "farmers saw most of their cotton crop wiped out by some of the most severe hailstorms in the area's history," Braden wrote.

Almost half of the South Plains' five million acres of cotton were reduced to stubble, the agriculture service reported.

The summer drought also dealt a blow to this year's pecan crop, which already had its share of disease and insect problems.

Thousands of acres of grain sorghum in the central and coastal areas were destroyed this year by insects, primarily yellow sugarcane aphids, greenbugs and cutworms.

"Most farmers will need to take a hard look at their operations to try to cut costs wherever possible," Braden said. "They will also need to consider participating in the 1983 government farm program which offers some price protection on their investments and can supplement their income."

"Farmers and ranchers must strive to become better businessmen if they expect to financially survive the year ahead," he said.

## Farmers decrease wheat plantings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter wheat farmers have planted 5 percent less acreage — including 4 percent less in Texas — for the 1983 harvest than they did a year ago, according to the Agriculture Department.

The USDA's Crop Reporting Board said Wednesday that based on Dec. 1 surveys farmers have seeded 63 million acres for 1983, compared to a record 66.4 million acres planted for the 1982 crop.

Officials said it was the smallest acreage planted in winter wheat since the 1980 crop's 57.6 million acres.

Winter wheat is planted in the fall and harvested the following year. It makes up about three-fourths of the nation's total wheat production.

To be eligible for price supports and related benefits for their 1983 crop, wheat producers will have to reduce their acreage 20 percent from their crop base, including a straight acreage reduction of 15 percent and a 5 percent paid diversion.

"In Kansas, the nation's largest winter wheat state, acreage decreased 7 percent, while Texas, with the second-largest acreage, was down 4 percent," the report said.

Oklahoma's winter wheat acreage was down 2 percent from a year ago, and Nebraska's plantings were down 8 percent — the largest percentage decline in the Great Plains region. Both North and South Dakota showed increases of more than 10 percent.

In the Southeast, major wheat states of Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee showed declines of 10 percent, 9 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

Wheat acreages in the Western states showed declines averaging 3 percent. California growers increased their plantings, while farmers in Idaho and Arizona held plantings to about last year's level.

"In the east north-central states, wheat plantings declined 7 percent, including reduced acreages in Iowa, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio," the report said. "Illinois held steady while Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan increased seedings."

Major producing states, their plantings in millions of acres and their 1983 acreages expressed as a percentage of 1982 plantings:

State	Area	Pct.
Arkansas	1.50	81
California	1.10	103
Colorado	3.33	97
Georgia	1.43	90
Idaho	0.99	100
Illinois	1.60	100
Indiana	1.10	92
Kansas	13.20	93
Kentucky	0.79	98
Michigan	0.80	115
Mississippi	1.00	91
Missouri	2.20	88
Montana	2.40	98
Nebraska	2.85	92
Ohio	1.25	83
Oklahoma	7.80	98
Oregon	1.08	92
South Dakota	1.50	111
Tennessee	1.05	95
Texas	7.85	96

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# WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST Rain Snow  
Friday, December 24 Showers Flurries  
Low temperatures



The National Weather Service forecasts snow for Friday from the eastern Rockies into the Plains. Snow is forecast for the Northeast. Showers are expected for the Mississippi Valley.

## More Christmas-like weather forecast

It may not be a white Christmas, but many Midlanders who were in the mood for more winter-like weather should be pleased to know that it will be a cold trip for old St. Nick this weekend. According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, following this week's 70-degree temperatures, lows tonight will drop into the lower 30s with the high on Friday expected to reach only into the middle 50s. And while tonight's partly cloudy skies hold no mention of snow flurries,

the clouds and cold temperatures should linger through the holiday weekend. Winds will be gustily rampaging through Midland tonight and Friday. Blowing from the southwest at 15-25 mph and gusty tonight, winds are expected to shift to the west and northwest at 20-30 mph with gusts on Friday. Wednesday's warm high of 71 missed tying the record high of 79, set in 1933, by only eight degrees. The overnight low of 44, however, was over 30 degrees warmer than the record low of 13, set in 1953.

## Midland statistics

FORECAST  
Partly cloudy tonight with lows in the lower 30s. Cloudy and colder on Friday with highs in the middle 50s. Southwesterly winds at 15-25 mph and gusty tonight, shifting to west and northwesterly at 20-30 mph and gusty on Friday. Partly cloudy and cold for the Christmas holiday weekend.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS  
Yesterday's High 71 degrees  
Yesterday's Low 44 degrees  
Sunset today 5:56 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:47 a.m.  
Precipitation none inches  
This month to date 11.04 inches  
1982 to date 14.04 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES  
6 a.m. 43  
7 a.m. 41  
8 a.m. 42  
9 a.m. 43  
10 a.m. 46  
11 a.m. 50  
noon 54  
1 p.m. 56  
2 p.m. 58  
3 p.m. 60  
4 p.m. 62  
5 p.m. 64

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES  
Arlington 75-48  
Dallas 75-48  
Denver 50-33  
El Paso 62-31  
Fort Worth 70-40  
Houston 70-40  
Lubbock 68-41  
Marfa 71-54  
Odessa 71-54  
Wichita Falls 80-50

## Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Pcp
Arlington	75	48	0.00
Alice	61	39	0.00
Amarillo	60	31	0.00
Austin	75	48	0.00
Brownsville	79	66	0.00
Brownsville	81	68	0.00
Childress	72	45	0.00
College Station	75	64	0.00
Corpus Christi	80	61	0.00
Dallas	68	40	0.00
Dallas	76	45	0.00
Del Rio	62	31	0.00
El Paso	62	31	0.00
Fort Worth	76	40	0.00
Galveston	72	67	0.00
Houston	79	66	0.00
Lubbock	68	41	0.00
Marfa	72	58	0.00
McAllen	83	60	0.00
Midland	71	44	0.00
Palacios	75	46	0.00
San Angelo	75	46	0.00
San Antonio	73	60	0.00
Shreveport, La.	78	64	0.00
Stephenville	74	51	0.00
Texasark	78	65	0.01
Victoria	78	64	0.00
Waco	74	59	0.00
Wichita Falls	80	55	0.00
Wink	70	40	0.00

## Extended forecasts

West Texas: Colder Christmas day then a slow warming trend beginning at next week. Variable mostly high clouds through the period. Highs upper 40s and far west to near 60 Big Bend Christmas day warming to mid-50s Panhandle to mid-40s Big Bend by Monday. Lows low 30s Panhandle to mid-30s south Christmas day warming to upper 30s Panhandle to upper 30s south by Monday.

North Texas: Chance of showers Saturday. Partly cloudy and cold Sunday and Monday. Highs 50s. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy and colder Saturday and Sunday with a chance of rain mainly north and east. Mostly cloudy and cold Monday with a chance of rain Tuesday. Highs low 50s north to low 60s south. Lows 40s.

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El Paso	62	31	0.00
Fort Worth	76	40	0.00
Galveston	72	67	0.00
Houston	79	66	0.00
Lubbock	68	41	0.00
Marfa	72	58	0.00
McAllen	83	60	0.00
Midland	71	44	0.00
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Stephenville	74	51	0.00
Texasark	78	65	0.01
Victoria	78	64	0.00
Waco	74	59	0.00
Wichita Falls	80	55	0.00
Wink	70	40	0.00

## Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Winter storm watch Panhandle Friday. Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms Panhandle and South Plains tonight. Rain mixed with snow by early Friday changing to snow late Friday. Snow accumulations under one inch. Highs 65 Panhandle to near 80 Big Bend. Lows 25 Panhandle to 45 Big Bend. Highs Friday 45 Panhandle to 65 Big Bend.

North Texas: Cloudy to partly cloudy with scattered showers through Friday. Cooler tonight and Friday. Highs 70 to 75. Lows 45 to 51. Highs Friday 61 to 73.

South Texas: Cloudy to partly cloudy through Friday. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms Friday. Highs 70 north to 80 south. Lows 50 north to 60 south. Highs Friday 70 to 72 north and near 80 south.

## Cloud cover grows over much of state

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies dominated the Texas weather picture today as the possibility of showers, thunderstorms and some snow returned to the state forecast. Scattered showers developed over Southeast Texas early today and thunderstorms rumbled along coastal regions. Pre-dawn temperatures were generally in the 30s and 40s over the Panhandle and West Texas and in the 60s over the rest of the state. Readings at 4 a.m. ranged from 34 at Marfa to 68 at San Antonio. The forecast called for the shower activity to spread eastward, covering most of the state tonight. There was a chance of snow and rain mixed with snow in the Panhandle and South Plains on Friday.



A police officer in Anaheim, Calif., directs traffic in heavy rain Wednesday night after the intersection's signal light failed to operate due to a power outage that darkened cities in California, Nevada and

Arizona. The outage resulted from gale-force winds that knocked out a transmission line near San Francisco.

# Three states powerless during storm

By The Associated Press

Amusement rides at Disneyland stopped in their tracks and San Francisco commuters were robbed as they left stalled electric trolleys when the first big storm of winter knocked out power to 2 million customers in three states. At least 10 people were killed in accidents linked to the storm. Heavy snow blocked highways Wednesday in California and Oregon, including the main north-south route serving the Pacific states, and gale-force winds flipped cars and closed the Golden Gate bridge as it swayed up to five feet. A 38-year-old man in Contra Costa County died when he picked up a fallen 20,000-volt power line and a city gardener was killed in San Francisco when a eucalyptus tree blew down on him. Two women in Washington state were killed Tuesday night by storm-toppled trees. Two civilian operators of a 50-ton crane used to remove fallen trees from Yerba Buena Island, a U.S. Navy station, died today when the machine overturned, said a Navy spokesman. Four men were killed and six injured in the Sierra Nevada when a rocket blew up inside a launcher used to control avalanches. The blackouts began Wednesday when a transmission tower at Altamont Pass, 50 miles northeast of San Francisco, blew over at 4:30 p.m., downing six lines carrying a total of nearly 2 million volts. The Rancho Seco nuclear power plant and two units at a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. oil-fired plant near Monterey shut down automatically to protect themselves from overload, said utility spokesman Greg Pruett. The interruptions lasted up to 2 1/2 hours as utilities intentionally shut off power to prevent further blackouts, with outages reported in scattered but often densely populated locations from San Francisco to San Diego, ranging as far east as Las Vegas, Nev., and Yuma, Ariz. In the San Francisco area, winds up to 92 mph tore boats from their moorings, and the Coast Guard said a pier was still floating free late Wednesday in the city's storm-tossed bay, carrying as many as 30 boats with it. The Golden Gate bridge was closed for two hours after 70 mph winds pushed cars together, overturning one vehicle. It was believed to be the first wind-caused closure of the landmark structure since 1951. Although the worst of the storm rolled through northern California by late Wednesday, Colorado residents were bracing for it today. "It looks like the whole state will get the possibility of heavy snow," said National Weather Service forecaster Doug Baugh. Interstate 5 remained closed early today for 63 miles at the California-Oregon border, and state police said motels were full.

