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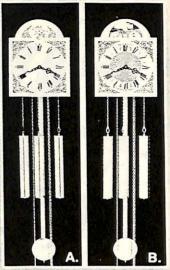
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### Veterans Remembrance





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The month of November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month, and I ask each lodge and each Elk family to do much more this month for our men and women veterans than we have done at any other time this year. The many lodge programs for our hospitalized veterans and your over 30,000 visits to our veterans hospitals last year was a good start, but we can do better for these men and women who gave of their minds and

bodies so that we could continue strong as a nation.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those remaining in our hospitals, to alleviate some of their lonely hours. Especially during this holiday season as we look forward to our own sumptuous Thanksgiving meal and family gatherings, let us share with them.

They did their duty and kept our nation strong during time of war; let us be responsive to their needs during time of peace. Also, to have a stronger lodge membership, why not ask a veteran friend to become an Elk, as you continue to TELL AMERICA ABOUT ELKDOM.

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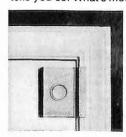
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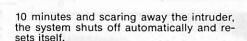
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### 6 The Chaw

Not too many years ago it was quite common for male cheeks to bulge from ample quids of chewing tobacco.

Stewart Marsh

### 20 The Wonder of the Night Sky

Stars appear to us as tiny dots in the heavens, but are, in reality, monstrous globes of extremely hot glowing gas.

Margaret Miller

### 46 Spirit Bird

The Indians stood in awe of the condor's great size and impressive markings and called it the Spirit Bird.

**Bill Thomas** 

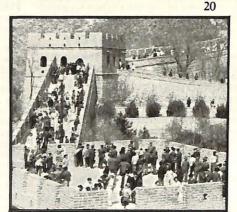
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### THE HUNDIES

• I was very impressed with "You and Retirement" (September, 1981) by Grace W. Weinstein on mutual funds. As a certified financial planner, articles frequently come to my attention regarding various ways to spend or invest money. This column gave a very fair, comprehensive analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of mutual funds.

Forrest Trammell San Diego, CA

• I read with great delight, "Ice Cream —Delicious Gift From Antiquity" (September, 1981), by Henry N. Ferguson. Our store, James Danas Confectionery, was founded by my late dad in 1914. It's the oldest confectionery-ice cream parlor in Lowell, MA, and recorded as a historic site.

P. J. Danas Lowell, MA

• I have read with interest the "Unspoiled Oregon" article (September, 1981) by Jerry Hulse. However, I was disappointed with the lead which says, "Oregon has made it plain that it wants tourists—It's just that it wants them to go back home after the vacation is over. And who can blame the governor and others for being so candid."

I must point out that the writer is attributing to me an attitude which resulted from a statement made by a former Oregon governor. You can be assured by me personally . . . that we welcome those from out of state visiting in Oregon and those who choose to live

Victor Atiyeh Governor of Oregon

• I enjoyed reading "Unspoiled Oregon." The author caught the spirit of Oregon—"unspoiled" but not inhospitable. Oregonians want to retain their culture, environment, and life-style, but we also welcome visitors to come and look over our shoulders. Kah-Nee-Ta and Sunriver resorts are just two of the experiences Oregon has to offer. As State Senate Majority Leader and an Elk, I want to say "thanks" for the recognition.

Dell Isham Oregon State Senator

• As a relatively new member of the Elks, I want to tell you that I really enjoy the magazine. The articles are interesting and varied, and the advertising is also interesting and useful. Your articles are very well-written and most enjoyable. Keep up the good work.

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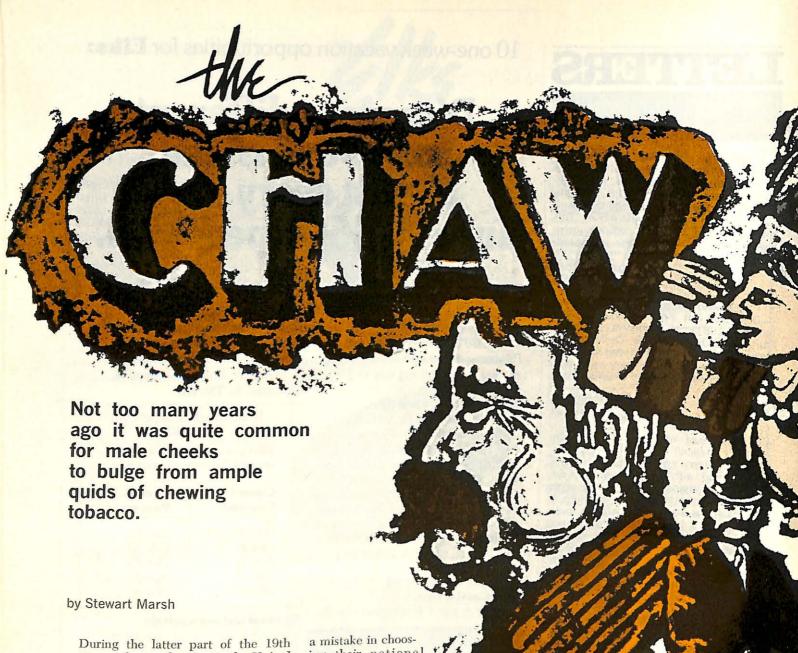
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During the latter part of the 19th century, tobacco chewing in the United States reached its peak of popularity. A man who liked to "eat" tobacco, as chewing was often called in those days, had plenty of company. Male cheeks bulging from ample quids could be seen in the store and office as well as on the farm and ranch. It resembled

an epidemic of mumps.

The cuspidor or spittoon was a standard office fixture, often placed alongside of the executive's desk. As a rule there were also cuspidors in the conference and waiting rooms. A courthouse really couldn't function efficiently without an adequate supply of them. Even when the court was in session, it wasn't unusual—particularly in the old West—to see the male judge and jury chewing throughout the entire trial. An attorney might emphasize the points in his case by forcefully expectorating.

After touring the country, an English visitor, Alexander Mackey, was of the opinion that Americans had made

a mistake in choosing their national remblem. Instead of the eagle, he felt that the emblem should have been a spittoon!

On the farm, construction site, or baseball field, the release of tobacco juice was no problem. But if the office, store or home didn't have a cuspidor, the chewer might have to use the stove, fireplace, or even the floor. In this case, things sometimes got a bit sticky in more ways than one.

A rural swain is said to have called on his best girlfriend one winter evening. There was a cheery fire on the hearth, and romance was in the air. Or at least it was until he found it necessary to squirt tobacco juice into the fireplace. To his discomfort, and to the horror of the young lady, the stream was so copious that it put out the fire!

In this regard, there was a tall tale about John Hancock, an Amer-



ican Revolutionary statesman. The story continued to circulate long after his time. It was said—without substantiation—that Hancock died of a train of ailments induced from swallowing tobacco juice. He was too much of a gentleman to spit just anywhere!

A tobacco chewer could take his choice of plug, twist, rope, fine-cut or scrap tobacco. He could get his chaw unsweetened, or he could get it flavored with licorice, rum, sugar, honey, or other sundry spices.

In the 1870's, manufacturers of plug tobacco began to concentrate on making their product distinctive through taste and packaging. The latter included the use of tin tags having two sharp prongs that bent into the plug, and proclaimed its trademark or origin. The tags were usually an inch or less in width, and the letters or picture were often in bright yellow, red, blue or green enamel. Before the machine took over, tobacco companies seem to have hired small boys to affix the tags. Not only were the tin tags

used to advertise, but the manufacturer frequently offered premiums for them. The customer could save and redeem them for prizes or cash.

In The Story of Tobacco in America, Joseph C. Robert states that among the leading plug firms in the early 1890's were Liggett and Myers of St. Louis, Drummond of the same city, and Lorrillard of Jersey City. The newly chartered American Tobacco Company soon entered the field, buying among other companies the National Tobacco Works of Louisville. In 1898, Continental Tobacco Company was formed under the auspices of the American Tobacco Company, primarily to handle plug tobacco.

There was a plug war between chewing tobacco manufacturers in the 1890's. Each one sought to "plug" their plugs with fighting brands. These were sold below actual cost, so as to win trade away from competitors. The National Tobacco Works used for this purpose a product named Battle Axe. Liggett and Myers matched this with Scalping Knife. Drummond competed with Crossbow. Talk about fighting names for fighting brands!

There were a great many other brands of chewing tobacco. Some had plain names like Star, Newsboy and Standard Navy. Others had fancy names, which often seem to have been thought up by humorists. If you indulged, how would you like to have a chaw of Mule Ear, Alligator, Grit, Jaw Bone or Old Slug? Or if your buddy asked what you were chewing, you might truthfully reply, Darling Fanny Pan Cake. And a woman would probably giggle when she learned that you chewed It's Naughty But Oh So Nice.

Tobacco chewing and cigar smoking were the most popular modes of tobacco consumption in the late 19th century. However, there were many pipe smokers, of course, and a small but increasing number of people were beginning to smoke those new fangled contraptions called cigarettes. There were also snuffers, snorters, snivelers and dippers, although some felt the habit of taking snuff was a bit foppish and un-American. The latter were apt to opine that the habit smacked of Scottish earls and French lords clad in periwigs and knee breeches, carrying silken handkerchiefs up their sleeves.

Men might smoke a cigar or pipe, and chew tobacco as well. There were even a few who not only used tobacco in all of its forms but did so simultaneously. A St. Louis resident was observed to snuff powdered tobacco up his nose, while smoking on a long black cigar, all the while chewing on a king-sized chaw!

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During the 1890's, the annual rate of chewing tobacco output in the United States was about 200 million pounds. Roughly this amounted to over 3 pounds per capita-man, woman and child. This is not to say that many women or children chewed tobacco. In early America, frontier women sometimes chewed or smoked a pipe. But by the late 19th century it was generally considered unladylike for a woman to indulge in these habits. She might even be asked to leave the store or establishment if caught puffing on a cigarette. The use of tobacco in all forms was predominantly an adult male prerogative.

Among tobacco chewers, there were some remarkable marksmen. These were reputed to be able to hit a fly in the road at better than 30 feet. Or they could ring the center of a cuspidor at several yards. Chewers who lacked front teeth often learned to squirt tobacco juice through the gap without opening their jaws, sometimes with uncanny accuracy.

Unfortunately, there were a great many poor shots, and others who were just plain sloppy. After traveling through the United States, the great English writer Charles Dickens expressed doubt about the reputed American proficiency with the rifle, because so many tobacco spitters couldn't hit a spittoon at any distance.

In their diaries, articles and books about the United States, English travelers dwelt upon the habits of tobacco chewers as one of the more colorful and uncouth aspects of American life. Apparently, frontier America had comparatively many more dedicated tobacco chewers than did England of the same period. The habit was enjoyed by all classes of Americans, while in European countries it seems to have been most popular among the lower class,

Early on in the history of tobacco,



there were many who praised it as a bewitching weed. Obviously, it gave one a feeling of euphoria. The man engaged in cutting down trees, plowing fields or other hard physical labor could comfort himself with his chaw. The thinker could puff on his pipe, watching the smoke curl lazily upward, as he thought deep thoughts. The man who patronized taverns could add to the pleasure of drinking with a cigar or cheroot.

There were those, also, who believed tobacco to be a good medicine. Jean Nicot, French ambassador at the Portugese court in the 16th century, was one of the first to proclaim the virtues of tobacco as a poultice. Nicot sent tobacco seeds to the Queen Mother of France, the notorious Florentine Catherine de Medicis. The leaves grown from these seeds reportedly cured a number of Frenchmen from various and sundry ailments. It seemed proper therefore to name the remedy Nicotiana.

Tobacco came to be used in unguents and powders for diverse illnesses and afflictions. It was claimed also to be effective as a cathartic and dentifrice. Some even believed that tobacco smoke and tobacco odor were effective as a protection against plague, pestilence and evil spirits. As for chewing, ardent advocates vowed that a chaw helped settle one's food, aid digestion, prevent constipation, and avoid heartburn.

On the other hand, there were from the start critics of tobacco who vigorously denounced it as a vile weed. As time went on, the anti-tobacco movement became the little brother of the temperance movement. True, the anti-tobacco movement slacked off during the Civil War and the Gold Rush, but it began to pick up steam again in the late 19th century.

A number of religious reformers proclaimed that alcohol and tobacco were Satan's twin sons. It was preached, too, that tobacco was a deadly poison. According to one widely circulated story, a drop of nicotine placed on the tongue of a dog or cat would immediately kill the animal. It was almost enough to cause the tobacco-using animal lover to give up owning pets.

To add to this, there were widespread rumors of a nauseous nature that some tobacco merchants laid their tobacco in outhouses, so as to make it brisker, stronger and fetid. Also, it was alleged that stale urine was sometimes used in the manufacture of the leaf.

Various physicians and ministers came out strongly stating that tobacco was a menace to health. It was blamed for causing or aggravating any number of ailments. These included gout, (Continued on page 27)

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### Raymond V. Arnold



GER Raymond V. Arnold visited Canton, OH, during the National Football League Hall of Fame Festival. He attended many of the major events, including the enshrinement ceremonies for this year's inductees, the Hall of Fame Parade and the traditional Hall of Fame Football Game. While in the area, the GER visited four nearby Ohio lodges—North Canton, Alliance, Canton, and Massillon. In photo above, GER Arnold (second from left) and PGER E. Gene Fournace (left) are pictured as they toured the Hall of Fame with President Earl Schreiber (second from right) and Director Pete Elliott. Behind them is a statue of Jim Thorpe.





During his visit to Anchorage, AK, Lodge, GER Raymond V. Arnold (right) was photographed with ER Thomas Davis.



The entrance to the Hall of Fame is truly a magnificent sight.



The GER was most interested in former greats of his favorite team, the Detroit Lions. Here he views a bust of Joe Schmidt.

Canton enjoyed sunny skies and perfect weather for the Hall of Fame Parade, which honored enshrinees Jim Ringo, George Blanda, Willie Davis, and Morris "Red" Badgro.

At the enshrinement ceremonies outside the Hall of Fame, George Blanda was presented by Al Davis, the Oakland Raiders' managing general partner, who called Blanda "the greatest clutch player in the history of football."

Blanda, a quarterback and kicker, played a total of 26 years with the Chicago Bears, Houston, and Oakland. He is pro football's all-time leading scorer with 2,002 points.

Former Green Bay Packer great Jim Ringo was presented by his high-school coach, Willard "Whiz" Rinehart. Ringo, a center, played in 182 consecutive regular season games despite a string of injuries and illness. He is now an assistant coach with the New England Patriots.

Willie Davis was presented by his college coach at Grambling, Eddie Robinson. Davis played in the Pro Bowl five times in his 10 seasons with Green Bay as a defensive lineman. He also played two years with the Cleveland Browns.

"I'd like to thank all of the coaches who have touched my life," Davis said.

The oldest of the enshrinees, 78-year-old Morris "Red" Badgro, waited a record 45 years to be honored in the football shrine. He began his career in the NFL with the New York Yankees in 1927 and then played with the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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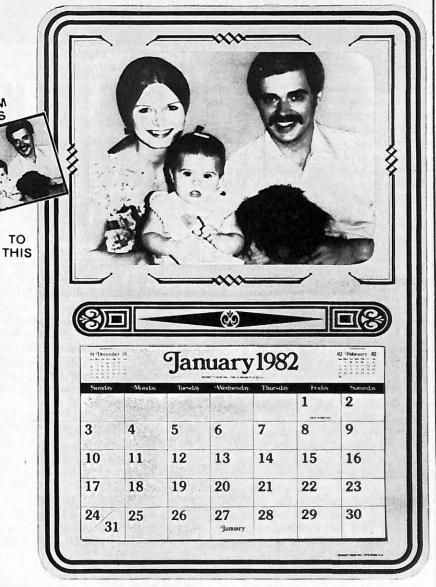
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There are many opportunities for recreation and an active life at the Home. There's a five hole pitch and putt golf course on the front lawn, indoor and outdoor shuffleboard, billiard and pool tables, woodworking and hobby shops, color television lounge, bingo with prizes, bus trips, and films, just to name a few. Religious services

# THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME

are held regularly in the recreation room, and the Home's bus provides transportation for those who wish to attend churches in the city of Bedford. Although every resident of the Home remains a member of his subordinate lodge, he also automatically becomes a member of the Home Lodge. The Home Lodge is very active, particularly with youth work and the Elks National Foundation.

The Elks National Home just purchased a brand new 1981 Thomas Built TransLiner diesel bus. The previous bus was 11 years old, and this beautiful new 36 passenger vehicle with cushioned seats will be much more dependable, as well as more roomy and comfortable for the Brothers of the Home to enjoy local shopping trips and special out of town excursions.

The Home itself is a beautiful structure surrounded by lovely, well-kept grounds and gardens. Residents may stroll about the grounds and enjoy the trees, flowers, and fabulous view of the majestic Peaks of Otter. If they prefer, there are verandas, a library and lobby for sitting and reading, talking, or just observing the comings and goings of a busy day at the Home.

Of course, it is impossible to describe the beauty and many conveniences of the Elks National Home. That is why we encourage members of the Order to make a visit whenever they can. Any Elk in good standing may visit for up to five days in any one month for a charge of only \$16.00 per day, room and meals included. Just contact the Home's office for a reservation. There is also a 16mm sound and color film on life at the Home. which is available to lodges throughout the Order upon request. There is no charge for use of the film. Just have the secretary of your lodge contact the Home for a showing date.

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Doral E. Irvin (right), Executive Director of the Elks National home, accepts the keys to a new diesel bus from F. W. Merryman of Sonny Merryman, Inc. This roomy and comfortable vehicle will make trips by the Brothers of the Home more enjoyable.



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### NEWS辩LODGES

DALHART, TX. In most west Texas communities, when high school rodeo time rolls around, the local high school puts it on. In Dalhart, however, the local lodge came into the picture this year as it did for the first Dalhart High School Rodeo 11 years ago.

For nine of the past 11 years the Dalhart Elks have sponsored the rodeo. The other two years the school held the rodeo, but this year they asked the Elks to

take charge again.

From 96 entries in 1970—the first year of the rodeo—the Elks-sponsored rodeo has grown to 221 entries this year, representing 37 Panhandle high schools.

COLONIE, NY, Lodge held its annual "Night in Hawaii." Following a Polynesian-style buffet, entertainment was provided by the Loki Ontai Polynesians (kneeling in foreground). Standing from left are Deloris Olson, Esq. and Chm. Ron Olson, ER Patrick Concannon, and Faith Concannon.

EDISON, NJ. The ladies auxiliary of Edison, NJ, Lodge presented toys to underprivileged children at the John E. Toolan Kiddie Keepwell Camp in Edison. Chairperson for this project was President Madeline Vitale (right), assisted by Second Vice-President Mary Whyte.



NORTH CANTON, OH, Lodge held its 17th annual dinner for members of the local Hoover High School football team, its coaches, and cheerleaders.

The speaker was Ed Glass, the school's new head football coach. Master of Ceremonies was Steve Bozeka, a member of the ABC-TV Monday Night Football broadcasting staff.



Colonie, NY.

Edison, NJ.



GLEN BURNIE, MD. Joe Vladich, ER of Glen Burnie, MD, Lodge, presented a check for \$1,000 to Dr. Robert Ireland, executive director of Bello Machre, a small residential training center for mentally retarded persons.

The donation will be used toward the purchase of a 12-passenger van, which will be used to transport clients to recreation outings, doctors' appointments, and routine daily activities.

CLERMONT-GROVELAND, FL, Lodge donated two \$100 trust fund certificates to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital in Umatilla, FL. The gift was made in memory of the late Mary Jo Gresham, a past president of the lodge's ladies organization.

CLIFTON, AZ. A 90th birthday party was held for Life Member Tommy Sidebotham at Clifton, AZ, Lodge. Brother Sidebotham received a plaque with the inscription "For dedication and service to the town of Clifton."

Brother Sidebotham served as town marshal for 31 years and later as town constable. He is best remembered, however, for saving a narrow-gauge railroad locomotive from the scrap heap in 1937. He restored it, and the engine now sits

next to Clifton Lodge as a memento of the town's early history.

GATEWAY (PORTLAND), OR, Lodge has 34 deaf Brothers among its membership. The lodge has done much to make these non-hearing Brothers feel welcome and become fully involved in lodge activities.

A bowling team made up of deaf members, in its very first year of existence, won the lodge's league championship. Now there are three non-hearing

teams in the league.

The lodge holds eight-week courses in dactylology (sign language) so that other lodge members can learn how to communicate with the non-hearing Brothers.

Initiations of new deaf Brothers are interpreted in sign language. Also, at lodge meetings and bingo games, sign language interpretation is used.

Classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation have been given to non-hearing members, with sign-language interpreters aiding in the instruction. The lodge has installed a Porta-Tel Portable Communicator (a telephone with a keyboard and readout panel) for the use of deaf members.

In these and other ways, Gateway Lodge has helped its non-hearing Brothers to become active members who participate in and enjoy many lodge activities.

KELSO, WA, Lodge donated \$4,000 to the Seattle Children's Orthopedic Hospital. The money was derived from the "Bucks Club" and sales of Christmas trees by lodge members.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Ten-year-old David Kauffman, winner of the junior division of the Soap Box Derby, is congratulated by ER Don Keefer (right) of Hagerstown, MD, Lodge, and Est. Lead. Kt. Ed Kemp. David, son of lodge member Charles Kauffman, was sponsored by Hagerstown Lodge. This is one of the many youth activities sponsored by the lodge in Washington County, MD.



Las Vegas, NV.

LAS VEGAS, NV. The exalted ruler with the highest score in the National Ritualistic Contest at the Grand Lodge Convention in Las Vegas received the PGER R. Leonard Bush Trophy. This year the recipient was Larry Taylor (right) of Laramie, WY, Lodge, who had a score of 91.046. PGER Bush made the presentation, on behalf of Inglewood, CA, Lodge.

CHICAGO (NORTH), IL. For the fourth consecutive year, Chicago (North), IL, Lodge donated its club facilities and its help to the neighborhood benefit dance for the Special Children of Misericordia Homes. This year 800 persons attended the country-western party under the "big

top" on the club grounds.
Almost \$60,000 has been raised for the Homes from the four benefits.

EAST HARTFORD, CT, Lodge presented an honorary set of jewels to Brother Paul Plante when he retired after serving 18 years as tiler. During that time he raised more than \$40,000 for the Elks National Foundation, his favorite charity.