In San Francisco, commuters stranded by the city's stalled electric trolleys were set upon by robbers. "We've had reports of at least 20 to 30 strong-armed robberies in the Western Addition," said Sgt. Dennis Schardt, referring to a low-income area near the civic center. A billboard along U.S. 101 blew apart near Belmont, scattering debris in front of a car which spun out of control, injuring its two occupants. A car flipped over on the San Mateo Bridge south of San Francisco, where trees blew down on rooftops and roadways. Many traffic lights failed in San Francisco, where meter maids used flares to guide commuters, although some motorists took advantage of special discounts offered by hotels. Holiday travelers aboard Amtrak's San Francisco Zephyr, heading from Chicago to Oakland, were halted by high water on tracks 15 miles northeast of San Francisco, eventually completing their trip by bus. More than a foot of rain fell in the coastal mountains where many hillside homes slid off their foundations in January and a mudslide killed 10 people at Ben Lomond last winter, but there were no immediate reports of slides. In Las Vegas, most residents had to break out candles, but gambling continued on the glittery Strip after emergency generators kicked in at major casinos. At Disneyland, 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles, roller coasters ground to a halt and about 7,700 people were escorted from the darkened amusement park by flashlight in the first evacuation in its 27-year history. "In a lot of cases, we had people stranded. We had to walk people off Space Mountain, the Matterhorn, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad," said Disneyland spokesman Al Flores. In Riverside, 55 miles east of Los Angeles, a Superior Court hearing was conducted by flashlight. Cars were backed up for miles trying to get onto a darkened freeway near Riverside with visibility also reduced because of rain and fog. Most of San Diego had no power for some time and major parts of Redding, Sacramento and San Jose were darkened. In Los Angeles, most of the city escaped with little more than a momentary dip in power, although scattered outages were reported and darkened traffic lights snarled rush-hour traffic. Norman Nichols, chief engineer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, said the outage was complicated when, simultaneously, a link to coal-fired power plants in Arizona and New Mexico also went out. "At our system in Los Angeles, we were suddenly deficient about 1,000 megawatts," roughly the equivalent of a major nuclear power plant, Nichols said. "So it was necessary to immediately disconnect a similar amount of load."

# Israeli consulate in Sydney destroyed by bomb

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general, said police told him the Palestine Liberation Organization claimed responsibility for the consulate bombing, which damaged three floors of the prestigious Westfield Towers building. Leba, who was in his office but not hurt in the blast, quoted authorities as saying a woman phoned Sydney police headquarters after the blast and said the PLO had planted the bomb. Police declined comment on Leba's statement, made in an Australian radio interview, and gave no indication as to who planted the bombs. A PLO spokesman here denied responsibility for the initial bombing. "We deny anything to do with it," said Ali Kazak, the PLO representative in Australia. There was no immediate PLO comment on the subsequent blast. In Jerusalem, the Israeli Foreign Ministry blamed Palestinian terrorists for both bombings in Australia, claiming the attacks represented "another attempt by Palestinian terrorism to deliberately sabotage peace efforts in the Middle East." Israel "vigorously denounces the criminal action" and "again calls on the states of the world to unite in the struggle against international terrorism," a ministry communique said. An elderly woman suffered serious injuries to her hand and another person was hospitalized with unspecified injuries in the consulate blast, police said. There was no immediate word on the conditions of the victims, who were not identified. Police said the consulate bomb, planted outside a door on the seventh floor leading to the fire stairs, tore a hole through solid concrete walls and blasted doors from their hinges. Insurance broker Paul Nethery, 33, was in his office on the sixth floor almost directly below the explosion. "The force of the blast threw me out of my chair and onto the floor," he said. "Then I was swamped by debris falling through the ceiling." He was treated for shock by paramedics.

Police ringed the streets around the building in the heart of the city. They called the Australian army's bomb squad in to assist in the investigation. The building also houses the consulates of Spain, Italy and Hungary, the offices of two former Australian prime ministers, Sir William McMahon and Gough Whitlam as well as a judicial inquiry into drug trafficking in Australia. McMahon said he was in his office in the 19th floor of the building when he heard the explosion 12 floors below him. "I think you could say it was a pretty serious bomb," he said. The bombings were the latest in a series this year aimed at Israel and Jewish targets around the world. Shortly after Israel's June 6 invasion of Lebanon to rout the PLO's guerrilla army, the U.S. and Israeli consulates in Zurich, Switzerland were damaged by bombs and terrorists shot up a string of Jewish targets in Paris. Just before the invasion, guerrillas attacked and seriously wounded the Israeli ambassador to London. In August, a bomb was hurled at the Israeli Embassy in Guatemala City, causing little damage and no injuries. In Quito, Ecuador, a bomb exploded last month at the building housing the Israeli Embassy, killing two policemen guarding the embassy, although none of the diplomatic staff was injured.

# Air traffic controllers to be monitored

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Federal Aviation Administration says he is ordering senior officials to randomly monitor air traffic controllers even though he is confident they are directing airplanes safely. FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms announced Wednesday the agency will begin test flights — "at all hours of the day" seven days a week — to check up on the way controllers conduct themselves. He promised to personally take the controls on some of the flights. "These expanded inspections and investigations will be conducted throughout the United States ... at all hours of the day and on weekends as well as weekdays," Helms said. FAA spokesman Dennis Feldman said the surveillance flights using FAA aircraft were expected to begin within a few days. The announcement came after the National Transportation Safety Board earlier in the week raised concerns about the training of new controllers, saying it discovered that inexperienced controllers often are training newcomers. Helms in a letter to NTSB Chairman Jim Burnett said the FAA shared the safety board's concerns that the air traffic system must be maintained with, as much safety as possible. But he did not specifically address the concerns cited by the board, saying the findings must be studied further. While acknowledging that the board's investigation has exposed a "potential problem," Helms said he was "confident that the (FAA) test program will once again confirm the safety of the system." "I concur," he said, "that safety is too

important a subject to leave even the slightest doubt in the minds of the NTSB members and the flying public." In the test flights, special attention will be given to signs of hesitance on the part of controllers, lack of clarity in their instructions, alertness in their responses to pilots, and pauses in their instructions which might indicate a lack of confidence, knowledge or comprehension, the FAA said. The safety board said Monday that in an examination of 50 FAA facilities its investigators found that many controllers are getting on-the-job training from inexperienced controllers. "These findings, the board continued, "revealed some specific safety problems (that) require immediate, corrective action" by the FAA to ensure that instructors are sufficiently experienced to handle the assignments.

# Decision may even out customers' rates

(Continued from Page 1A) greater competition and lower long-distance rates. But on Jan. 1, 1984, all residential customers will have to pay their local phone company a minimum \$2 monthly "access charge" — even if they don't place any long-distance calls. If they do make long-distance calls, customers' 1984 phone bill will include another 25 cents for each long distance connection — whether it's to AT&T Long Lines, MCI, Sprint, or Satelco, a small San Antonio long distance seller. The costs of these calls — aside from a connect fee — is expected to drop precipitately. In effect, the commission was declaring that the existing subsidy system will stifle competitor or ultimately drive large customers to build their own phone systems. To avoid both problems, the FCC says subsidies must go, and long distance and local customers must bear the costs of new competitiveness.

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Evening Only	\$67.00 \$28.00 \$13.00
Sunday Only	\$17.00 \$9.00 \$4.00

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# Knowledge from ignorance result of Christmas birth

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "And you will know the truth...the truth will make you free." As scripture relates, it was to free man from ignorance and darkness that Christ entered his life. Knowledge is the subject of this fourth installment of a five-part series about the special qualities of Christmas.

By **GEORGE W. CORNELL**  
AP Religion Writer

A blue-gray canopy rolls across the lowlands and up the sides of the plateau, covering the city of David in shadows, wiping the last purple shimmer from the eastern sky. The somber silhouette of the hills disappears in the night.

Now it is possible to see the stars.  
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Cloaked in a midnight veil lies the countryside and inky black the stony recess where Jesus was born, but in the deepest shade the night expands to recognize the subtler rays, the diamond flash and rare illumination.

"I have come as light into the world," his words announce.

A whistle calls in the blackness of the valley, and crouched there in shrouded watch, the shepherds spied the spark which beckoned from the cavern. "Behold..."

And learned eastern Magi, in their dim far-off observatories, saw the signal in the sable sky. "And lo, the star..."

**ACROSS THE VACANT** miles, a year or more through dusky gorge and desert plain, they came in searching wonderment. At last they found the child and joyously "they fell upon and worshiped him."

Gems and incense wreathed that haunting room. Yet darling clouds encompassed it, and danger filled that brutal time and Caesar's iron empire. The king's militia struck, slaying children under 2, but Jesus' family fled with him to hide in pagan exile.

Storm and dark surrounded him, and stalked him from that day to this, assailing him with death itself, though it could not contain him. Yet his resurrection, too, was in the middle of the night, to pledge enduring dawn.

"The darkness is passing away," proclaims St. John. "The true light already is shining."

Such an atmosphere identifies the real locale of Christmas.

He came and comes beyond the tense of time, in darkness, to enlighten, to reveal. And what intelligence does he convey? St. Paul defines it:

"The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

**FROM SOME PAST**, the forlorn cry of sages, patriarchs and prophets had beseeched a closer view, a deeper understanding of Almighty God. He seemed so overwhelming, distant, great, his ways past finding out.

"Why dost thou hide thy face?" the troubled Job implored. Go forward, backward, left or right, and God could not be found. "I am hemmed in by darkness. Oh, that I knew where I might find him."

And Isaiah cried, "O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down."

So went the age's plea, through yearning prayer and even

in the spreading eastern cuts and frenzies meant to conjure up a sense of supernatural presence.

"Entheol," they called the dizzy climax. "God indwelt."

The day was overcast and dark, and so it is in changing ways on every Christmas eve, though pageantry and ballads may depict it as blithe.

Into every "present darkness" rears the beacon.

Into wintry yesterdays, into gilt-venered uncertainties, dilemmas and alarms of now and unforeseen tomorrows, "the way, the truth, the life" breaks through the shutters of the world.

"**THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR**," the book of Revelation designates him.

And he said, "I and the Father are one."

The Christmas vision finds him and the longed-for knowledge of him in the coming forth of Christ.

"...the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages..." writes St. Paul. "...the image of the invisible God...in whom are hid all the wisdom and knowledge..."

In the curtailed night arrives the gift of Christmas.

"Let the light shine out of darkness," God decreed when first the earth was made, and so it did.

And now, in Christ, give thanks, exults the gospel of St. Luke, "the dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the ways of peace."

"He that sees me," said Jesus, "sees him that sent me."

**IN SCRIPTURE**, AN eternal being is ascribed to Christ, a oneness with the mind of God, his "logos," "word" or reasoning mentally as embodied creatively in action and in speech upon his birth as man.

"He was in the beginning with God," writes John. "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of man...we have beheld his glory..."

Through the pall of murky aims, confusion, fears and artificial "gods" and glitterings, the strange phenomenon, the singular disclosure is projected on the stage of history.

It gleams on every age, and measures time across the calendar, from Anno Domini until today. "The Son of God has come and has given us understanding to know him who is true..." writes the apostle John.

Yet, even in the lesson lingers mystery. How could it be? How could God, the infinite, presiding over untold worlds, condescend to be a tiny waif, a peasant's child, a homeless man who trudged the hills of Galilee?