LAS VEGAS, NV. The All-American Western Division Ritualistic Team was presented at the Las Vegas Convention. From left are Larry Taylor of Laramie, WY, exalted ruler; Warren Cunningham of Greeley, CO, leading knight; Bill Walzer of Laramie, loyal knight; Royse LeBleu of Chickasha, OK, lecturing knight; Richard Todd of Kearney, NE, esquire; Maurice Herbert of Prescott, AZ, chaplain, and Renn Allaback of Laramie, inner guard. The All-American Eastern Division Team (lower photo) are Robert Lighthart, Jr. of Charleston, SC, exalted ruler: Stephen Perry of Wakefield, MA, leading knight; Lionel Brocheau of Hartford, VT. loyal knight; Ruben Herron of Charleston, SC, lecturing knight; ER William Rushing representing Jack Hatcher of Vicksburg, MS, esquire; Jack Vaughn of Kingsport, TN, chaplain, and ER William Delcarpio representing Richard Reusset of Slidell, LA, inner guard.

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Hagerstown, MD.









### Televised Parade Honors Vietnam Veterans

Carmichael, CA, Lodge's 23rd Annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration dedicated to "Welcoming Home Vietnam Veterans" was a blueribbon milestone. The parade theme was "Patriotism U.S.A."

With the assistance of PGER Horace Wisely, viewers of the CBS Evening News on the Fourth of July were treated to a visit at Carmichael Lodge, an interview with ER Galen Marcotte by CBS news director Barry Peterson, some scenes from the parade, and the Air Force F-111's fly-over salute to Vietnam Veterans led by Brother Lt. Colonel "Bob" Hopkins.

Approximately 300 Vietnam Veterans participated throughout the parade from different organizations and floats. The main contingent was the Viet Vet House members which included their own color guard and members of their families.

The responses from many of the senior citizens who watched the parade were "It's never too late" to honor all the Vietnam Veterans, and "The veteran dedication is honorable and commendable."

The parade was composed of six divisions with a total of 175 parade participants: bands, drum and bugle corps, drill teams, color guards, majorettes, horses, clowns, military personnel and equipment from the Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy and many

veterans organizations from the area.

The Sacramento County Sheriff Mounted Posse, which participated in the 1981 Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, DC, led the parade. One of the several floats participating was the first-place winner by the Carmichael Emblem Club.

Jesse Orta, a representative of the

governor's office, presented a proclamation to the Lodge indicating the parade as the beginning of a 36-month salute to Vietnam Veterans.

John Chamberlain, a writer for King Features, largest newspaper syndicate service in U.S., featured the Parade in his column titled, "Vietnam Parade may help heal multitude of wounds."



Discussing plans for CBS News filming of the Carmichael, CA, Elks Fourth of July Parade are (from left) ER Galen Marcotte; Joe Fraccola, Fourth of July Public Relations, and Barry Peterson, CBS news director.

Jesse Orta (left), representing the governor's office, presents a proclamation to (from left) ER Marcotte, Brother Fraccola, and Bill Cridland, Fourth of July General Chm.



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### THE REAGAN TAX PLAN: SOME RELIEF

How will President Reagan's tax cuts help the average businessman?

"It couldn't have come at a better time," one New York retailer told me. "I'm sure people will earmark some money for special things-paying off debts, for example—or savings. But I think it came just in time to help us have a better Christmas."

Most business owners apparently agree. They believe that the extra dollars that consumers in the middle income brackets are getting from less withholding will psychologically help the holiday buying season.

Real income, measured in buying power by the Tax Foundation, a non-profit organization in Washington, DC, has been declining during the past six years. It dropped from \$9,149 in 1975 to \$9,071 in 1976. It slid another \$15 in 1977; \$22 more in 1978 and by 1980, it had continued to drop by a two-year total of \$471. The Reagan plan, at most, is going to add a few dollars to monthly payroll checks . . . but it still could stimulate spending.

Most economists, however, believe the economy won't show any real change until 1982. A midwest economist said it merely puts us back to 1977. Another economic expert predicted that it wouldn't ignite inflation but it wouldn't stimulate the economy for a while either.

Even some Republicans don't see the Reagan plan as a solution. "It simply re-

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duces the rate of increase in taxes promoted during the Carter administration . . . and if Congress continues to authorize expenditures in amounts greater than income from taxes, they engage in deficit spending-borrowing money at higher interest rates, charging obligations to future generations," said former Republican House of Representatives member Sam Devine of Ohio.

Yet financial specialists believe the measure is the most extensive change in the American tax system in nearly 30 years. "In effect, the tax bill is not so much a cut as it is a promised cut. If the economy does not improve significantly by early 1983, the administration will be faced with enormous budget deficits or the necessity to ask Congress to reverse some of the promised cuts,' Lee J. Seidler of the Wall Street firm of Bear, Stearns & Co., told reporters.

'In our view, the legislation will lead to a potentially extended period of increased savings and investment. That in turn will bring about greater productivity, lower inflation and more sustainable economic growth than would have been possible if the policies of the past decade and a half had been continued," said the Value Line Investment Survey.

Accountants, meantime, say that another way proprietors and other small business owners will be aided by the tax act is in the depreciation portion. "The biggest advantage I see to small business is depreciation. The faster recovery will definitely help many of my clients, I believe. And it is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1981," Edward Jones CPA of the firm of Huta & Jones Accountants noted.

In previous years, the IRS considered depreciation of buildings, property and machinery on the basis of how long such holdings were useful. The time period could go to 40 years on a building under

the old law, for example.

The "useful life" section of the law has been amended in the Reagan plan. Buildings under the new act can be written off in 15 years. Heavy equipment, machinery and some farm implements can be depreciated in five years; and autos, light trucks and special tools are eligible to be written off in a mere three years. Another plus is the change that affects the purchase date. It no longer matters when you buy the equipment; you get a full tax deduction from January 1 whether the items are purchased early or late in the year.

The salvage value of an asset has been altered, too. Prior to the Reagan plan, companies could not include in depreciation lists estimated "salvage value" of equipment or factories. Now, business owners can include the entire cost of such investments including the salvage value.

Another benefit of the ominbus legislation for small business owners is the cut in corporate tax rates for companies with taxable income of \$50,000 or less over a two-year period. A firm with a taxable income of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 is now assessed at a 20 percent rate. In 1982, the rate will go to 19 percent and a year later to 18 percent.

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course. Other features include investment tax credits, estate tax exemptions, research and development credits, and windfall profit tax changes. In the coming months, as analysts research the potential of each of these sections and more. I'll discuss them with you. At this writing, few specialists are certain about the scope of all the components.

One of the major headaches for those working on the Reagan program is the complexity of it. It has 104 major provisions and countless subsections as compared to the two basic elements-tax reductions and faster write-offs-that were proposed in the initial legislation.

The effective dates of various parts of the act pose difficulties for the business owner, accountant, and attorney, too. The withholding rate change became effective October 1 but the new minimum 20 percent tax on net capital gains is retroactive to sales or exchanges after June 9, 1981. The exclusion to \$125,000 for someone over 55 to apply to the sale of a residence was effective after July 20.

The new depreciation rules are retroactive to Jan. 1, 1981, but the new deduction for contributions to IRAs and Keogh plans won't be effective until January, 1982. And there are other dates to consider in addition.

"No legislative program can provide an overnight panacea for economic problems that have evolved over several decades," Value Line concluded.

"The idea is super," Jones says. "There are all kinds of incentives being offered to help expansion. The problem, of course, is that interest rates at this point in time prevent the businessman from actually expanding."

The tax indexing measure which the Reagan Administration reluctantly added to the tax legislation fuels more controversy than it answers.

Said the Philadelphia Inquirer, one of the first newspapers to voice an opinion

on the proposal:
"The administration has made an unwise concession to achieve a political victory. The idea of indexing income taxes has been kicking around for quite some time. It has spurious appeal . . . Brazil tried that several years ago, indexing income taxes, wages and everything else. Result: Brazil's annual rate of inflation has been running in the area of 100 percent, which means that every year the cruzeiro is worth about half what it was worth the year before.

"In short, making inflation painless would ultimately make it very painful indeed. 'Bracket creep,' while uncomfortable, does have a depressing effect on the rate of inflation. . "
What's the outlook on the new tax

A fast rise in the number of seminars held by accountants and others in the tax business to explain and interpret the new rules.

"It will obviously create the kinds of headaches for small business people that will increase the accounting business. It will be a bonanza for accountants and lawyers if you look at the changes and complexity in this act. No tax bill is ever simple," said one source.



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To everyone, a moonlit night is full of magic. Even a small child is entranced as he looks up and imagines the Man in the Moon.

The Indians of the northeast had a name for each full moon of the year. January was the Wolf Moon, February the Snow Moon, March the Sap or Worm Moon, April the Pink Moon, May the Flower Moon, June the Hot or Strawberry Moon, July the Buck Moon, August the Sturgeon Moon, September the Harvest or Corn Moon, October the Hunter's Moon, November the Beaver Moon, and December the Cold Moon.

Though there is a special witchery to the night when the moon is full, when the night is dark and the atmosphere clear, other wonders of the sky cast their spell.

When I was small, on hot stifling nights our family would take blankets and pillows—we didn't have sleeping bags then—out on the lawn to sleep. I always tried to stay awake as long as possible savoring the glitter of the heavens, trying to distinguish the different constellations that my mother pointed out and hoping to see a meteor or two, or falling stars as we called them. I was seldom disappointed. Almost every night I would watch a few fiery streaks across the sky. I was much older, however, before I saw a meteor "shower."

Meteors are particles of cosmic dust—perhaps debris from old comets—weighing at most a few grains. They are heated to incandescense by friction during their swift descent through the earth's atmosphere. They are entirely consumed before reaching the ground, and are visible for only a second or two. They occur at all times of the year.

Meteorites also may be seen flashing across the sky. They are much larger than meteors, and can be seen even in daylight. Their trails are much longer and more brilliant than those of meteors. Scientists studying their light with instruments called spectroscopes have determined that both meteors and meteorites contain the same materials; but meteorites, because of their size, often reach the earth's surface. Some of them have gouged out huge craters as they landed, such as Meteor Crater near Winslow, Arizona, which is nearly a mile wide and 570 feet deep.

Meteors fall silently; meteorites sometimes make a noise. One late afternoon I saw a huge meteorite streaming across the eastern sky. Suddenly it exploded in a great fiery brilliance, at the same time emitting a sound like that of a muffled gunshot.