"For now we see in a mirror dimly," Paul writes, "but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I am fully understood."

**THE DARKNESS HOVERS** still. It isn't gone. The record constantly confirms the circling gloom. It forms mankind's proscenium for the star, a star which shines unendingly in Christmas.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light," the prophet Isaiah foresaw. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..."

"Arise, shine, for thy light has come."

FRIDAY: The love in Christmas



Gretchen, a Portland, Ore., basset hound, wasn't too thrilled with her surroundings during a weekend shopping trip. However, she decided to take a pause and wreath herself in some holiday glory before resuming her walk.

## Unemployed Reno casino workers learn their town's got real heart

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — When two casinos closed a week before Christmas and 600 people lost their jobs, this gamblers' town found its heart.

For the 600 workers, the news came late Friday afternoon that their employers, the Mapes Hotel-Casino and the Money Tree Casino, could not meet their payrolls and would be closing immediately.

The next morning, the phone started ringing at the Salvation Army headquarters. By Monday, the calls were non-stop and a special "Operation North Pole" was set up to help the casino workers.

The gifts were as varied as they were unusual.

A taxi company offered free rides; a toy store donated free toys; a U-Haul Christmas tree lot had free trees; the neighboring Club Cal-Neva was prepared to give \$25 to each of the workers, totaling about \$15,000; and a Lion's Club chapter donated 250 turkeys.

Even the Washoe Medical Center had a gift: free emergency medical care.

"This is not a charity thing," insisted Elizabeth Shay, an Internal Revenue Service worker who took the week off to organize the effort. "This is an effort of love on behalf of the community."

Mrs. Shay said when she heard about the layoffs, "It just bothered me. So I decided, 'I'm going to do something about it.'"

Since then, she said, life has been hectic, but "it's one of the nicest Christmas weeks I've ever had."

The Salvation Army has established two different funds for the casino employees, one for food vouchers, another to raise cash. Each employee is being given a \$10 food voucher for each family member. Mayor Barbara Bennett is coordinating the drive to raise \$73,000 for the workers to help out until they get unemployment benefits. She hopes to disburse the money on Christmas Eve.

Gov. Robert List said Monday he has directed agencies who work with the jobless to give the Mapes-Money Tree workers "very special treatment." He

said he hoped the state could process unemployment claims within a week, instead of the usual two weeks or more.

The casino workers say they are grateful for the community support.

"A lot of people have tried to help. We appreciate that," said Vasiliki Mirdakis, whose husband, Tony, was a supervisor at the Mapes. The Mirdakis were standing in line at the Salvation Army with other casino workers waiting for their food vouchers. As they waited, volunteers offered them free coffee and cookies.

"I have a couple of kids, my rent is due, my utilities are due. I have no money," Mirdakis said. "Just before Christmas — it's really terrible."

Maj. Kenneth Angel, Reno administrator for the Salvation Army, said he's surprised by the amount of support the workers have received.

"It's unreal," he said. "People have been walking in here (to help) just constantly."

## 'Weird' light may have been jet plane trails

**ROSWELL, N.M. (AP)** — A football-shaped bright light in the night sky that prompted calls to the fire department might have been the contrail of a jet, authorities say.

"It was kind of weird looking," said Garland Everett, a state police communications operator. "I imagine it was a jet. It looked like a jet's stream would look in the daytime."

The Roswell Fire Department received reports of an explosion Monday night, but city police and fire units sent to the area, six miles west of the city, could not find anything, a department official said.

"The jet's stream looked like an arc about the shape of a football. It was quite large," Everett said. "It's clear as a bell here and pretty cold. You could

see lights ahead of the thing. It probably lasted about five minutes."

There was no explosion, he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration was contacted "and they didn't have anything at all," Everett said.

Jim Lovelady, a spokesman for White Sands Missile Range, said the range has been closed since Friday afternoon for maintenance.

### Queen plans Mexico meeting

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Queen Elizabeth II will meet with President Miguel de la Madrid when the royal yacht Britannia anchors off Mexico's Pacific coast in mid-February, a spokesman for the British embassy said Monday.

In addition to her meeting with de la Madrid, the queen probably will visit the resort areas of Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta.

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## Long-living dealership closes doors

**REEDSBURG, Wis. (AP)** — The Townsend Metcalf Auto Co. opened its doors on May 1, 1910, selling black Model T Fords to area farmers. Now that 72-year-old tradition has ended, a victim of the 1982 recession.

The dealership, which survived the Great Depression and prospered during the 1950s and '60s, died Monday because 90 percent of the people in the area can no longer afford the cars, one salesman said.

Renamed Heritage Motors, the company was the one of the 12 oldest automobile dealerships in the country and the oldest in Wisconsin, according to Bill Carroll, a Ford spokesman in Detroit.

Reuben Gade, a car salesman who is something of a historian for this community of 5,000, said the Model Ts delivered to the dealership in 1910 were brought in standing on end on railroad cars. Fenders and windshields were added on delivery or at the dealership itself.

In those days, salesmen traveled to rural homes in horse-drawn sleighs

during the winter to sell cars for delivery in the spring, since cars couldn't be driven during the winter, said Gade, who owned the dealership from 1948 to 1978.

"The cost of making and installing a mechanism to open the car door was cheaper years ago," Gade said. "These car prices (today) aren't affordable for 90 percent of the people in our area."

William Townsend, a co-owner of the dealership, blamed the closing on high interest rates and the high cost of labor in mass-producing today's safer, more fuel-efficient and option-laden cars.

The cost of labor, upwards of \$20 per hour, "is the crux of the whole thing," said Townsend, a former Chicago consulting engineer who bought into Heritage in January 1981.

Townsend, no relation to one of the original owners, said the prolonged recession hit this rural southern Wisconsin dealership harder than its urban counterparts because Heritage Motors mostly sold trucks to farmers, who also have "had a tough time of it" and have not been buying vehicles in recent years.

The crunch began in 1980 when only 201 new cars were sold, compared to 304 in 1979. The dealership had sold only 100 cars for 1982. This year's sales figure was only slightly better than those from 1929 to 1934 in the Great Depression, he said.

The Depression may have been worse than today's recession, he said, but "people were more acclimated to tough times back then."

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# A year later, Kentucky's miners can't forget their tragedy

TOPMOST, Ky. (AP) — More than two dozen miners perished last year in a five-week string of mining disasters in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. But Ralph Stone and Clara Stone remember one in particular. They lost a son.

The first anniversary of the Topmost tragedy, the second of the four accidents, passed this month without any official observance. But that doesn't mean residents have forgotten Dec. 7, 1981, when the rugged eastern Kentucky hills here shook from an explosion at Adkins Coal Co.'s No. 18 mine — and killed eight men.

"No, we haven't forgotten, not even for a minute," Stone said. "I was in the garage, working on David's dune buggy, when I felt the blast shake the ground," recalled Stone, himself a disabled miner. "Pretty soon the ambulances started going by and I knew something bad had happened."

A SHORT TIME later the Stones learned that their 25-year-old son was among the dead.

"David had several old cars and that was the truck he drove to the mine

that day," Stone said, gesturing to a battered pickup parked in the yard. "We haven't had the heart to get rid of any of them."

He walked to the truck and ran his finger along the rim of a tire. "Look," he said, holding up a blackened forefinger. "This is some of the coal dust from that mine."

After the funeral, Stone went ahead and finished refurbishing his son's dune buggy. Now, on occasion, he drives it through town so the people will see it and remember David.

Randall Caudill is one of those who remember David Stone.

"HE WAS ONE of my best friends," Caudill said, as he killed time at a small local gasoline station. "A good boy, David was. He really enjoyed life, what he had of it."

What Ora "Orie" Stone most remembers is the pain she felt upon learning of the death of her husband, Robert "Bobby" Stone, a distant cousin of David. It's a pain that won't go away.

"The rest is just a blur," she said, sitting in her living room at nearby Brinkley. "I don't know how many peo-

ple came up to the house and talked to me after Bobby was killed."

Mrs. Stone was pregnant with her 10th child when the mine exploded. A boy was born nine days later.

"He was named Robert Matthew Stone, after his father," said the sad-eyed woman, whose eight living children range in age from one to 21. "He never met his daddy but the rest of the kids still miss their father something awful."

MRS. SLONE, 40, said her youngest daughter has had the hardest time.

"All the kids take spells," she said. "But it's worse for Peggy. She was real close to her father and she takes spells of crying for him. She cried all night one night last week and I finally had to take her to the clinic to get her calmed down."

Mrs. Stone and her husband were high school sweethearts who started dating when they were 16. "We were married two years later," she said. "That's when he went to work in the mines."

Dec. 2 would have been their 22nd anniversary.

"I took some flowers up to his grave," she said, staring at the blinking lights on the family's Christmas tree. "It's been hard without him, but it gets really rough this time of year."

IT'S BEEN ROUGH for all the families. Not only have they had to deal with sorrow, but with anger as well. Last spring, they and several thousand other area residents signed a petition and presented it to federal mine safety officials. They demanded a full-scale investigation of the explosion, which officials said had been caused by the ignition of highly volatile coal dust.

Just two weeks ago, Ora Stone and the families of seven of the eight victims filed a \$52 million civil suit against the coal company, which they allege was negligent.

Ora Stone declined to discuss the suit. "No, I don't want to talk about that," she said. "It will all come out later, I reckon."

Investigators attributed the Topmost accident to problems with "shooting from the solid," a pre-mechanization

technique of blasting coal loose from mine walls. After the tragedy, the Kentucky Legislature passed a law restricting the practice.

Willard Stanley, director of the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, said he believed the new restrictions were working.

"WE HAVE A real good handle on that now, or at least I think we do," Stanley said. "We've had a lot of complaints from companies and that's a

real good indicator to me that our inspectors are doing their job."

But the law came too late for Ora Stone, who has her hands full just taking care of her family.

"I moved out of that rickety old house we lived in at Topmost and came over here so the kids could have a safe, warm place," she said.

"Now, we're living on Social Security and compensation. We've got a warm house and we're getting by, but it was a terrible price to pay."

## 'Saturday Night' veteran Morris doesn't decry fate

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

HOLLYWOOD — It was only the second day of rehearsal, but Garrett Morris already had most of his lines down cold. He went at the role in earnest, as if this guest spot on a weekly TV series really counted for something.

It did. Morris, an original cast member on NBC's epochal "Saturday Night Live" show, has not been much in evidence since that first, quite singular group abandoned the show in 1979-80. The other originals — Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Jane Curtin, Bill Murray, Laraine Newman and Gilda Radner — were lavished upon graduation with movie deals and piles of money. Belushi, Aykroyd and Murray were directly sainted by Hollywood.

But Morris somehow missed the "Saturday Night" gravy train. He got no movie deals, no one-man shows on Broadway, and on television, Morris' post-"Saturday Night" career has consisted of "Saturday Night" reruns.

So, Morris happily came to Universal Studios recently to play the part of a crooked street-corner Santa Claus in an episode of NBC's floundering sitcom, "Diff'rent Strokes." Garrett Morris, charter member of TV's most admired comedy ensemble since Sid Ca-

sar's assemblage, working tired short-people gags with Gary Coleman. "From 'Saturday Night' to Saturday evening," one of the show's publicists joked. And Morris was glad of the chance to do it.