Some meteors travel in swarms on a regular orbit through the solar system. When one of these swarms enters the earth's atmosphere it creates the oftendazzling display known as a meteor shower. The Handbook of the British Astronomical Association lists eleven such showers that occur throughout the year:

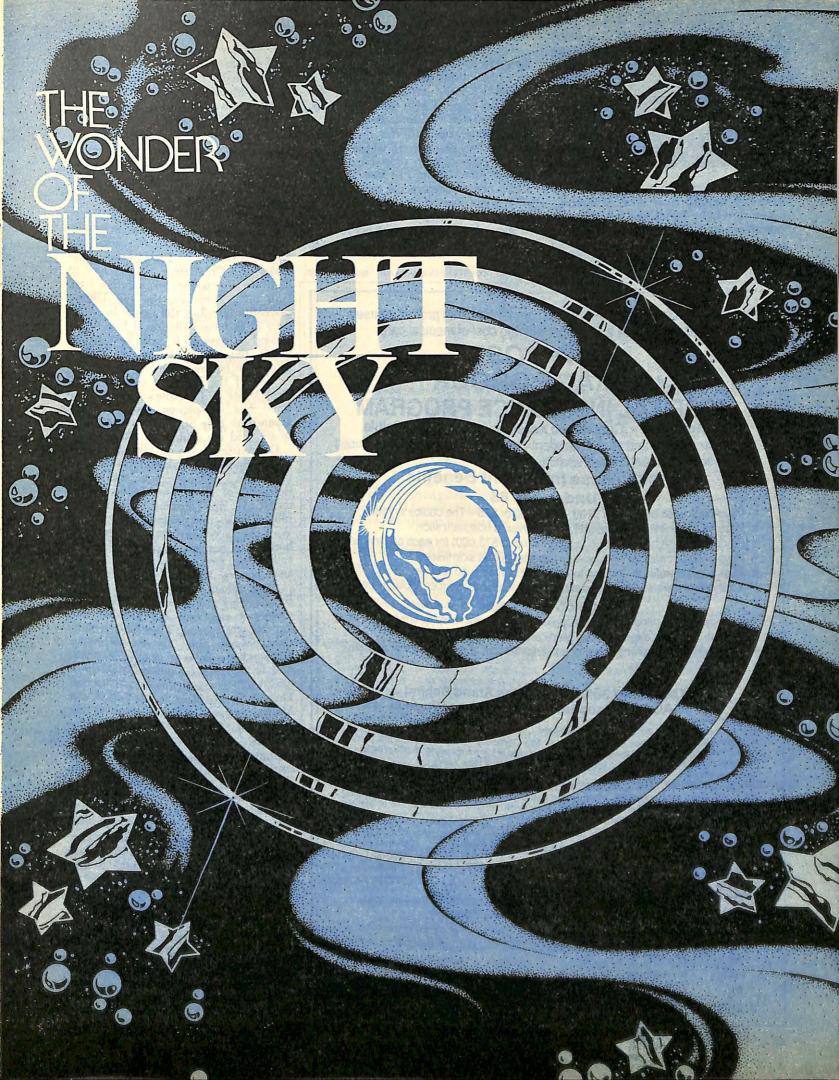
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Delta Aquarid	July 30	38
Perseid	Aug. 11-13	65
Draconid	Oct. 9	10
Orionid	Oct. 20	38
Taurid	Nov. 9	16
Leonid	Nov. 16	15
Andromedid	Nov. 25-27	10
Geminid	Dec. 13	55

Stars appear to us as tiny dots in the heavens, but are, in reality, monstrous globes of extremely hot glowing gas; suns vast distances away.

The prediction of a meteor shower is less accurate than that of a solar or lunar eclipse. Therefore, one may occur a day or two either before or after its expected arrival.

Meteor showers are usually the most spectacular after midnight when the rotation of the earth is in the opposite direction to the stream. During a shower, the meteors appear to "rain" from a single point in the sky called a "radiant." The shower is named after the constellation in which its radiant seems to lie.

All meteor showers are not the same. The Leonids are closely bunched in one spot of their orbit. The earth enters the densest portion of this swarm at intervals of about 33 years. Unusually large numbers of Leonids are seen a year or two before the year of maximum display, and again for a year or two following. In a never-to-be-forgotten extravaganza in 1866-68, thousands of Leonids fell like snowflakes. However, the display in the mid-sixties of the 20th century was disappointing.





The Perseids are more evenly distributed around their orbit. Therefore, they return in equal and considerable numbers each year. The Perseids are swift-moving, with an intense bluish or greenish light. They leave brilliant persistent trails.

The Andromedid meteors are believed to be the remains of Belia's Comet which disintegrated in a too-close approach to the earth. They are reddish and sluggish with short faint trails, sometimes referred to as the Bielids.

Everyone can find the Big Dipper and the Pole Star toward which the two stars on the outside right edge of the Dipper point. Groups of stars like this, which always present the same appearance when viewed from the earth, are called constellations. To us, they seem to move from east to west because we are rotating from west to east beneath

The constellations were named by

the ancients after shapes they fancied they saw in the heavens. The choice of names suggests that the practice began in Mesopotamia; the animals for which some of them are named were native to that area. Later, the Greeks added names of their heroes and demigods. The Romans used the Greek list but translated the names to Latin. These are the "official" names used today.

Most of us don't have the highly developed imaginations of the ancients. I have trouble finding some constellations even though I know where they are supposed to be. For instance, Ursa Major, the Great Bear, doesn't look at all like a bear to me; bears do not have long tails. However, the Big Dipper perfectly describes the seven brightest stars in that constellation. I find Orion a good likeness. It is quite easy to envision the powerful hunter striding across the heavens, arm uplifted.

Two of the brightest constellations, Ursa Major and Cassiopeia, as well as some less conspicuous ones, revolve around the Pole Star. They do not rise or set, and are said to be circumpolar.

Of course, the night sky is full of stars, only a few of which form the constellations. Between two and three thousand of them are visible to the naked eye, not counting the estimated billion or so that make up the Milky Way, that hazy band that stretches from horizon to horizon, and which is also called the Pathway of Souls, Galaxy and Jacob's Ladder.

Stars, which we see as tiny dots in the heavens are, in reality, monstrous globes of extremely hot glowing gas; in other words, suns. They look so small only because they are so far away. Our sun has a diameter of 864,000 miles, and is 92.9 million miles distant. The most brilliant star in the sky, Sirius, the Dog Star, which is located in Canis Major, is three times as large as the sun. It is, however, 51 trillion miles from us.

Stars are classified by magnitudes according to their apparent brilliancy when viewed from earth-the lower the magnitude the brighter the star. Scientists believe that the brightest stars are the hottest.

Fifteen of the earth's 20 stars of first magnitude are visible in the United States. Following Sirius, which is best observed about March 1st, in order of brightness they are: Vega in Lyra, Capella in Auriga, Arcturus in Bootes, Rigel in Orion, Procyon, the Little Dog Star, in Canis Minor and Betelgeuse in Orion; also Altair in Aquila, Aldebaran in Taurus, Pollux in Gemini, Spica in Virgo, Antares in Scorpicus, Fomalhaut in Piscis Austrinus, Deneb in Cygnus and Regulus in Leo. Fomalhaut is visible only in the fall and early winter.

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There are 50 stars of second magnitude, including Polaris and the two pointers. Stars below the sixth magnitude can be seen only with the aid of

a telescope.

The best time of night for stargazing is after midnight, and the best place is a spot far out in the country away from city or village lights. Though most of us spend more time outdoors at night in the summer, the stars are less brilliant then than they are on a mid-winter eve. During January, especially, there are more brilliant stars in view than at any other time of the year. Around midnight, Orion is directly overhead-and in a circle around him you will see six of the brightest stars in the heavens. Clockwise they are: Rigel, Sirius, Procyon, Pollux, Capella and Aldebaran.

Stars seem to twinkle more when the denser air is cold and frosty, too. Actually, they do not twinkle at all; the effect of the earth's atmosphere gives that effect. If you were on a space ship outside the earth's atmosphere, they would shine with a clear steady light.

If you observe the stars closely, you see how greatly they differ in color. In summer you see sapphire blue Vega, ruby red Antares and white Deneb, the most brilliant of the summer stars. Altair, the nearest star of first magnitude, glows pale yellow. Capella is also a yellow star. Aldebaran in Taurus is a red star of the winter skies. Arcturus shines with an orange light. In the constellation Orion is blue-white Rigel which sparkles like a perfect diamond, and Betelgeuse which glows like a miniature red poppy. Procyon gives off a yellowish-white light, while Sirius gleams brilliant white.

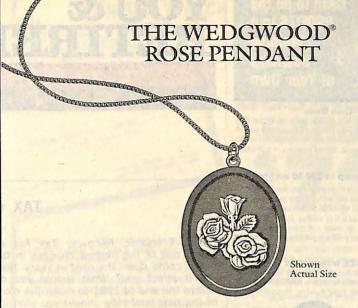
The variation of colors between the stars is most striking in a color photo of the night sky taken using a time ex-

posure of several hours.

With their spectroscopes, scientists can tell from its color what elements are present in a star. Bluish-white helium stars are the hottest and the youngest; red the coolest and the oldest. Spica, a blue-tinged star which appears in the spring sky, has the hottest surface temperature of any star: 20,000 degrees Centigrade. Antares, with a surface temperature of 3,100 degrees Centigrade, is the coolest.

Appearing much like stars are eight planets which traverse the skies. However, whereas stars are balls of burning gases, planets are solid, and the light they give off is not light of their own but, like that of Earth's, reflected from the sun. They are much closer to us

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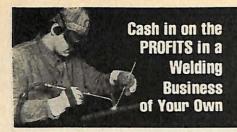
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### TAX CHANGES

The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981: one of the biggest changes in tax law to come down the road in years. How will it affect you? What should you do before the end of 1981 to make the most of the new law? How should you plan for the future?

 The big change, and the one you've probably heard the most about, is the cut in tax rates. This has two parts: a reduction of the current top rate from 70 percent to 50 percent, effective January 1982 (which has the effect of reducing maximum long-term capital gains tax from 28 percent to 20 percent), and an across-the-board cut in tax rates in three stages: a five percent cut in withholding taxes took place on October 1, 1981; there will be another 10 percent cut on July 1, 1982 and still another 10 percent cut on July 1, 1983. If you're still working, still looking forward to retirement, the tax cuts mean that you'll have more money in your pocket with which to plan.

But how much will it actually mean to you? According to the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., a married taxpayer earning \$20,000 and filing jointly will save just \$40 in 1981 (the 5 percent tax cut, effective October 1, actually amounts to a cut for the year of 1.25 percent), \$332 in 1982, \$619 in 1983, and \$764 in 1984. Higher income taxpayers will save more.

What does it all mean in terms of your tax planning? If you're wise, you'll defer any income you can from this year until next year. If you have extra income from outside employment, or expect a yearend bonus, see if you can receive the money in 1982, when tax rates will be lower. Since deductions will mean more at this year's higher tax rates, meanwhile, take as many deductions as you can before the end of 1981. Prepay state income taxes or local property taxes, make 1982's charitable contributions, buy a car or boat (if you plan such a purchase) to take the sales tax deduction this year.

 Equally important, for those still looking ahead to retirement, are the changes effective January 1, 1982, in the rules for Individual Retirement Accounts and Keogh Plans. Anyone may now open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without regard to coverage under any other pension plan (previously only those not otherwise covered could establish an

IRA). Contributions to an IRA may now total \$2,000 (up from \$1,500), or \$2,250 if you have a non-working spouse and file a joint return. Self-employed individuals with a Keogh plan will now be entitled to tax-deductible contributions of \$15,000 (up from \$7,500) or 15 percent of income. Both changes mean that considerably more income can be sheltered from taxes while earning interest toward retirement.

 There are major changes in the estate and gift tax provisions of the law so that, by 1987, in a graduated change, estates of up to \$600,000 will pass to heirs untaxed. This will make it considerably easier to keep family businesses within the family; it may also eliminate the need for some life insurance, the insurance bought specifically to cover estate taxes. The top estate tax rate will also drop from 70 percent to 50 percent between 1982 and 1985, while the marital deduction has all limits removed in 1982, so that an estate left to a husband or wife will go untaxed whatever its size. The property will still be taxed when left by the second spouse, of course, but the big change in taxable amounts will allow all but the largest estates to pass untaxed. You should sit down with your lawyer and review your will in light of the new law, especially if you've previously established mechanisms to minimize estate taxes; such mechanisms may now be counterproductive.

Effective in 1982, you will now be able to give \$10,000 per person per year in tax-free gifts, up from the current \$3,000. No gift tax will apply to gifts of any amount if the gift is used for medical ex-

penses or school tuition.