"Craftsmen work on their jobs," Morris said during a rehearsal break. "If you're an actor, it's your job to act, to try to create the moments as good as you can. I thank God for this job. That's what I'm supposed to be doing. I'm supposed to be acting."

Morris, 45 now and with a trace of gray in his trim goatee, avoids any hint of bitterness when considering the post-"Saturday Night" careers of the other original players (each of whom has completed at least one movie). He said he doesn't make comparisons.

"As far as what the other people have done, I don't concern myself with that," Morris said. "If you do that, you'd go crazy, wouldn't you? I never concerned myself with it because I'm on my own path and whatever comes to me, I feel it comes because of what I do."

"But see, my life isn't over yet. Whatever people may feel is their idea of what I should be doing, that's their idea, and I can understand that. But so far as I'm concerned, if I were to deal with it competitively, I'd be crazy. I'd much rather deal with it by saying, 'OK, this is what has happened with them (his former colleagues), and that's cool. But something's got to happen.' Unless I die right away, something's got to

happen." For all his good-humored disclaimers, Morris clearly has pondered the uneven distribution of post-"Saturday Night" success. Why no movie parts for Chico Escuela? Why was Morris' "Saturday Night" diploma any less valuable than those of the other cast members?

The only answer he can offer is the age-old actors' lament: He had the wrong agent.

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## Flytrap workings explained

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — The alluring leaves of the Venus flytrap, which snap shut on unsuspecting insects, move at a speed perhaps unmatched in the plant world, say biologists who have learned how the trap springs.

The white-flowered swamp plant has rapidly expanding cells that close the hinged leaves at high speed, said Stephen E. Williams of Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., and Alan B. Bennett of the state College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University here.

The researchers said cells in the outer layers of the trap leaves, or lobes, expand almost instantly and force the trap to close after several "trigger hairs" inside are touched by insects.

They published their findings in the current issue of Science, the magazine of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

What surprised them most was the speed at which the cells enlarge.

"This rapid cell expansion is possibly the fastest on record in the plant world," Williams said.

Once the cells become bigger, they remain that way, a phenomenon rarely seen in rapid plant movements, Williams said. As the trap reopens, cells making up the inner layers of the trap also expand.

The findings disprove a long-held theory that all very rapid plant movements are due to movements of salts that cause sudden changes in the water pressure in the leaf tissue, Williams said.

In the Venus flytrap, the trigger hairs produce electrical pulses, something similar to human nerve signals, Williams said. The electrical message travels throughout the leaf, stimulating the cells to acidify the cell walls. The acid breaks up some of the cell-wall components, notably fibers, allowing the cell to enlarge greatly.

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WASHINGTON — Whether you drive a tiny compact automobile, a diesel-powered luxury car or a huge 18-wheeler truck, you could be paying an additional 5 cents a gallon in federal tax next April under the bill struggling through Congress.

The increase from 4 cents to 9 cents also will cover fuel used in the family motorboat, under the bill that has passed the House.

But if you operate your vehicle primarily off the highways, such as on the farm, in the forest for timber harvesting or in mining operations, or if you burn the pure alcohol fuels — ethanol or methanol — you get an exemption from the full 9-cent tax.

And if you burn gasoline — a mixture of gasoline and alcohol — you would get a 4-cent break on the federal tax.

The House version of the bill also would provide an exemption from the whole federal gas tax for commercial and school buses, vehicles operated by state and local governments, non-profit educational institutions and businesses, but not under the bill being debated by the Senate.

The two bills also provide different treatment of the federal excise tax on motor vehicle tires with the House bill providing a jump from the current 9.75 cents a pound to 25-cents a pound, but only on tires that weigh more than 100 pounds. The excise tax on the smaller tires, which cover most automobiles and light trucks, would be reduced under the House bill.

The Senate bill, however, keeps the 9.75-cent-a-pound tax on tires weighing up to 50 pounds and increases it to 15-cents a pound for tires in the 50-100 pound range and to 25-cents a pound for tires over 100 pounds.

Both bills would increase the highway use tax applied to heavy trucks but different in the date of the increases.

A U.S. Department of Transportation spokesman said the federal gas tax normally is applied at the refinery and is passed on to the final consumer at the pump.

## Pittsburgh kids discriminating shoppers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — There's none of that silly kid stuff when pint-sized buyers head for their very own shop to select Christmas presents.

Like their parents, the young consumers worry about money when it comes to choosing holiday gifts.

"Oh, no, that's too much," 10-year-old Dennis O'Leary groaned as he quickly dropped \$5 worth of jewelry back on the shelf.

"I look at prices first," confided Lynn Nester, 8, a two-time visitor to the shop. "Then if it's not too much, I buy."

For the past 10 Decembers, a downtown department store has invited children to browse on their own through a shop designed with the miniature in mind.

No parents are allowed inside. Instead, children are led around by store employees dressed as elves while they choose gifts from the perfume, candy, scarves, hats, socks, toy and pet snacks which border the aisles on low, red shelves. Everything is priced at \$5 or less.

"Kids are really choosy shoppers. You think they would be irresponsible, but they look for bargains. They go for the cheaper things," said Anna Kosanovich, 30, as she put young shoppers' selections into a box. She, too, had shopped

there as a child.

"Children are wiser and thriftier now. And they ask for brand names," said Donna Morgan, 28, as she pressed a red bow on a box.

About 150 children pass through the shop each day, according to Janet Pugliese, who manages the 20-person department.

Parents provide a list of gift recipients and a spending total, then wait as their children go on the shopping spree. The children take anywhere from a few minutes to an hour to choose their gifts and then wait as the items are rung up at a cash register and wrapped.

The benefits are numerous, Ms. Pugliese said.

"It's often the first time they've done anything on their own," she said. "They're the only ones who know what's inside their boxes."

"There are certain memories of Christmas you carry through to your adult years. This is one."

Like other shoppers, there are those who complain.

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# Evening TV Schedule

## Belker's helper

Undercover cop Mike Belker (Bruce Weitz) is the unwilling recipient of civilian assistance in the form of Capt. Freedom (Dennis Dugan) on the episode of "Hill Street Blues" NBC repeats Thursday, Dec. 23, 9 p.m., channel 9

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3:30	Beachcomber	Alice	Enough	XETU	Theatre	Electric Co.	Pink Panther	Basketball		Brady Bunch
4:00	Happy Days	Merv	Day At Time	Extrano	Giligan	Miller Rogers	Scoby Doo		Pege	Bewitched
5:00	CH22 News	Griffin	Good Times	Mundo Latino	Happy Days	Sesame	Eight is	SportsForum	Movie: "Harry's"	Carol Burnett
5:30	ABC News	CBS News	NBC News	Noticiero	Lavama	Street	Enough			Bob Newhart
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9:30		Reports	Blues	Blues	A Love Story"	Coastaux	Club	Top Rank		Bucks
10:00	News	News	News	Movie:	Benny Hill	Soap	Dr. Who		Movie:	News
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12:00	CNN News		Una Limosa	Chiquititas	Combat		"Louisiana	College		
12:30			Overnight				Purchase"	Basketball		Movie

# Reagan may find 98th Congress strong-willed

By CLIFF HAAS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 97th Congress convened Jan. 5, 1981, eager to do the bidding of President Reagan. It is limping into history, disillusioned and indicating to the president that the 98th Congress will have a will of its own.

The Republican tidal wave of 1980 made the Democratic majority in the House a majority in name only. The Senate convened with a Republican majority for the first time since January 1965.

In his inaugural address, Reagan promised a "new beginning."

"It is time to reawaken this industrial giant, to get government back within its means and to lighten our punitive tax burden," Reagan told the crowd. "These will be our first priorities, and on these principles, there will be no compromise."

Democratic leaders called the Republicans — and some conservative Democrats — "robots" who were marching in lockstep with Reagan.

But by autumn 1981, the nation was hit with its second recession in two years. Interest rates remained high and unemployment was on the way up. Financial markets were shaken. Deficit projections were ballooning.

The 97th Congress' confidence in Reaganomics began to waver.

The administration responded Sept. 24, 1981, with a package of another \$13 billion in budget cuts and \$3 billion in "revenue enhancements" — tax increases.

CONGRESS BALKED. Senate Republicans, growing into their role as the majority, said no to the president. House Republicans also said no. The package died.

And House Democrats, especially Speaker Thomas P.

REAGNONOMICS WAS ON its way with the president's congressional allies embracing the promise of a balanced federal budget, lower taxes, less government and a revitalized economy.

But the Congress that is fading away leaves behind a nation suffering with its highest jobless rate since the Great Depression, skyrocketing budget deficits and a foundering economy.

Two days shy of a month after the inauguration, Reagan sent Congress his economic plan, titled "America's New Beginning: A Program for Economic Recovery."

By summer, the Democratic-controlled House was dancing to a Republican tune.

Now, even Republican leaders say that the budget Reagan will send Congress in January 1983 likely will be "dead on arrival."

REAGAN ESPOUSED supply-side economics: Return taxes to workers and business, restrict the growth of government and the public will have more incentive to work harder and save more. That would spark the economy and defeat inflation.

To do this, the administration proposed to cut billions from fiscal 1982 spending and reduce taxes by billions more.

He won from Congress \$35.2 billion in budget cuts for fiscal 1982 and a total of \$130.6 billion over four years.

Reagan used his popularity and political muscle to push through the unprecedented package of cuts across the breadth of government. The administration ballyhooed support for the program as affirmation of the mandate of Reagan's presidential election.

The same scenario held as Reagan and his supporters pushed through a package containing a three-step personal income tax rate cut, tying future personal income tax rates to the rate of inflation, and a major tax relief for business and industry, in all, about \$740 billion in tax cuts over five years.

REPUBLICANS HAILED the achievement and talked even of taking control of the House in the next election on the strength of the economic recovery that was about to come.

## An Analysis

O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., sensed a shift. In 1982, the second session of the 97th Congress gave virtually no support to the budget Reagan submitted in February.

Election-year pressure and a worsening economic outlook, though, produced a budget stalemate between Reagan and Congress.

O'Neill and Reagan held a face-to-face meeting in the Capitol in a last-ditch attempt to fashion a compromise that would meet the crisis and dampen the political fallout from the hard choices that had to be made. The meeting ended with no agreement.

Meanwhile, the GOP-controlled Senate Budget Committee unanimously rejected Reagan's February submission. The House voted down budget after budget.

FINALLY, CONGRESSIONAL Republicans and administration officials drafted a spending blueprint that Reagan also endorsed. Congress completed action on the measure six weeks after the statutory May 15 deadline.

Meanwhile, projections of 12-digit deficits persisted. More revenues were needed.

This time Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, pushed and Reagan had to reluctantly agree to an election-year package of \$98.3 billion in tax increases over three years.

At the same time, Congress gave Reagan his first major budget defeat when it overrode his veto of a \$14.2 billion supplemental appropriations bill the president had called a "budget buster."

THE PRESIDENT managed to keep his military build-up on track through the 97th Congress and fended off efforts to seriously dismantle his earlier economic victories, but among the programs he supported that Congress defeated were:

- Social bills to limit court-ordered school busing and allow voluntary prayer in public schools.
- Recommendations to abolish the departments of Energy and Education.
- Calls to revise clean air and water laws.



## Your horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Friday, Dec. 24, 1982

**YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY:** American frontiersman Kit Carson and the late reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes were born on this date. Also sharing your birthday: Ava Gardner, fabled journalist I.F. (Izzy) Stone, choreographer Robert Joffrey and football's John Matuzsak. Those celebrating birthdays today are rugged individualists who enjoy spending a lot of time with their thoughts. Make sure mate understands your need for privacy and reflection. Some marvelous financial luck will soon be yours. Although travel is indicated, the best business deals are made close to home. Try not to be away for too long. Romance is exciting, but you are not yet sold on settling down. Remember, your birthday and Christmas gifts may be the same!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Your fairness pays off in a happy family Christmas Eve. Enjoy the warmth and fellowship of those relationships that are truly important to you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): People go out of their way to be helpful today. Put your best foot forward around your family and friends. Sharing is what makes Christmas a very special time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Romance is in the spotlight. Stop waiting for the circumstances to be exactly right. Take advantage of a Christmas family gathering to spread the good news.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Pleasing your neighbors is just about impossible today, but do your best. Christmas will be all the sweeter when you sit down with your loved ones.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): A romantic Christmas Eve more than meets your expectations. Share your good news with an old friend. A telephone call has special meaning.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put your children ahead of everything else tonight. A hidden factor makes this an especially wonderful day. You and romantic partner reaffirm your commitment to each other.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A romance which has been bubbling beneath the surface suddenly comes out in the open. An elegant dinner in front of the fireplace receives raves.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Loved one needs support and comfort more than lavish gifts. Once an argument is settled to the satisfaction of everyone involved, change the conversation!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fast responses increase your chances for a happy Christmas Eve. Romance progresses just as you are about to throw in the towel. Enjoy a supper party.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Present your ideas when the whole family gathers this Christmas Eve. A December wedding still possible. The tension of the past few days disappears.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your faith in a young person is rewarded. Force yourself to get some exercise. The weekend could be very expensive if you do not act as supervisor.

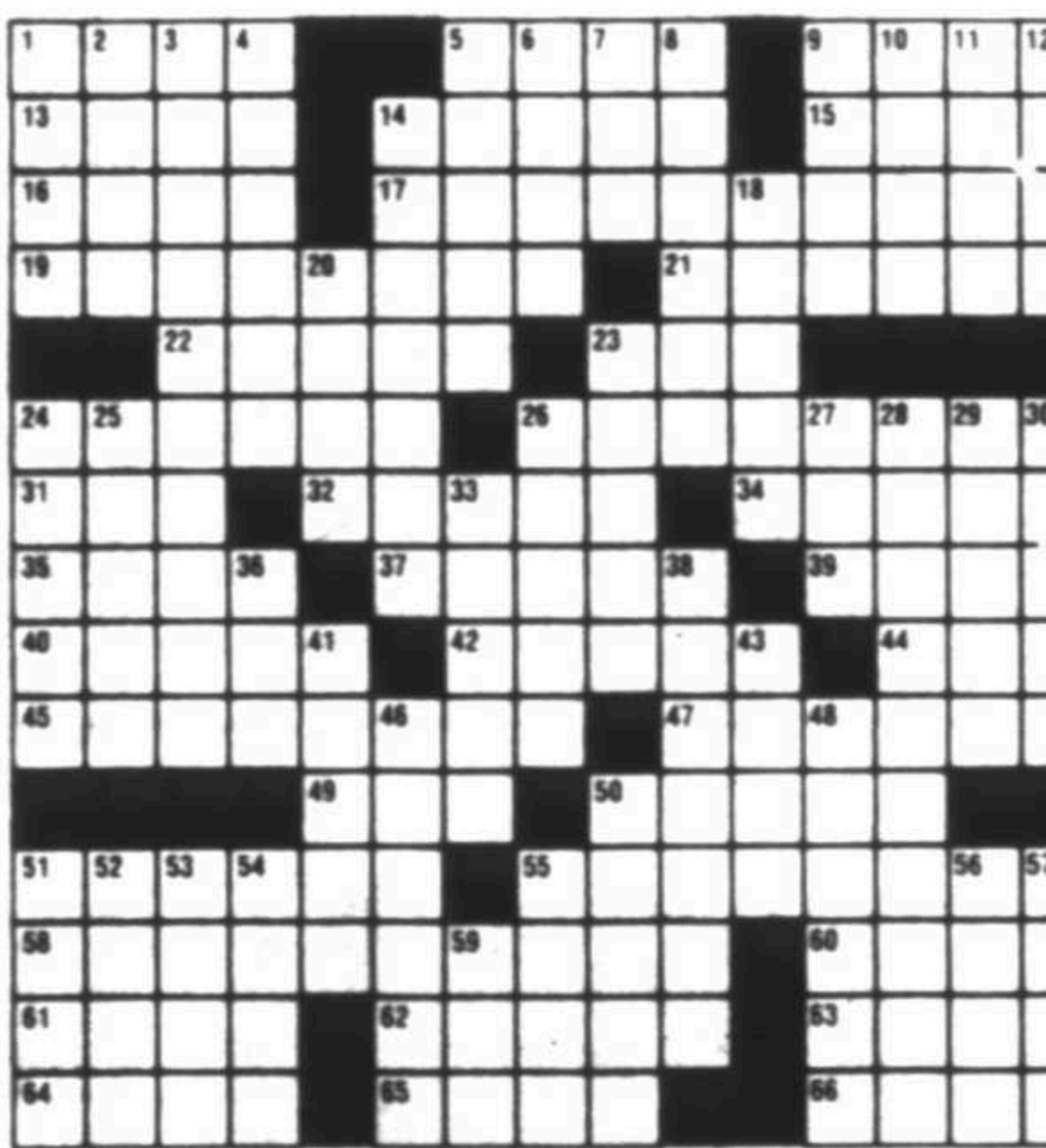
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Postpone all business and career decisions until after the holidays. You are able to juggle several tasks at once. The romantic outlook brightens.

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Answer on Markets Page

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
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Opening lead: Queen of ♠.

Some defenders are eager to adversely affect your financial well-being. The prudent course is to give them a wide berth.

North-South reached their optimum contract in

straightforward fashion.

When his Stayman inquiry elicited the information that South did not have a four-card major suit, North briefly considered probing for an alternative contract in one of his minors. However, since this course risked a possible partnership misunderstanding, North decided to settle for the no-trump game.

That was no snap after West led a spade honor. Declarer had only six fast tricks, and the enemy held the aces in the suits declarer would have to develop for his contract. In addition, declarer would have to strive to keep East off lead until he had developed three tricks, because he could not stand a lead through his spade tenace.

However, careful technique prevailed. Declarer won the ace of spades, cashed the ace of clubs and overtook the queen of clubs with the king. Now he led a low heart from dummy. If West held the ace and won the trick, he would not be able to continue the spade attack without yielding declarer his ninth

trick.

As the cards lie, East has the ace of hearts, but he could not afford to rise with that card—that would have given declarer three heart tricks and his contract. When the jack of hearts won, declarer crossed back to the table by overtaking the ten of clubs with the jack and now led a diamond. Since East would again be giving declarer his ninth trick, he had to duck again.

With two red tricks in the bank to go with his six tricks in the blacks, declarer simply continued by leading a heart to the king. That was his ninth trick (he still had a club entry to dummy's high heart) and a just reward for careful play.

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## Have a happy holiday

The approach of Christmas and the New Year's holiday each year puts many Midlanders in the mood to travel to the homes of distant relatives or loved ones. Others will stay in Midland to host friends and relatives. That's part of the joy of this season; it brings people together in the spirit of peace, good will and love.

Sadly, though, the gaiety of this season all too often is quieted by tragic and avoidable accidents on the highways and around the home. Accidents happen so suddenly and unpredictably: A highway crash that leaves a Midland family suffering from injuries or grieving for the loss of a loved one. Two teenagers are enjoying their Christmas gifts — hunting guns — when one accidentally shoots the other. A Christmas tree kept in an over-warm residence a week or two too long catches fire and leaves a family homeless.

Many accidents happen needlessly. With a little extra caution,

some time expended on a safety precaution, accidents often can be averted. There are, of course, a number of simple rules which can be followed for a safer, happier holiday. Most of us already know those rules; we just don't always take time to adhere to them.

— Drivers should avoid alcoholic beverages until reaching their destination. Drivers should rest frequently.

— All motorists should use safety belts.

— Parents should make certain their youngsters fully understand the operation of all toys or appliances before allowing them to use the items.

— Christmas trees should be kept away from open flames and discarded promptly after the holiday.

This is a season of joy and happiness. It is a season of brotherly love. Don't let an accident spoil it. Whatever you do in celebration of this holiday, do it safely and have a merry Christmas and happy New Year!

## Parting words from Byrd

Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr., like his father before him, has been one of the most persistent watchdogs of the public pursestrings. The Virginia Independent thinks our government costs too much, and does not mind saying so.

He is one of five retiring senators. In a sort of valedictory sermon on the topic of fiscal responsibility, he made the following remarks:

"Congress needs to get its own house in order. The cost of operating the legislative branch has skyrocketed over the past 18 years. The building of a new \$137.7 million Senate office building is a considerable extravagance. If we didn't have such big staffs, we wouldn't need another office building.

"Most members take the view:

'Since the money is available to hire large staffs, we might as well spend it.' The objective in the last few years has been to give every senator in the majority party a subcommittee chairmanship. That's all right in a way, but I think it's carrying things a bit to extreme. It builds up more staff — more people trying to develop new programs and new ways to spend money."

The gentleman from Virginia is not alone in his lament about monetary matters in the Congress. Many of the 83 other lawmakers who will shortly be leaving the two branches have expressed similar views.

Let us hope an increasing number of voters listens to these voices of experience. A federal deficit approaching the trillion-dollar mark is at stake.

### Another View:

## Politics or leadership?

Both President Reagan and House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. have good reasons to be wary of meeting to see if they can devise a compromise plan for rescuing Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Insurance Fund from insolvency. Their reasons have little to do with how OASI can be made solvent, however, and have everything to do with politics.

The rub is that unless they meet and if they are not able to reconcile basic Republican and Democratic differences, the critical issue of how to save Social Security is likely to remain stuck in a political stalemate through the 1984 presidential elections. If that is allowed to happen, Social Security's sickly fiscal health will become more acute — unnecessarily — and the medicine, when it is administered, will be harder for the country to swallow.

Social Security has two financial problems — one short-range and the other long-range. The latter is easier to solve than the former. Between now and 1990, the system will need upward of \$175 billion to survive. OASI recipients are receiving their monthly checks now only because Congress has authorized the fund to borrow from two other Social Security funds — disability insurance and hospital insurance. That has given OASI some breathing room, but can't continue indefinitely without bankrupting the disability and hospital trust funds, too.