If you're over 55 and sell your principal residence, you may now exclude \$125,000 of any profit from capital gains tax. This once-in-a-lifetime exclusion has been raised, effective July 20, 1981, from \$100,000.

At the same time, if you're under 55 (or don't elect to take the over-55 exclusion at this time), you may now defer capital gains tax on the sale of your home as long as you move into a new home of equal or greater value within two years of the sale. This is an extension of the previous 18 month rule.

New rules apply to interest and dividend income. Here's how the rules are explained by the major accounting firm

of Arthur Young & Company:

Prior to 1981, taxpayers were permitted to exclude up to \$100 (\$200 on a joint return) of taxable income. For 1981 and 1982 the exclusion was expanded to include certain interest income and the amount was increased to \$200 (\$400 on a joint return). Now, under this Tax Act,

. . . the \$200/\$400 dividend and interest exclusion is made applicable to 1981 only:

... the \$100/\$200 dividend exclusion is restored for 1982 and thereafter;

percent of the excess of certain interest income over interest expense, up to a maximum of \$450 (\$900 on a joint return), will be available beginning in 1985.

Meanwhile, in an attempt by the Federal Government to encourage savings in banks and thrift institutions, these institutions have been authorized to issue tax-exempt savings certificates. The "All-Savers Certificate" permits an individual to exclude up to \$1,000 of interest income (\$2,000 on a joint return) from one-year certificates issued between October 1, 1981 and December 31, 1982. The interest rate on these certificates will be 70 percent of the yield on 52 week Treasury bills; when these T-bills are discounted to yield 15 percent, the yield on an All-Savers Certificate would be 10.5 percent.

Before you rush out to buy an All-

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. . . Although the certificates will be sold for a 15 month period, the interest exclusion is a once-in-a-lifetime affair. You can't buy enough certificates to exclude \$1,000 in 1982 and again in 1983.

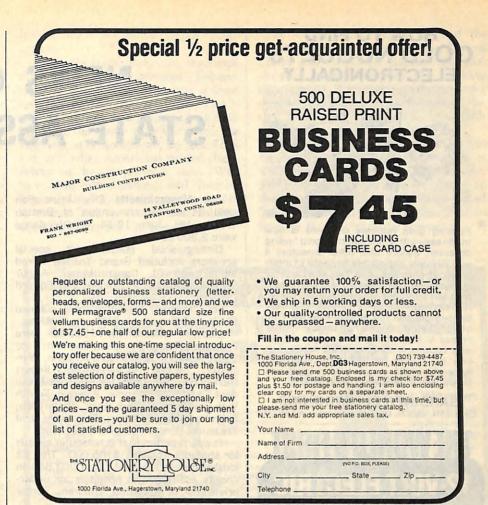
There are many other provisions in this complex Tax Act, too many to outline here. But, briefly, here are two that

may apply to you:

• Even if you don't itemize deductions on your Federal income tax form, you will now be able to deduct a portion of your charitable contributions. For 1982 and 1983, the maximum deduction will be \$25, for a \$100 contribution.

© Congress has also provided some relief from the tax penalties incurred by two-income couples. If you and your spouse are both working you will be able to deduct 5 percent of the smaller income (up to \$30,000), for a maximum deduction of \$1,500. In 1983 and thereafter, the deductible percentage goes to 10 percent, for a maximum deduction (unless Congress takes further action) of \$3,000.

What would you like to know? Address your questions and comments to Grace W. Weinstein, The Elks Magazine, 425 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614. Individual questions cannot be answered, but topics of general interest will be discussed in a forthcoming column.



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### **NEWS OF THE** STATE ASSOCIATIONS

The Massachusetts Elks Association held its annual convention at Bretton Woods, NH, June 12-14. In attendance were 2,300 persons.

Distinguished guests and special speakers included Grand Trustee Alfred Mattei and GL Committeemen Arthur Kochakian, Dominic Dululio, and Edward Callanan.

Four regional meetings were planned for September, January, March, and May.

Elected officers for 1981-82 were President Joseph Silva, Jr., Taunton; First Vice-President James Consolmagno, Worcester; Second Vice-President Robert Blomquist, Arlington; Third Vice-President Charles McWhinnie, Billerica; Fourth Vice-President Robert Shell, Watertown; Secretary James Colbert, Somerville, and Treasurer Donald Podgurski, Norwood.

It was reported that scholarship awards to students totalled \$105,000. The 83 lodges donated a total of \$1,203,844 in charity assistance to hospitals for underprivileged or retarded children, senior citizens, and other needy persons.

It was decided to increase the officers training program from two already in progress to three or more throughout the year for all chair officers, secretaries, and treasurers, to better instruct all in the workings of the Order. The association also will attempt to improve its relationships with military organizations and other fraternal organizations and to do more for hospitalized veterans and needy families.

Entertainment at the convention included a golf tournament, swimming courses, a ladies fashion show, Flag Day exercises, the Elks Drill Team exhibition, and family participation activities.

The Mississippi State Elks Association held its annual convention in Biloxi May 1-3.

PGER Robert Grafton, the state sponsor, and his wife Pat were the special guests of the association for the weekend. Brother Grafton was the principal speaker at the convention banquet on Saturday evening.

State association officers elected for the coming year were C.W. Dub Hicks of Hattiesburg as President, Francis Hanes of Vicksburg as Vice President South, Charles Lee of Greenwood as Vice President North, and Raphael Franco of Vicksburg as Secretary-Treasurer.

Six teams, Biloxi, Gulfport, Hatties-burg, Ocean Springs, Pascagoula and Vicksburg, competed in the State Ritualistic Contest. Vicksburg Lodge was selected the overall team winner.

The State Major Project Committee reported the receipt of \$6,950.55 during the year for support of the burn center being constructed in Greenville. It is anticipated that this facility will serve the five surrounding states with care and rehabilitation for burn victims of all ages.

Long-range plans were established for the sites of future association meetings in view of the difficulties encountered in obtaining adequate hotel accommodations. The future meetings will be held in Natchez (November, 1981), Vicksburg (May, 1982), Hattiesburg (November,

1982), Pascagoula (May, 1983) and Vicksburg (November, 1983). Raphael Franco of Vicksburg Lodge was elected to the State Elks "Hall of Fame." Brother Franco has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, as Special Deputy GER, State Housing Chairman, and in many other capacities. His contributions to the Elks Association, his lodge and Elkdom have been unending.

PGER Grafton complimented the state on its National Foundation support, which has improved greatly over the past two years. He stated that Elks must continue to work diligently in support of the programs of the Order and educate the public on the purposes of Elkdom and its contribution to society.

The 73rd annual convention of the West Virginia Elks Association was held in Morgantown August 6-8. A total of 459 delegates, wives and special guests were in attendance.

Special speakers were West Virginia Secretary of State James Manchin, GER Raymond V. Arnold, PGER Homer Huhn, Jr., and Pennsylvania SP William Pickett.

The next annual convention will be held in Huntington August 5-7, 1982.

Newly elected state officers are President Hobart Owens, Huntington; Vice-President North Lester Hess, Jr., Wheeling; Vice-President Central James Carpenter, Buckhannon; Vice-President South Oral Sisson, Charleston; Secretary Donald Finnegan, Weirton; and Treasurer Donald Barger, Elkins.

The golf tournament was won by Brother Jim Willard with a net of 73. The state bowling tournament was scheduled for October 17-18 and 24-25 at Clarksburg

The state Major Project is the two crippled children's camps, one serving the northern part of the state and the other for the southern region. This year the camps served a total of 110 campers with total expenses of \$7,036.

Decisions were made to revise the association's by-laws and to increase dues from \$1 to \$1.25 per member.

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### The Chaw

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epilepsy, asthma, impotency, heart disease and cancer. After reading a tract on the evils of tobacco use in all of its forms, one old-timer confessed to be so shaken that he had to have a chaw to settle his nerves.

In spite of opposition, however, the tobacco industry prospered. It has often been said that the white settlers in America all but obliterated the native Indians and their culture. It's plain, however, that in some respects Indian ways prevailed. The white man learned the use of tobacco from the red man.

It is well-known that tobacco shops came to be identified by wooden Indians placed out in front of the store. These are said to have appeared first in London in the 17th century, only they were not really figures of Indians but of black men in feather headresses and girdles of tobacco. Apparently, African slaves were confused with the Indians.

Then in the next century, stores in England and even the United States might have a figure of a kilted Scottish highlander out in front. This was due to the fact that the Scotch vigorously entered into the tobacco trade. Still later in the United States, the wooden American Indian became common. Many statues were made with a dagger, tomahawk or musket. Sometimes the Indian held cigars in his hand or a leaf of tobacco.

The wooden Indians were commonly made of white pine, and they were prized by lovers of folk art. According to Robert K. Heimann in *Tobacco and Americans*, there were 100,000 pine red men in the country at one time. They were more numerous than the once-familiar barber poles with the red and white spiraling stripes.

As a variation, the tobacco shop might have in front of it a figure of a cavalier, a buckskin trapper, a lady of fashion, or a historical character. Whatever the figure, however, they were often stolen or defaced.

When cities became larger, and sidewalks became more crowded, the statues sometimes hindered pedestrian traffic and caused accidents. A woman intent on window shopping might bang into a pine red man. Or a man reading the newspaper as he walked along the street might become impaled on the sword of a cavalier. There were said to have been cases, too, where a drunk stumbled into a police precinct in panic claiming that an Indian with a tomahawk was after him. In the 20th century, therefore, the tobacco store

Indian and other figures began to disappear.

About the same time, also, the cuspidor became less conspicuous. Tobacco chewing was in some respects a function of space and solitude, ideally suited to frontier and farm life. Chewing was the most popular when the city was still dominated by the frontier, and when Americans prided themselves on being common men. With increasing urbanization, and increasing emphasis upon nicety of manners, spittoons became scarce and tobacco chewing dwindled in popularity.

It is interesting, however, that the sale of chewing tobacco in the United States has increased during the past decade, perhaps due to the smoking cancer scare. But the manufacture and consumption of chewing tobacco is today far below that in the late 19th century.

Tobacco chewing seems nowadays to be largely an outdoors pastime. It is well-known, for example, that many professional baseball players chew on the diamond. Here, the old-time art of "eating" tobacco may still be seen to flourish in a picturesque manner.



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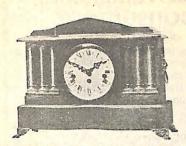
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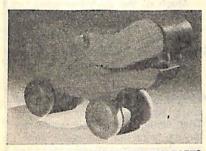


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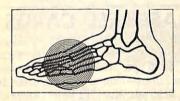
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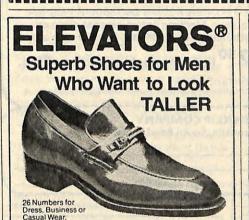
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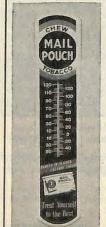


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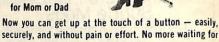
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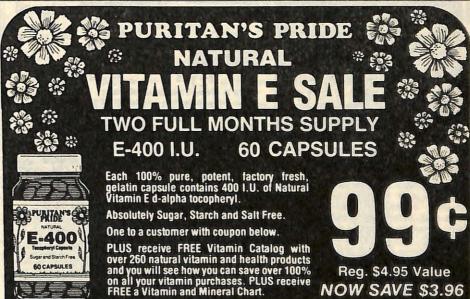
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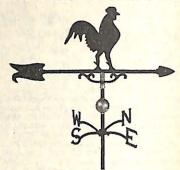
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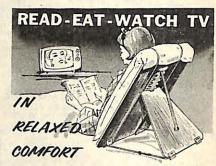
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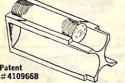
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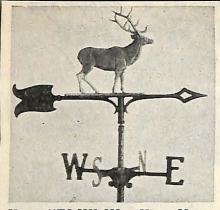
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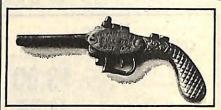


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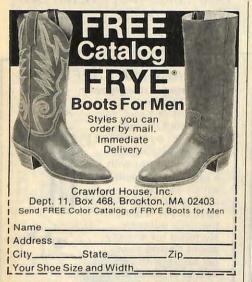
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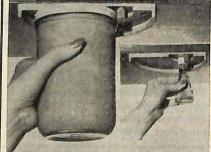


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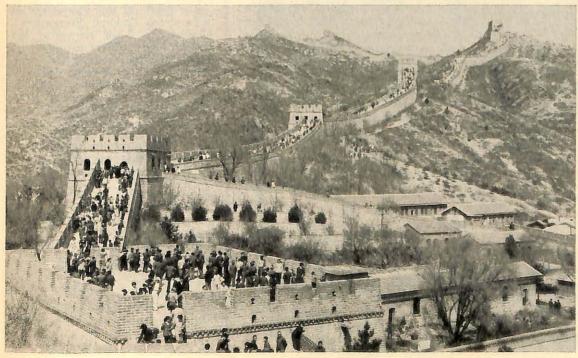
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The express train roared through the verdant countryside while somber music wafted through its corridors. Morning had arrived like an enveloping storm, gray and foreboding, and the music set the mood for the gloom that appeared outside. Now a girl wearing

a Mao Cap and gown moved down the aisle, steaming teakettle in hand, refilling the cups held out to her.

The passengers were with tour groups from the United States, Japan and Germany. Principally, though, they were Chinese, going home to Soochow

or else traveling on a holiday to this town so famous for its gardens, its silks, temples and pavilions, a page from a storybook that inspires writers to wax poetically and other mortals to stand in awe of its beauty. The girl with the teakettle paused to study a scene that could have been lifted from the pages of a Pearl S. Buck novel, one nearly as old as China herself. Beyond the windows, hundreds of peasants were working the rice paddies, stooped, weeding, tending water buffalo, sowing seed, waiting for the harvest that



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surely would come, after which they would begin the entire process patiently all over again.

As the girl with the teakettle moved along the aisle again, the sun beamed through the clouds and soon the rice paddies gave way to mulberry orchards, farmhouses and finally the city of Soochow itself. Even before the train heaved to a halt, passengers hurried to the doors. With the sun darting in and out of clouds, we hailed a taxi and drove off along streets lined with plane trees and canals.

Like Venice, Soochow boasts its own Grand Canal. Scattered across Soochow's flat countryside are dozens of temples, gardens and pavilions. And just as importantly, there are the faces -faces with knowing and sober expressions that appear to reflect the centuries themselves. As the taxi driver threaded his way through bicyclists and pedestrians, our guide repeated a Chinese proverb: "In Heaven there is paradise, here below there is Soochow. . . .

And somewhere among all this ancient beauty I would meet the girl with the questioning eyes.

Soochow with its gardens provides scenes of eternal springtime. Its very soul exists in its gardens-those with such poetic names as The Garden of Harmony, The Garden of The Pavilion of Waves and Linger Here Garden. These and others. Perhaps a hundred more. And although less than 100 kilometers from the frenetic world of Shanghai, Soochow seems a lifetime removed. Seven centuries ago Marco Polo marveled over the beauty of Soochow; others were attracted as well, particularly wealthy merchants of the Ming and Qing dynasties who settled in Soochow and created their gardens that today attract the masses, gardens with trees and flowers, artificial hills, pools, pavilions and terraces. Visitors come to Soochow to retrace the footsteps of mandarins as well as Marco Polo, crossing arching bridges, photographing artificial lakes and sipping tea in pavilions of grace and beauty.

It was beside a lake at the Linger Here Garden that I met Luan-li, a young girl of soft, springlike beauty whose silken black hair shines like a raven's and whose eyes reflect the mystery of China itself. I was studying a blanket of water lilies when I heard her voice.

Softly, she said, "Forgive me, but do you speak English?"

I turned. "Why, yes."

She hesitated. "I have a question. . . .

I smiled. "I hope I have the answer," I said.

She bowed her head, embarrassed. 

She looked up and suddenly she blurted it out. "May I practice my English with you?"

I laughed. I couldn't control it. It was such a simple question and she seemed so frightened. Now, relaxed, she laughed, too. Then she explained. "My professor told me to go into the city and talk with foreigners. You don't mind?"

"No, of course not."

It is a question every American traveling in China gets used to. After 30 years of isolation the Chinese are eager to speak with foreigners, particularly in English. For the traveler this is one of the joys of visiting China, this getting to know her people. Perhaps it is its greatest joy-more so even than visiting her temples and pavilions and other treasures that make China the fascinating destination that it is.

Luan-li led me to a pavilion and at a table beside a pond we ordered tea.

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"Have you always lived in Soochow?" I asked.

"Except for the time I spent on a farm, a commune in the north.'

She explained that she was very young when she was sent there, only 16. "It was during the Cultural Revolution, a very bad time in China. . . ." she said.

"And it's different now?"

"Oh, yes, of course. We can speak freely again, now that the Gang of Four is finished. . . .

While we waited for our tea, a crowd of Chinese gathered near our table. Luan-li smiled. "They are curious about you," she said.

"Yes, I know."

"They are like this with all foreigners," she said. "You don't mind."

"No, of course not."

It had happened before-in Canton, in Shanghai. Now, here we were, surrounded by others in Soochow.

Luan-li smiled. "May I show you the

gardens?"

"I would like that," I said, standing. I looked down at this tiny figure of a woman whose ebony hair hung in a pigtail. With so many women wearing somber grays and blues, Luan-li was refreshing in her beige jacket with its colorful blouse and matching skirt. Without another word she led the way, and together we explored Soochow. We saw it all. Carp swimming in ponds, Cherry trees. Elms, Magnolias. Lakes and miniature hills. Roses. Acacias. Willows. Jasmine. And bridges-yes, dozens of arching bridges.

Meanwhile, Luan-li related the story of the gardens, particularly the tale about the Garden of the Unsuccessful Politician. It seems it was created with money extorted by a 16th-Century court official of the Ming Dynasty. He was sent to Soochow to investigate corrupt politicians. Instead, he became tainted himself and accepted bribes to hide their crimes. But, well, couldn't he be forgiven? asked Luan-li. Just look at all the beauty he created with the money he took from those politicians. We visited other gardens: The Garden of Harmony, The Garden of The Pavilion of Waves, The Garden of The Master of Fish Nets, The Garden of The End of Springs and one that's called Plain Man's Politics Garden. The latter, Luan-li said, was laid out by another 16th-Century politician who willed it to a son.

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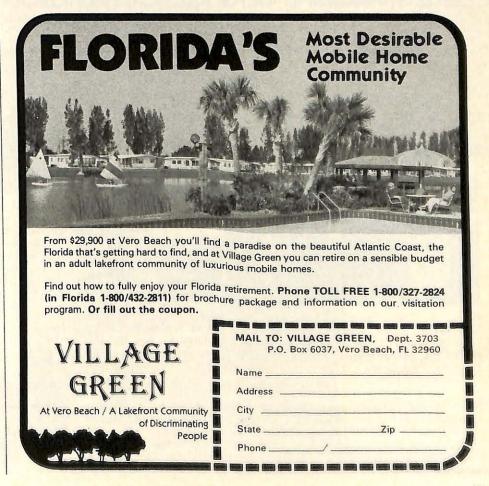
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## CHINA

"Oh, that was a terrible mistake!" Luan-li cried. "Mistake?"

"Yes, the politician's son gambled it away!"

All this 400 years ago, imagine. Well, times haven't changed so very much, after all. Now have they?

Getting picked up by this pretty young girl, Luan-li, had other advantages, for I'd learned a bit of history, too-how Soochow was the capital, with a king, during the 5th Century B.C. and a silk center for the last six centuries. My notebook was filled by the time I looked at my watch. "I must go," I told Luan-li. "My train will be leaving in an hour."

In the street I stopped a taxi. "Would you like to ride with me to the station?" I asked Luan-li.

"You wouldn't mind?"

"Not at all."

She smiled. "That will be fine. It will give me that much more time to practice my English!"

In the taxi Luan-li asked about America again. "How many hours does it take to fly there from China?"
"Fourteen," I said. "That's if you fly

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Pekin, IL, Lodge members load more than \$3,000 worth of television sets, stereos, radios, watches, and clothes into a van headed for the Veterans Hospital in Danville, IL. From left are Est. Loyal Kt. Paul Bollinger, PDD Glen Hoffman; Esq. William Scarcliff, Secy. Erven Abel, and Est. Lead. Kt. Fred Lewis.

Anton Wedal (center), commandant of the new Michigan VA Center in Marquette, receives two checks of \$375 each from Marquette and Ishpeming Lodges to be used in furnishing an activities room at the center. From left are Brother Peter Belpedio and PER Les Anderson of Ishpeming Lodge, Mr. Wedal, and PERs Wayne Riopelle and Stan Buckmaster of





Forest Grove, OR, Lodge donated six color television sets to the VA Medical Center in Portland, OR. Shown with one of the sets are from left: Est. Lead. Kt. Francis "Dutch" Schmidt, North Central District National Service Committeeman Herm Mayer, ER John Davis, and lodge Veterans Chm. Ray Lang. The lodge has already committed itself to donating six more sets to the center this year.



non-stop. Longer, of course, if you go by way of Tokyo or make some other refueling stop.'

"Ah-weee, so far!" cried Luan-li. "I'm not so sure I would want to get that far from China!"

Later as the train pulled away from the station Luan-li stood on her tiptoes and waved from the platform. I waved back, and then, suddenly, she was gone, lost in the crowd.

While the train picked up speed I thought of the others I'd seen in China this day: the beggar with the unseeing eyes, the bicyclist who was nearly run down by a truck, the men gambling beside the Grand Canal, the girl on the bus with the soulful eyes, the young soldier with the red star on his cap. I gazed out the window as darkness fell across China and kerosene lanterns flickered in the darkness.