The blue-ribbon, bipartisan National Commission on Social Security Reform, which President Reagan created last year with O'Neill's concurrence, has reached a Democratic-Republican impasse over what should be done. Any basic solution will involve increas-

ing scheduled payroll taxes over the next seven years and curtailing cost-of-living increases in benefits. The disagreement between Republicans and Democrats on the commission is over how much to raise the payroll tax and how much to slow the growth of benefits. Democrats want to lean more heavily on tax increases, particularly for the wealthy, and Republicans want to weigh commission recommendations on curtailing future benefits.

It is a difficult, sticky problem and members of Congress on the commission have made the realistic assessment that nothing the commission recommends will lift Social Security out of the political quagmire unless it has the support of the White House and the House Democratic leadership. Thus, they are urging President Reagan and O'Neill to give them some bipartisan guidance. But neither wants to make the first move, for fear apparently of getting blamed for whatever finally is done.

Well, there is blame enough for Social Security's financial problem to be distributed equally between both parties and between the White House and Congress. The crisis grows more severe with each passing month and the choice that squarely confronts President Reagan and O'Neill is between devising a workable rescue plan or allowing Social Security to drift toward insolvency.

The millions of people who depend on Social Security and the millions who pay into the funds are looking to the president and the speaker to put aside partisan considerations and grasp the nettle. No one else is in a position to do so. It would be a travesty of leadership if they fail.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Wilson linked to shipment of 'killer cameras'

WASHINGTON — In the 1940 film classic, "Foreign Correspondent," an assassin posing as a news photographer trains his camera on a world statesman, trips the flash, and simultaneously fires a fatal bullet.

That fictional scene could happen at any moment in real life, with only one small change in the script: The bullet would be fired right through the camera lens.

There could be upwards of 300 of these "assassination" cameras currently in the hands of terrorists around the world — courtesy of Libyan dictator Muammar Khadafy and his erstwhile supplier, ex-CIA agent Edwin Wilson. Each of the diabolical devices is capable of firing two .22 caliber bullets through the lens with deadly accuracy.

The story was provided to my associate Dale Van Atta by a former Wilson employee. It has been corroborated by other sources, documents, and transcripts of secret testimony before the House Intelligence Committee.

Through his attorney, Wilson denied any role in the manufacture of the murderous cameras. But the former associate emphatically asserted: (1) that Wilson had requested that a prototype be developed for Khadafy; and (2) that Wilson was "the one who tried it out."

Here are the details: In April 1978, Wilson gave the associate a list of assassination devices he wanted to procure for Libya. At the top of the list were the camera guns, to be equipped with silencers, if possible. "I want a lot of them and I want them accurate," Wilson told the associate. "You take care of the details and tell me how much it costs." After a successful prototype was developed, the

former associate said, Wilson planned to set up a shop on his Virginia farm to make them.

The associate and a companion flew to Tampa, Fla., and arranged for a mechanically talented acquaintance to build the prototype. According to a Wilson company voucher and National Airlines ticket records, the flight was made on April 23, 1978.

Leaving his companion behind to assist the inventor, the associate returned to Washington. In less than a month, the inventor and the assistant arrived in the capital by rented car, bringing with them a working camera-gun. The associate picked the pair up at the rental-car office and paid the bill with Wilson company money.

The following day, the inventor and the associate drove to a secluded site in Virginia to test the device. Firing at a can floating in a stream, they found the camera-gun to be remarkably accurate.

When they delivered the weapon to Wilson at his sprawling estate in Upperville, Va., he couldn't wait to test it. He instructed the associate, the inventor and another aide to climb into his Cadillac, and the gang of four careened across rocks and ruts to a remote corner of the farm. "I thought he was crazy," said the associate.

The camera gun "worked like a charm," the associate said, and Wilson "thought it was great." But Wilson didn't want to risk carrying it to Khadafy on his person, so he inveigled the inventor into toting it. A telex copy of the ticket purchase shows that the two took the same flight to Libya on May 21, 1978.

Wilson quickly wired the associate that the camera-gun was a big hit and ordered him to scour local shops in search of older cameras. The older models were sturdier than newer ones and wouldn't blow up in an assassin's face.

Eventually, between 250 and 300 cameras were sent to Tripoli to be converted into weapons.

Footnote: The inventor of the deadly device never got paid. Wilson depo-

sited his money — more than \$200,000 — in a Swiss bank account to which the inventor has no access. During Wilson's recent trial in Alexandria, Va., on weapons-smuggling charges, the inventor joined the crowd of spectators, hoping to get a word with his debtor, to no avail.

ANOTHER DONOVAN DILEMMA: When special prosecutor Leon Silverman investigated labor-payoff charges against Labor Secretary Ray Donovan, he found no indictable violations. But the Federal Election Commission and the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn are conducting follow-up probes.

Now another Silverman — unrelated — has slipped into the continuing Donovan scenario. He is Daniel Silverman, New York regional director of the National Labor Relations Board.

His office is investigating claims that Donovan's former construction company violated labor laws by filing a libel suit against Mario Montuoro in order to retaliate against him for sparking the Donovan investigation.

Montuoro had charged that Donovan was present at a 1977 meeting where labor payoffs were made, but the special prosecutor could not confirm the charge.

The second Silverman will make the initial judgment of whether the libel suit filed against Montuoro is a form of retaliation and a violation of the law, or whether the case should go to court.

If it does go to trial, it is possible that Secretary Donovan will be called to testify.

CAPITAL COMEDY: Addressing a National League of Cities conference in San Diego, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., explained why he was so happy to be in the land of fund and sun. "I've been offered tours of Universal Studios, Disneyland and Magic Mountain," the senator said. "We have those things in Washington, but they're called the White House, the Congress and the national debt."

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### GEORGE F. WILL

## Government represents 'conflicting desires'

WASHINGTON — Howard Baker is normally as jolly as Father Christmas, but in recent days he must have wanted to say to one or another of his filibustering Republican colleagues, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!"

The sons of the very early morning included Sens. Helms, East, Nickles and Humphrey, embarrassments to North Carolina (twice), Oklahoma and New Hampshire respectively.

Trying to reason with such persons in the waning hours of a lame-duck session is like trying to discuss golf with King Lear while he is raging on the heath. Unfortunately, Senate rules that allow filibusters reflect accommodations that are more subtle than some senators. Senate procedures measure intensity of feeling as well as numerical strength. The filibuster, an expression of intense opposition, is used frivolously when the intensity is disproportionate to the principle at issue.

Proper filibusters — proper in that they satisfied the proportionality standard — were waged over civil-rights legislation in the mid-1960s, and over presidential war-making authority in the early 1970s. Those filibusters vented intense feelings about basic rights, war and peace, and constitutional propriety.

But last weekend, what epochal issue caused pent-up passion to spill from the Republican filibusters? Just a

nickle tax on a gallon of gasoline. And what was the principle at issue? That taxes were yucky? Would Helms, East, Nickles and Humphrey have filibustered about four cents? Three? What would they have done about 10 cents — threatened to blow up the Washington monument?

The trivialization of the filibuster was not the main reason why Congress staggered to the end of the session looking like the schooner Hesperus that sailed the wintry sea. Congress is buckling beneath the strain because there are still just 535 seats, and the business of legislation, oversight and constituent service grows geometrically as the country grows more clamorous.

To help itself, and especially to enable it to peg up with the executive branch, Congress has provided itself with an enormous staff. Since the dark ages (1970-72) when I was a member of that staff, it has grown rapidly to 30,000. The result is a bureaucratization that causes government to congeal like cold mashed potatoes.

The staff has a professional interest in the kind of complexity that deepens the senators' dependence on staff. And the staff members — mostly young and full of animal energy — fill the hours by pestering the executive branch with inquiries, and finding ways to fine-tune executive policies.

The growth of congressional staff also reflects a primal urge in institutions. James Q. Wilson of Harvard, my moral tutor concerning all things governmental, argues that organizations come to resemble the organizations with which they are in constant conflict. Pat Moynihan has elaborated this insight into the Iron Law of Emulation.

He notes that Teddy Roosevelt in 1902 built the West Wing of the White House, where the Oval Office is. Until then, presidents and their staffs of

three or four worked in the president's living room. In 1903 the House voted itself its first office building. In 1904 the Senate did likewise.

"Originally," Moynihan says, "a senator's office was his desk on the Senate floor. These desks proved inadequate, and in the 1830s three-inch-high mahogany writing boxes were added to the desks. Daniel Webster refused to have his desk altered on the grounds that if his predecessor could have done without the additional space, so could he."

By 1978, Moynihan says, the Senate alone had a budget larger than the budget of 74 countries. Today the White House chief-of-staff has a staff which is, or so the newspapers say, at daggers drawn with the staff of presidential counselor Ed Meese.

The president acquired a Bureau of the Budget (now OMB) in 1921, giving him, as Moynihan says, a huge advantage in dealing with Congress. Congress established a budget office in the 1970s. Now there is strategic parity: Both sides have budget offices skilled at fiscal management and economic controversy. But as 1982 winds down, the government can not enact a budget for a fiscal year now three months old.

The judicial branch is clogged because Americans believe that every social issue can be cast as a conflict of individual rights, and that every dispute can and should be adjudicated. The legislative and executive branches also reflect the tangled moods of the populace: the insistent desire for omnipotent government, and the equally strong resentment about the cost of that. The most dismaying fact about the U.S. government today is that it is indeed what it is designed to be: representative. It represents the country's conflicting desires.

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### ART BUCHWALD

## Happy holiday from Art B. and who?

We just got a Christmas card and letter from an old friend, Virginia Floggie. It made me realize that not everyone is spending their holidays as they have in the past.

Dear Folks: I guess you're surprised to see the name Klinge instead of Floggie on the envelope. Well, George and I were divorced last summer and I married a wonderful man named Henry Klinge. George married a woman named Marietta Hagler who is 20 years younger than he is, and quite mousey looking.



Art Buchwald

The children are all well. Robert, our youngest, is spending the holidays with his father, and Susan, my Henry's youngest daughter, is spending them with us, as her mother wants to go skiing with her boyfriend. Jeff, my oldest boy, has gone to his fiancée's house to meet her mother and her stepfather.

Jeff's fiancée is a wonderful girl. Her father lives in San Francisco with his third wife and is a broker. Her present stepfather went to Princeton about the same time as my present husband Henry, and although they didn't know each other at the time, we feel better that the stepfathers at least went to the same school.

Franny, our middle child, is living with us since she broke up with David. She's now going with a married man named Sam, who is separated from his wife. But Franny doesn't want to move in with him until the divorce papers are signed. We're happy to have her as her baby is very cute.

Charlene was coming home for the holidays, but she was invited to go to the Virgin Islands with a girlfriend in her office and one of the vice presidents of the firm whom the girl is living with.

We've decided not to make a big deal of New Year's Eve this year. Wilma Edelstein, I guess you knew her when she was Wilma Morton, is coming down as she just broke up with some fellow named Mike. This was after she moved out of Ed Edelstein, when she discovered he had a stewardess friend in Laguna Beach and was constantly making "business trips" to California.

We thought to cheer Wilma up we'd invite the Thompsons over. You remember Carol Wingate, don't you? Well, Carol left Ben Wingate eight months ago and married Don Thompson, an architect. Ben has remained a bachelor but we rarely see him any more, though I understand he keeps in touch with my ex-husband George. Those two animals have a lot in common.

There isn't too much to report except for the fact that Henry and I are deliriously happy. Of course we can't live it up until Henry's wife gets married again so he can stop his alimony support. Frankly, I think she purposely is not getting married because Henry gives her more money than her ski bum friend ever could.

I ran into Dick Lipscomb the other night. He was with a tall redhead so I didn't bother to ask him how Frieda was, though the way they were both hanging on to each other, it wasn't hard to guess.

Have you heard anything from the Harts? I sent her a Christmas card at her last address and it was returned "Address Unknown."

I knew they weren't hitting it off but you would have thought if she ditched Al, she would have left a forwarding address.

Would love to hear from you two — or at least one of you — whoever is still living in the house. Ha, ha, ha. That was just a joke. Have a wonderful holiday. The next time we're in Washington I want you to meet Henry. Now I have to go and wrap presents for everyone.

One more note of gossip. Remember our shepherd dog Cokey? He used to play with Terry Kelly's shepherd "Britches" and we always thought we'd get a litter out of it. But last summer Cokey took up with a Collie that moved in next door and Terry now thinks we're awful people if we can't even keep our dog under control. — Love, Ginny

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1982. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 23, 1948, Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese World War II leaders were executed in Tokyo.

On this date: In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the U.S. Army and retired to his home in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

In 1788, Maryland ceded a 10-square-mile area for use as the national capital — the area that became the District of Columbia.

In 1941, U.S. forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

# Americans show Christmas spirit by uniting to feed unemployed

By The Associated Press

Northeast farmers sent onions to Pennsylvania, Wisconsin farmers offered apples to laid-off miners in Minnesota and movie stars bagged food in Los Angeles as Americans showed their Christmas spirit by helping to feed the legions of unemployed.

"A lot of people are just knocking on our door and saying, 'This is what we want to do for you,'" said Mike Cantrill, coordinator of a food giveaway program in Minnesota's Iron Range, a mining area where unemployment is near 45 percent.

The spirit was evident from coast-to-coast Wednesday as people still working lent a helping hand to those out of work in a nation where unemployment has hit 10.8 percent, the highest Christmas jobless rate since the Great Depression.

A truckload of 40,000 potatoes donated by farmers in Minnesota and North Dakota was expected to arrive in Iron Range towns today, with another due Jan. 5. Some 100 bushels of apples from Wisconsin growers are expected soon.

In Los Angeles, movie stars and volunteers, wearing brightly colored slickers or plastic garbage bags to protect them from a rainstorm, bagged 750 tons of food on Wednesday for 30,000 people and said they hoped to feed 100,000 more people.

"THE OPTIMISM in the middle of this pouring rain is terrific," said actor Jack Lemmon, who was helped by performers Dennis Weaver and Valerie Harper in the parking lot of the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"This is the toughest Christmas I've ever seen," said Wilma Smith of the First Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Compton, which will distribute food to 90 families.

In Pittsburgh, laid-off steel workers lined up last Saturday for 90,000 pounds of spuds donated by Maine farmers. On Wednesday, 40,000 pounds of onions arrived from New York.

"All we've got to do is get a load of carrots in here and a side of beef and we've got the makings for a good stew," said United Steelworkers union spokesman Mike Drapkin. About 34,000 steelworkers are laid off in the Pittsburgh area.

The Mellon Bank has given \$103,000 to help feed the

unemployed in southwest Pennsylvania, the largest donation it has ever made to help the needy. About \$5,000 was used to buy 1,000 turkeys, handed out last week at a party for unemployed steelworkers in Homestead, near Pittsburgh.

"Even some kids help us," said Linda Ezerosky, coordinator for a food bank serving 1,000 people through a Pittsburgh USW local. "A Boy Scout working on his Eagle pin donated 625 cans of food. And a girl came down and donated canned goods and potatoes out of her baby-sitting money."

IN CENTERVILLE, ILL., food retailers donated enough to fill about 2,000 bags of groceries, each containing milk, chicken, cheese, potatoes, onions, canned vegetables, fresh fruit, butter, eggs and a loaf of bread. Despite temperatures in the 30s, people stood in long lines to receive the food.

"I know I need it," said George Carter, one of those waiting. "I'm qualified for a truck-driving job, but they ain't got no truck-driving jobs anywhere."

In Denver, workers at the Colorado food clearinghouse planned to distribute today 80,000 pounds of potatoes donated by Wyoming growers.

Although the generosity by farmers helped brighten Christmas for thousands of families, some said their actions were in part to dramatize their own problems.

Stanley Urbanski, a Goshen, N.Y., shipper who helped get the 20 tons of onions to Pittsburgh, said farmers are being hurt by cheap imports from Canada, which subsidizes crops.

In Detroit, hard-hit by the auto sales slump, 1,120 five-pound bricks of processed cheese were handed out Wednesday, in the fourth shipment to the city from federal surplus stocks.

"WE NEED MORE food," said Cassandra Gray, director of the Neighborhood Service Department. "This is not a seasonal thing. People are hungry in this city, and that won't go away after Christmas."

In Pennsylvania's Clearfield County, the owner of three McDonald's restaurants plans to dish up free hotcakes and hamburgers on Christmas Day.

"We're prepared for an onslaught and I hope it comes," said Leeny Hameroff, who owns the restaurants.

## Pregnant woman has contractions while waiting in long line for food

From Wire Reports

LOS ANGELES — The doctors said she was 17 days overdue, but 19-year-old Sonia Campos had no choice.

"There was no food," her husband would say later.

And so she waited four hours Wednesday morning — standing in rain for a brief while, then sitting inside — with a half-mile-long line of people who came to a labor union building in suburban South El Monte where food was being sold at a discount to the needy.

It was one of 1,000 sites

in the Southern California where the Ecumenical Coalition of Concerned Americans arranged for needy people to buy a \$50 bag of donated groceries for \$10, and it was probably the site of the day's most poignant incident.

Because after all the waiting, when she and her husband were a few minutes away from picking up their groceries, Sonia Campos felt herself going into labor.

Her husband, Steven, 23, whom she had accompanied in case she needed a quick ride to the hospital, grabbed the couple's share of lamb, potatoes,

vegetables and bread and drove her to a West Covina hospital.

But Mrs. Campos' contractions turned out to be a false alarm.

Doctors later released her from the hospital and sent her home. She suggested that the stress of the day might have triggered the contractions, which she timed at only a minute apart.

Like another estimated 30,000 people who took advantage of the coalition's sale of 750 tons of discount-priced food Wednesday, the Camposes earn less than \$16,000 a year.

They each receive \$318 a month in county benefits, according to Steven Campos, who was laid off from his job in a plastics warehouse four months ago, and whose wife, a beautician, has not worked since she became pregnant. The money did not stretch far enough to buy groceries and pay rent.

## Detroit study examines attitudes about marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — Although many young people no longer regard marriage as necessarily better than staying single, 90 percent expect to wed someday and three-fourths would be disappointed if they do not, according to a study.

"The legitimacy of singleness as a lifestyle is increasingly recognized by young people and their parents," according to the study by University of Michigan researchers, released Wednesday.

The percentage of young people who expect to marry, about 90 percent, has not varied much since 1960, the report said.

The findings are based largely on a study of 916 families from 1961 to 1980 in the Detroit area. The sample group was selected from families who had children in Detroit in July 1961.

The 18-year-olds were asked how much it would bother them if they did not marry. Of 880 cited, 25.9 percent — 19.3 percent of the sons and 33 percent of the daughters — said it would bother them a great deal. Another 23.5 percent — 29.4 percent of the sons and 17.2 percent of the daughters — said it would not bother them at all.

The remaining respondents said it would bother them only some or a little.

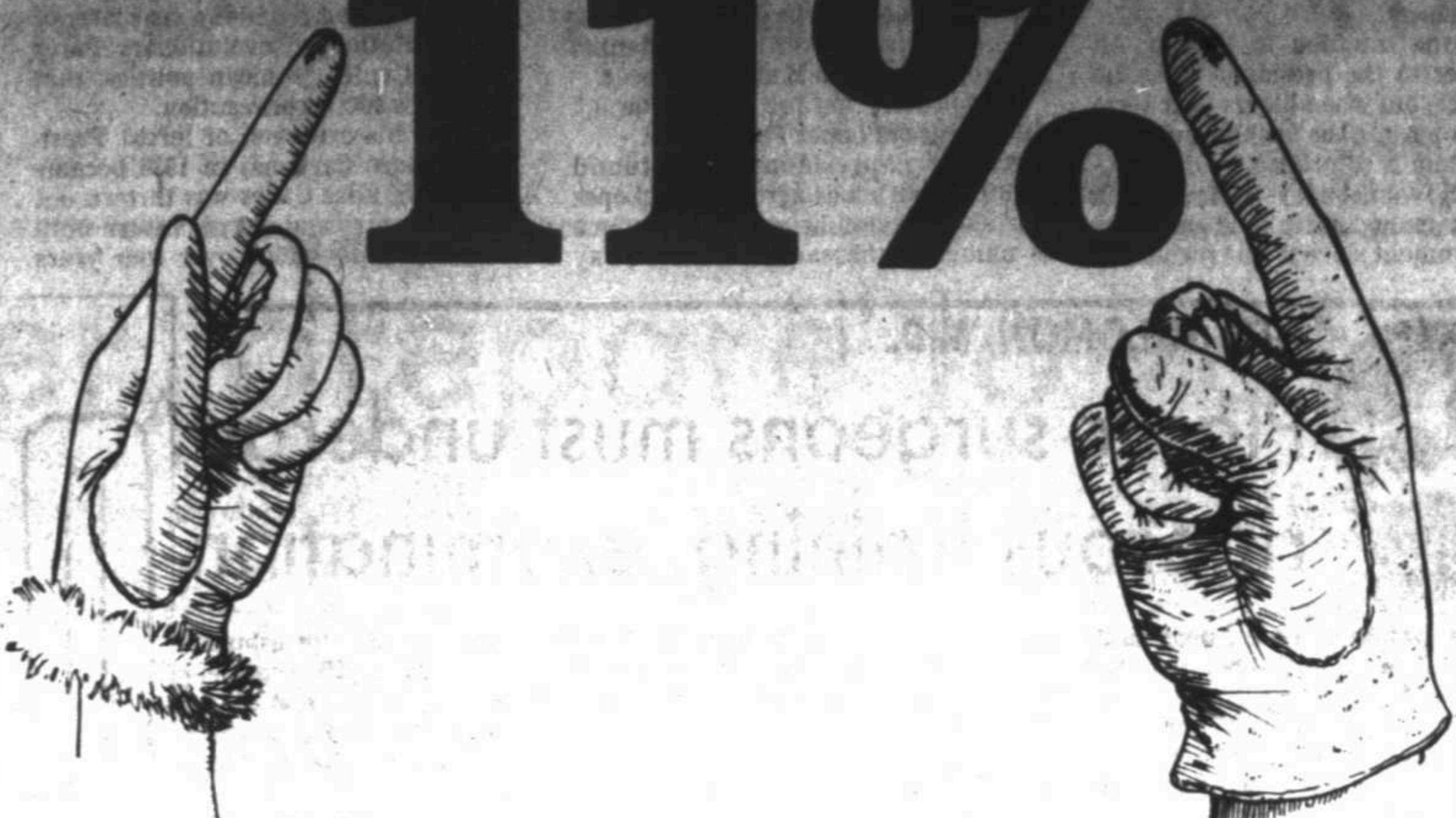
"Thus, although three-fourths indicated that they would feel some disappointment if they did not marry," the study said, "this sentiment was strong only among one-fourth of the total sample."