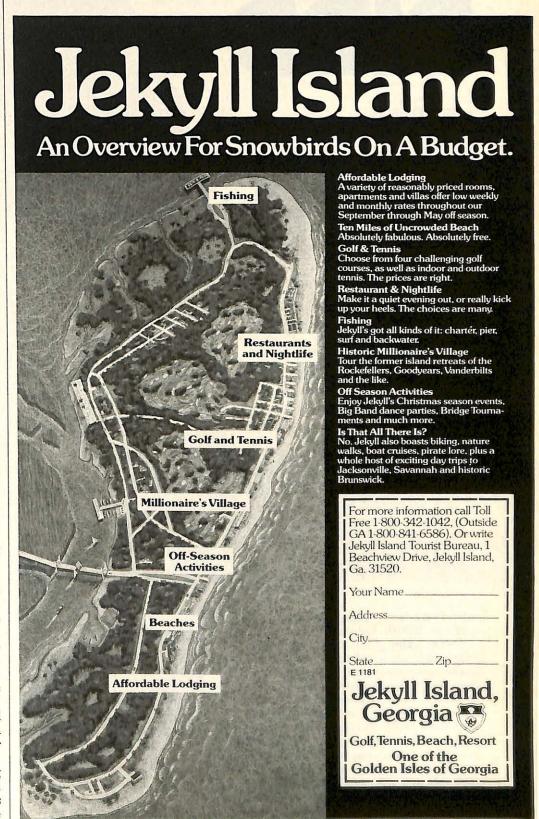
Peking: The word's out-China has finally made the great leap forward. In the beginning, there were no credit cards, no discos, no foreign flicks, no Western consumer goods. None of that bourgeois business. As a matter of fact, it was next to impossible to buy a good cigar or get a decent cup of coffee—anywhere in China. Now there's Master Charge, American Express, minibuses, professional tour guides. The whole tourist production. And while Avis and Hertz are noticeably absent, there's an operation called Rent-A-Camel that's going great guns out at the Great Wall. The idea is to mount this refugee from the Gobi Desert and be immortalized on film, using the Great Wall as a background. (The camel owner also is a photographer.) But there's more. Outside the Summer Palace, another concession called Rent-A-Robe is similarly successful. Here again, a wily old Chinese lends visitors the robes of an empress or emperor and then snaps their picture-all for a couple of yuan.

Others are into tourism as well. A growing number of entrepreneurs, particularly the young, are hustling baggage at rail stations, setting up sidewalk photo stalls and selling post cards and paintings wherever tourists gather, be it the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs or the Temple of Heaven. Only it's not called capitalism-it's just plain old Chinese ingenuity. It's evident that the people's concern over Westernization is easing. Particularly when one runs head-on into Coke machines in hotel lobbies from Kunming to Fushan. And so the obvious question: If Coca-Cola has arrived, can the masses be far behind?

A sign in the lobby of the Peking Hotel declares, "We have friends all over the world," and apparently it's true. As it stands, the Peking is the

No. 1 choice of nearly every visitor arriving in the Chinese capital. And while it's not another Connaught, the Peking is indeed the city's finest hotel. What's more, it's filled to capacity year-round.

Less than a mile from Tien An Mien Square and the Forbidden City, the hotel is the action scene for dozens of tour groups. Be grateful if you land a room there, even if it's in the old wing. Guest rooms in Peking are a top priority. It's the same story throughout China. What's more, it remains a mystery as to where you'll spend the night until you arrive at your destination. This is determined by the China International Travel Service (CITA). As a result, travelers light joss sticks and (Continued on page 55)



SPIRIT BIRD

by Bill Thomas

In a seldom-visited corner of the Los Angeles Zoo lives one of the most noble and endangered creatures on earth-Topa Topa, the Spirit Bird, better known as the California condor. For centuries before man first appeared on the planet, the shadow of the great condor was cast over much of the western part of the North American continent. The Indians named it the Thunderbird; some called it the Spirit Bird because almost everyone stood in awe of its great size and impressive markings. The ground, some tribesman said, trembled from the thunder of the great wings as the California condor arose from its perch to soar on the thermals along the mountain ranges

extending from Baja California to northern British Columbia.

Today, the California condor is found only in a relatively small area in the southern part of that state. Topa Topa not only represents the last few remaining condors alive, it may indeed represent the most critically endangered form of life on the planet. More than half the California condors alive 10 years ago have now disappeared. In 1970, there were an estimated 60 to 70 birds living in southern California: today there may be fewer than 30. Topa Topa himself survives because someone

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found him after an unfortunate encounter with man; he was critically injured when he came to the Los Angeles Zoo several years ago, but was carefully nursed back to health. Never treat of the condor, Sisquoc Canyon has he recuperated to the point he can be returned to the wild and expected to fend for himself, however.

Thus, this great bird with upwards of a nine-foot wingspan lives inside a protective screened impoundment in an environment as nearly like its own natural surroundings as possible. He is cared for daily and, un-

like his cousins of the wild, never goes hungry. Few visitors to the zoo see him and, if they do, even

fewer realize how rare Topa Topa really is. He has no fear of man, even though man has created the demise of his species. When one approaches the cage, Topa Topa most likely will fly down to greet the visitor, separated only by the tough screen impoundment. At no other place in the entire world can one have a closer look or a more intimate relationship with a California condor.

Some people feel nothing short of a miracle will prevent the condor's disappearance from the planet by the turn of the century or soon thereafter. Like Martha, last of the passenger pigeons on earth, died September 1, 1914, in the Cincinnati Zoo, Topa Topa may conceivably become the last of its own species. The demise of the great Thunderbird has been long in coming. It is one of the few forms of life on earth today that transcends geological age, dating thousands of years back to the Pleistocene Period. Before the European came to the New World, the shadow of the condor was cast over a wide expanse of the continent, certainly as far east as the Rockies and north to the upper boundaries of what is today Canada's British Columbia.

As far back as the late 1930s, ornithologists realized the California condor was in trouble, but they didn't realize just how critical the problem

had become. In fact, the first condor controversy arose in the mid-1930s when the U.S. Forest Service planned a road through a wild mountainous rein Los Padres National Forest just northeast of Los Angeles. Organized resistance was initiated by a single rancher-Robert Easton-who managed a ranch in the path of the bulldozers. The National Audubon Society joined in the campaign. A short time later, the Forest Service set aside a 1,200-acre area around a waterfall in Sisquoc Canyon as a condor sanctuary and closed it to all other use. And two years later, the Audubon Society initiated the first intensive study of this remarkable bird. The late Carl Koford, then a graduate student in zoology at Berkeley, was chosen as the researcher.

Periodic studies have been done since then, including an annual census.

## The Indians stood in awe of the condor's great size and impressive markings and called it the Spirit Bird.

And scientists have watched helplessly as development moved in on condor habitat, limiting the food supply, poisoning it, even shooting the condors. A decade ago, the greatest mortality rate among condors was caused by hunters who downed the birds, apparently just for the hell of it. Some crashed into utility lines; others were disturbed at their nesting sites by lowflying aircraft, sonic booms and the inroads of humanity. Meanwhile, ranchers cleaned up their land, leaving less and less habitat for wildlife such as deer and coyote on whose carcasses the condor might feed. The habitat and the food supply diminished. And what food there was often was contaminated with poisonous chemicals,

The condor has always needed great range. It may fly over an area of a hundred square miles within a week. Today, that may be necessary in order to find enough food to stay alive. And. of course, if this is the case, it requires a nesting condor to be away for long hours from the incubating egg or from the chick, creating still another mortality problem in reproduction.

of all, however, is the current one in which researchers and naturalists from various organizations and agencies spend precious time arguing about what should be done to save the condor, when literally moments count. Much of that controversy was touched off in June of 1980 when a baby condor died, apparently of shock, after being examined by two researchers representing the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Audubon Society at its nest on a rocky ledge in the San Raphael Wilderness of the Los Padres National Forest.

The fact is that probably not a single researcher or naturalist knows how to go about saving this species; everything is merely theory. And time is quickly running out. As one of the handlers of Topa Topa at the LA Zoo told me in 1980, he believes frankly there's little hope for saving the condor. "Its time has come and gone," he said, sadly. "Some things are like that. They thrive for a few years, maybe a few hundred or even a few thousand years and then time ultimately catches up with them. And there's not much anybody can do about it."

To save the condor would undoubtedly mean humanity would have to digress from the areas where condors fly. In a key condor feeding area of some 200,000 acres in southern California, for instance, about 20,000 acres have been paved over or developed during the past two years. Between 1960 and 1970 the human population in parts of condor country increased three- and fourfold. Citrus groves, oilfields and real-estate developments are spreading across the condor's traditional foraging areas. In 1972 alone, John Borneman of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service points out, vacation homes took 100,000 acres of forage

There's great evidence that just not enough food exists to feed the big birds, which require up to two pounds of carrion per day. An experimental feeding program in one nesting area a few years back resulted in twice the birthrate as normal. Condors do not breed until they are five or six years old and then may hatch only one chick every two years. They live to be 40 to 50 years of age, however, unless brought to an untimely end by the influences of man.

Sanford Wilbur, a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service researcher from the Patuxent, MD, research station who has been close to the California condor, described his efforts thus: "Working to save the condor is doing the work of the Lord. I know God had a good rea-Perhaps the most critical controversy son for making such species," he once



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wrote. "And I know He gave man stewardship over all his earthly creations. My scientific training tells me each species of animal and plant has a spe-

cial place. If the condor goes, and its slowing and stabilizing influence is removed, I have serious doubts anything else will be able to stop development in all its many forms from consuming the remaining good parts of southern California."

The range now left to the condor besides the 1,200 acre Sisquoc Canyon sanctuary is the 53,000-acre Sespe sanctuary within the Los Padres National Forest, which extends along a mountainous coast and comprises nearly two million acres.

Increasing enforcement efforts are made to insure that no one goes into the condor sanctuary except a bare handful of people who keep tabs on the welfare of the birds. The condor country is almost sacred to some and there have even been sporadic efforts to designate the condor itself as a national monument. It is a monument, certainly, to say the least. One need merely visit Topa Topa in the LA Zoo to stand in awe of this fantastic creature. But it is time to realize, too, as we observe Topa Topa that our grandchildren may only read about the existence of such creatures that once inhabited the earth . . . for the California condor may indeed be no more.

## Departed Brothers

PAST GRAND EST. LECT. KT. Hollis B. Brewer of Casper, WY, Lodge died August 19, 1981. He held that post in 1936-37 and was Grand In. Gd. in 1946-47.

Brother Hollis was also District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Wyoming in 1938-39, president of the Wyoming Elks State Association in 1939-40, and a member of several Grand Lodge committees. From 1953-55, he served as chm. of the GL Committee on Credentials.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Carl Livingston, Sr. of El Cajon, CA, Lodge died August 17, 1981. Brother Livingston served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South Coast District of California in 1967-68.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Charles R. (Bob) Marsch of Bend, OR, Lodge died June 1, 1981. The news of his passing was received by this magazine only recently. Brother Marsch served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District of Oregon in 1962-63.



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## Night Sky

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than the stars, and the beams of light they send us are so broad that atmospheric effect is scarcely noticeable. Therefore, they do not wink back at us like stars.

Though planets are not stars, when one appears in the sky in the early evening or in the pre-dawn hours, it is commonly referred to as an evening star or a morning star.

Unlike the stars which appear to be "fixed" in the heavens, the planets are wanderers. You cannot expect to see them always in the same position in the night sky. Venus, for example, is visible sometimes in the east as a brilliant morning star; sometimes in the west as the evening star.

Planets, like stars, differ in color. Venus is a dazzling white; Mars glowing red. Jupiter is yellow. Mercury is an elusive little orb which only occasionally is seen near the horizon either as a morning or an evening star. Saturn is the only other planet visible to the naked eye. It is yellow, but often hard to identify. Neptune, Uranus and Pluto can be seen only through a telescope. Most almanacs give information as to when the planets will be visible.

Because we are moving through the solar system, different constellations, except those which are circumpolar, dominate the heavens at different times of the year. Maps of the night sky showing the constellations and the more brilliant stars which are visible each month of the year are available from the Astronomy Departments of most universities and from planetariums.

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## News of The Lodges (Continued from page 15)



PANA, IL. A benefit dance held at Pana, IL, Lodge netted \$2,558 for 2-year-old cancer victim Jodi McGlauchlen. Jodi's father is an active member of the lodge. From left are Elk of the Year Ralph Ashcraft, Mrs. Donna McGlauchlen holding Jodi, PER and Trustee Dave Suver, Tami McGlauchlen, Bob McGlauchlen receiving a check from ER Steve Angel, In. Gd. Don Rakers, Est. Lead. Kt. Clarence Ade, and Treas. Bill Higginbotham.