The authors concluded, "These attitudinal and value trends undoubtedly affect the way young people approach the decision to marry."

"Those who do not marry, either because of an active choice or because things just don't work out that way, probably will be the object of fewer negative social sanctions, and failure to marry will less often be viewed as a personal catastrophe," it said.

The project, called the Study of American Families, included supplemental data collected in several studies. It was reported by Ariand Thornton of the Institute for Social Research and Deborah Freedman of the Population Studies Center, both of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.


Six interviews were conducted with mothers over an 18-year period, an initial personal interview and five follow-up telephone interviews. In 1980, a personal interview also was conducted with children born in 1961; there were 916 mothers, 496 sons and 450 daughters.



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# Mexican presidents tend to fade away after term in office

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Within days after leaving the presidency, Jose Lopez Portillo dropped from sight and his name virtually disappeared from the newspapers.

This is the tradition in Mexico. All power goes to the president when he takes office, but when his six-year term is up he fades into the background.

The system is controlled by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has had a monopolistic hold on Mexican government since it was formed 53

years ago in the wake of the 1910-1920 revolution.

"As I've said before, I plan to grow a beard, read and write," Lopez Portillo said at a news conference, one week before he turned over the presidential sash to Miguel de la Madrid on Dec. 1.

"If you envy me for that, so be it," the 62-year-old Lopez Portillo said.

Not all ex-presidents have found political oblivion as agreeable as Lopez Portillo indicated he would. When one is named ambassador to a faraway

country, it invariably arouses speculation that he was getting in the way.

Ironically, it was the experience of Plutarco Elias Calles, president from 1924 to 1928 and founder a year later of the Institutional Revolutionary Party that still rules Mexican politics, that taught his successors caution.

When his criticism of leftist President Lazaro Cardenas in 1936 became too harsh, Elias Calles was thrown out of the country and did not return until a new president took over four years

later.

Luis Echeverria Alvarez, president from 1970 to 1976 and a longtime friend of Lopez Portillo, lived for a time in Paris, where he was ambassador to UNESCO for a year and a half. At the end of 1978, Lopez Portillo named him ambassador to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, where he served until 1979.

Since then, he has devoted his time to the Center for Economic and Social Studies of the Third World, founded in September 1976, about two months

before he left office.

A strong voice for developing countries while president, Echeverria, 60, serves as president and general director of the center, described as an unpaid honorary post.

Subsidized by the Mexican education ministry and UNESCO — the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization — the center is primarily a research institution and also has about 40 students enrolled in a master's program in international rela-

tions.

Miguel Aleman Valdes, 78, president from 1946 to 1952, returned to business after he left office, spending about 10 years rebuilding his hotel chain. He then founded the National Tourism Council. As head of the government agency, he travels several months out of the year, promoting tourism to Mexico.

An accomplished amateur golfer, an annual tournament in Acapulco is named after him.



NEIL SOLOMON, M.D.

## Plastic surgeons must undergo rigorous training, examination

Dear Dr. Solomon: I have been thinking about having a face lift. What qualifies a physician to be a plastic surgeon? — Mrs. C.I., New York

Dear Mrs. C.I.: According to the American Board of Plastic Surgery, in order to become a certified plastic surgeon, a physician must pursue a course of post-graduate training of from 5 to 7 years including a thorough grounding in general surgery and a minimum of two to three years in an approved plastic surgery training center. In addition, he must also pass a rigorous examination before he is officially certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery or its Canadian equivalent, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I know a woman who says she had a mastectomy because the doctor told her she had a good chance of getting breast cancer. Both her mother and other relatives had had it. But what I'd like to know is why someone should have the operation before it actually becomes necessary to do so. — Joyce, Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Joyce: Prophylactic mastectomy, as in the patient you describe, is recommended by some physicians for patients who have a very high risk of getting breast cancer. One indication of high risk is a family history of the disease. The rationale is to prevent the development of the cancer and its serious consequences, which is what "prophylactic" means.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I remember something you wrote a while back about drinking affecting a man's sexual ability. I'd like to know how much drinking and for how long. And what can be done about it? — Clarence, Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Clarence: Dr. David H. Van Thiel, of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, says that testicular atrophy (a wasting away of the testes) generally does not begin until after at least five years of heavy drinking. But once testicular atrophy has begun, treatment is useless.

Until that time, however, abstinence from alcohol is the best treatment and should clear up the problem within a relatively brief period of time.

For Annie Lee, San Francisco: In order for aspirin to be effective in the treatment of rheumatic disease, it must be taken regularly in fairly large quantities and for an extended period of time. The question then becomes whether the adverse effects of the long-term use of aspirin outweigh its benefits.

Prolonged use of aspirin has been associated with bleeding and other abnormalities, and may be particularly risky in older people. According to Dr. Philip C. Johnson, of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, clinically significant anemia is one possible consequence.

Aspirin can be a very valuable drug but it should not be used indiscriminately; every drug has the potential for harm. The question you raise underlines the dangers involved when a person goes in for self-diagnosis and self-treatment.

If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1728 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.

## Army reviews rules for burial in cemetery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is reviewing eligibility standards for placing the cremated remains of veterans in Arlington National Cemetery following the interment of the ashes of an anti-nuclear protestor who had threatened to blow up the Washington Monument.

Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto said at a briefing Tuesday that the review of regulations is aimed at preventing the remains of such a person from being accepted at the cemetery.

The ashes of Norman David Mayer, fatally shot by police Dec. 8 after threatening to detonate 1,000 pounds of dynamite at the base of the monument, were placed in at the cemetery late last week.

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## Commercials misleading for children

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

LONDON — Young children are unable to tell the difference between commercials and programs when they watch television, and heavy advertising of low nutritional foods increases their demand for products like soft drinks, sweets and candy bars, according to an American psychologist.

D. Balfour Jeffrey of the University of Montana, who addressed the London conference of the British Psychological Society earlier this week, said a study he prepared with university colleagues showed that American children watched TV an average of four hours a day. By the time they left school at 18 they would have been exposed to more than 350,000 attempts by commercial advertisers to influence their eating habits. "Children watch television more than any other activity except sleeping and certainly more than the time spent with parents, friends or at school."

With fewer commercial channels available to British children, such exposure, he said, has been considerably less. But a second commercial channel began broadcasting in Britain this fall, and British children, he said, were likely to begin to share the experiences of their American counterparts.

Jeffrey said that health problems among children with poor eating habits included dental cavities and obesity. Eighty percent of overweight children, he said, become overweight adults, with a host of heart-related problems that constitute a major U.S. health problem.

Jeffrey presented a paper called "Programatic Studies of the Influence of Television Commercials on Children's Eating Habits: A Progress Report," which he wrote with Montana colleagues Susan Beattie, Brenda Dawson, Polly E. Peterson, Gregory L. Wilson and John Sommers.

Among the American children studied, 70 percent of the 4-year-olds believed that the commercials were telling them the truth.

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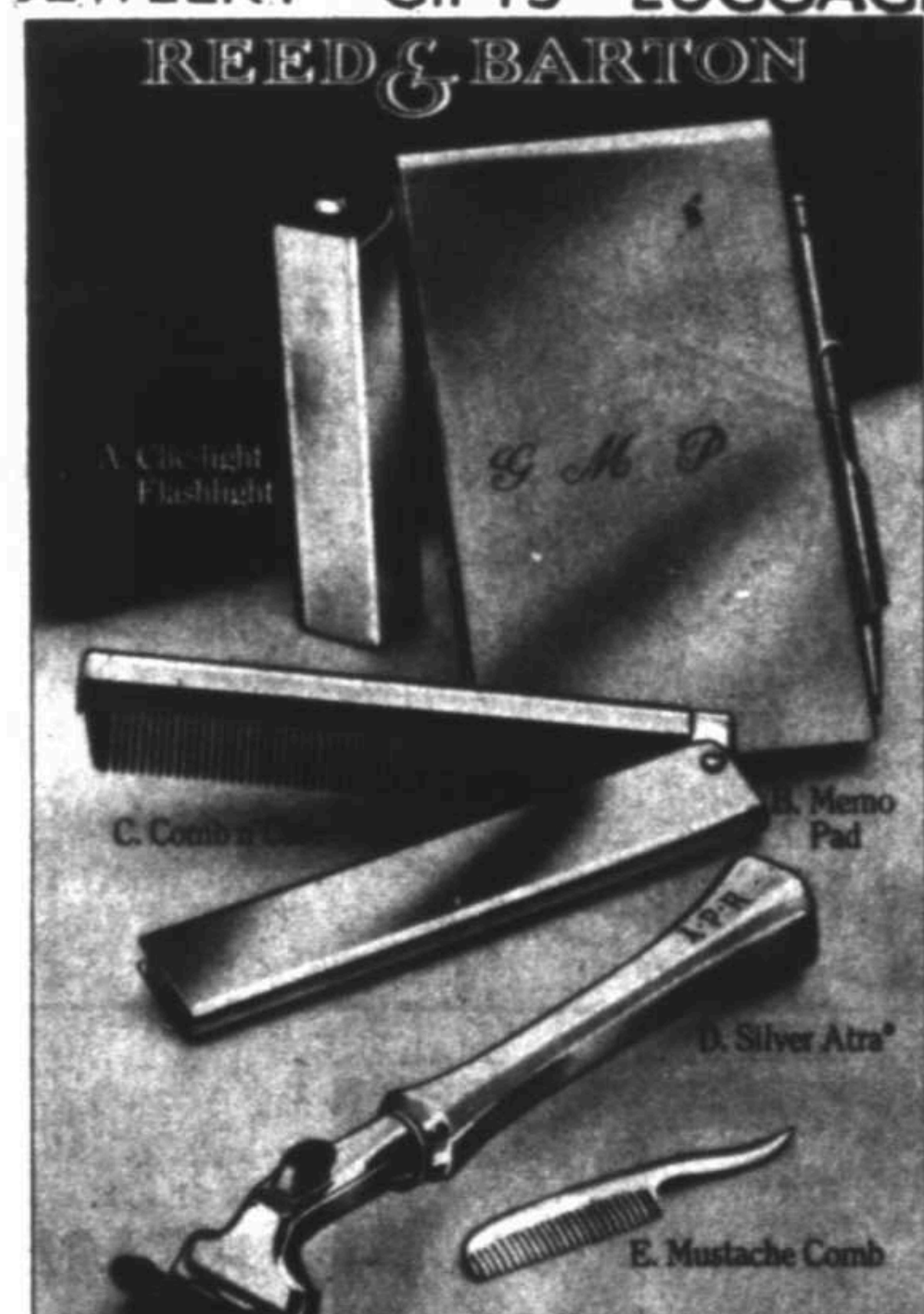
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