MIAMI, OK, Lodge donated \$1,000 to the fund drive to help send the Miami 13-year-old Babe Ruth baseball team to the Babe Ruth World Series at Jamestown, NY. Lodge Youth Activities Chm. John Longaberger (fourth from left) presented the check to manager Jim Walker. Also in photo are (from left) coach Ralph Webb, league president Boyd Converse, ER Virgil Williams, coach Michael Shaw, and lodge trustee Carl Montgomery.





DELAWARE, OH. ER Ronald Gabriel of Delaware, OH, Lodge accepts a plaque of appreciation from Judy Dolfinger, an employee of the city parks and recreation department. The lodge donated two \$400 grills which were installed in a shelter house in the city park.

RUSSELLVILLE, AR, Lodge sponsored its second 4th of July Picnic for the residents of the Human Development Center in Booneville.

There were from 350 to 400 persons who romped and played, worked and served, and ate and enjoyed this festival day at the center. This included the 236 residents and their families, the center's staff and their families, some Elks from Fort Smith and their wives, and about a dozen Russellville Elks and their wives.

The holiday was of added importance to most of the residents of the center, since it was also "get-away" day for them. Their families came to the center to pick them up for a six-week summer vacation.

However, there are some 60 young adults who have nowhere to go-no family to return to. It is this special group that the Elks have identified with in a very heart-rendering manner. These more or less forgotten souls are adopted by the Elks for special remembrances throughout the year.

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## **ELECTROTHERAPY'S NEW POWER**

Scientists and physicians are learning to harness the power of electricity to treat an ever-widening range of medical disorders. Electricity as medical treatment—electrotherapy—may sound like Space Age stuff, but people have been trying to use it for thousands of years. Recently, however, spurred by the incredible success of the cardiac pacemaker and the development of microelectronics and ultralong-life batteries, electrotherapy has proven it can perform truly amazing medical feats.

Electrotherapy has now demonstrated that it's an effective healer of fractured bones and, as such, has prevented many amputations. It has cured severe skin ulcers and relieved intractable pains and sprains. Implantable electronic devices offer the hope that quadriplegics may soon regain finger movement and bladder control; the deaf may "hear" and understand; and the blind may "see" light patterns.

Within the next 20 years, some scientists predict, electricity, along with drugs and surgery, will help stimulate the regrowth of damaged nerves. Someday, the rapid march of electrons we call electricity could even help regenerate severed limbs or ailing organs.

In the past, the use of electrotherapy has often been primitive, opportunistic and unscientific. It has been touted as a cure for everything from diabetes to impotence to cancer. The first medical use of electricity was about 2,000 years ago, when Roman physicians used electric eels to successfully ease the pain of gout-swollen feet. Nero's army surgeon prescribed the use of electric eels for disorders of the intestines and spleen.

In 1812, "shocks of electric fluid" were reported by a scientific journal to be useful in treating broken bones. By 1850. electromagnetic coils-invented 20 years before by Faraday—were found similarly effective. In the latter half of the century, however, doctors and charlatans alike applied "faradization" to real or imagined ills. The benefits were questionable at best, and by the 1900s electrical therapeutic devices were considered the tools of quacks. Now, the documented advances in scientifically-controlled electrotherapy are quickly erasing its previous bad name.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing successes of electrostimulation therapy is the promotion of bone healing. In the past, when natural bone healing has failed, the usual approach has been surgery—using bone grafts, bone nails, pins or plates. These may fail repeatedly, however, and the inevitable end has often been amputation. Recent electrotherapy techniques have achieved startling bone healing results.

Two electromagnetic bone healers using somewhat different physiologic approaches have recently received approval of the Food and Drug Administration. One type involves implanting electrodes by surgery into the fracture site, while the other is the application of a lowfrequency, low-intensity electromagnetic field over the fracture area with no sur-

The second type of bone healing technique, developed by Dr. C. Andrew L. Bassett, professor of orthopedic surgery and director of Orthopedic Research Laboratories at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, seems to fulfill ideal requirements. His use of electromagnetic fields is nonsurgical and painless, regarded as safe and efficient, and less expensive. It involves using a pair of rectangular coils of insulated wire a few inches in diameter seated in windows in a plaster cast on either side of a fracture. Electricity is applied for 12-16 hours a day for several months.

Using Dr. Bassett's technique, a young man, after 11 unsuccessful operations in five years for a fractured shinbone, was cured. Faced with amputation of the young man's leg, the electomagnetic procedure healed the fracture within a year. Another patient, who had two broken leg bones that failed to unite after 10 years and more than 20 operations, was also healed by electrotherapy. In a group of 125 shinbone non-unions, Dr. Bassett has achieved an 87 percent success rate.

Electrotherapy for bone healing purposes is now being used in some two dozen centers in the U.S. and abroad. With clear-cut advances in electrotherapy already achieved, the potentialities in even more challenging areas are being researched.

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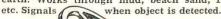


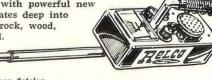


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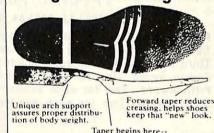
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pray to Buddha they'll get the Peking Hotel during a visit to the capitalthe same hotel where Chairman Mao and Premier Chou En-lai played hosts at banquets for visiting heads of state, Richard Nixon for one.

What with an office shortage throughout the city, a number of foreign ambassadors have been known to fly their flags from the hotel's windows. Now liquor is sold by the bottle in a hotel shop. And the bar is the social scene. Everybody gathers at tables in the late afternoon and evening, seated in fold-up chairs, studying one another from behind a barricade of potted palms like sinister figures in one of those old Bogart flicks. Spies? Well, a few perhaps. But mostly they're businessmen and travelers. Americans, British, Arabs, Africans, Japanese. You can distinguish the Chinese businessmen by their Mao suits, the Westerners by their coats and ties and the tourists by their shorts and sandals.

Without a doubt it is the busiest bar in China. Yes, and with the unlikeliest menu this side of Suez: orange soda, Chivas Regal, hot chocolate, coffee, tea and tomato juice, apple pie a la mode and Tsingtao beer. Take your pick. Signs scrawled on blackboards tell of tours to the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, Fragrant Hill, Zhong Shan Park, the Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall ("Bring film and comfortable walking shoes.").

Counters inside the hotel are stocked with everything imaginable, from silk scarves and sweaters to a vase dating from the Ching Dynasty. The price: a cool \$125,000, this alongside fruit stalls and other shops dealing in jewelry, film, cookies, TV sets. Even fox furs. For years the Peking Hotel has had a guaranteed audience. There are just so many rooms and that's that. Soon, though, the Peking will be facing stiff competition from a couple of slick new Western-style hotels.

First there is the 530-room Jianguo Hotel. The Jianguo will feature both Chinese and Western cuisine, a cocktail lounge, swimming pool and a disco nightclub. (So whatever happened to the revolution?) The second hotel, The Great Wall, promises to become Peking's finest, even though it's miles from that widely photographed tourist attraction of the same name. The Great Wall Hotel is rising between Peking and the city's new \$32-million airport, a \$78-million venture that promises to produce Peking's largest hotel, a 22-1.000 skyscraper containing rooms, a rooftop restaurant and a fivestory atrium complete with a Chinese tea garden. The Great Wall will feature seven restaurants and bars, a health club, artificial waterfalls, reflecting pools, a cinema, specialty shops and a swinging nightclub.

Meanwhile, those who fail to find a room at the Peking Hotel will probably have to settle for something with Early Goodwill furnishings along with noisy bedsprings. On the other hand, if money is no object, it's possible to live like an emperor. I refer to Peking's state guest house compound, the Daio Yu Tai. And it's simply superb! Richard Nixon slept there. So did Ierry Ford. Travel agents take note: The Daio Yu Tai takes in a cluster of magnificent villas scattered across 42 acres of the old Imperial Gardens, complete with lakes, lawns, gardens and ornamental bridges. The asking price for one particular 17-room mansion comes to \$3,000 a night. What's more, lunch and dinner are extra, although guests may (if they wish) have breakfast in bed. Chairman Mao's widow occupied Villa No. 10 with its impressive furnishings and paintings-snitched from the Forbidden City, no less. No emperor ever lived more comfortably. A staff of 30 is part of the deal, including a chef who'll prepare whatever the guest desires-anything from Peking duck to a Thanksgiving turkey. And that's (Continued on next page)

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cheapest single goes for around \$100 a night, the slickest double for about \$300. Mostly, though, the villas rent to groups who are feted with welcome banquets and presented with cellophane-wrapped slippers plus other gifts. It's all part of a program aimed at helping China catch up with other world powers playing the tourist game. And it's the foreigner who pays. No matter what the Chinese are charged in hotels and restaurants, outlanders will pay more. The same formula applies to other services. Even movies. The Chinese have a simple explanation: Capitalists are better paid than Communists. Well, they can be excused. Even with add-ons, China's still cheap. An evening at the opera costs less than a buck in Peking. The theater is a steal. So are movies. And, well, if you're fortunate enough to get a room in the Peking Hotel, count your blessings.

Elks are always ready to help others. According to the Community Disaster Aid Committee of the Ohio Elks Association, the state had more tornadoes in June this year than in any other month in Ohio's history. Over 60 tornadoes were reported and many areas were flooded. Due to the efforts of Ohio Elks, \$4,655 was given to the victims of disasters. In addition, clothing, food and appliances were given by the Ohio Lodges to victims in their areas. Helped especially was the little village of Cardington, just north of Columbus, which was nearly wiped out.

Helping others is just another way of Telling America About Elkdom.

In the July/August issue, we mentioned that Indianapolis, IN, Lodge No. 13 was the only lodge observing its Centennial in 1981.

Comes now a letter from John F. Hartnett, a member of Providence, RI, Lodge No. 14. Says he, Providence is observing its 100th anniversary in 1981. Furthermore, the lodge was instituted on Nov. 13, which is the same date as John's birthday-he was born in 1895.

The History of the Order of Elks indicates that Providence No. 14 was instituted in 1882, but this is probably an error. Chances are the lodge was instituted in 1881 under dispensation, but the charter wasn't issued until the Grand Lodge met in 1882.

Two other lodges are listed as re-

ceiving their charters in 1882: Washington, DC, No. 15 and Denver, CO, No. 17. A dispensation was issued to Illinois No. 16 (Chicago), but was later withdrawn when no activity occurred.

At any rate, happy anniversary to Providence and happy birthday to John F. Hartnett.

Getting back to helping those in need, Everett, MA, Lodge presented a check for \$5,000 for victims of an earthquake in southern Italy. Thank you, Brother Elks.

Wakefield, MA, Lodge has a special program that makes them feel extra proud. They annually hold a Senior Citizens Day. The last time, for instance, they entertained some 370 folks from the area with dinner and entertainment. The Massachusetts Elks Association has a state Senior Citizens Committee, and we'll bet they know that Wakefield is doing its part.

November is Veterans Remembrance Month. Many lodges host and honor veterans during this special month, veterans from particularly disabled nearby Veterans Hospitals. If there is no Veterans Hospital nearby, lodges often honor World War I Vets.

At the last Grand Lodge Session a slight change was made in the Elks' long-time pledge. The Order has pledged that "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

Due to the number of women now in service, the pledge was altered slightly to read: "So long as there are disabled veterans in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

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