

# Jobless rate falls to 10.2%; Reagan says U.S. 'on the move'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though 11.4 million people remain out of work, America's jobless roll declined by 600,000 last month, the government said yesterday. An emboldened President Reagan declared: "We're on the move now."

Officially, the unemployment rate plunged from a post-Depression record 10.8 percent in December to 10.2 percent in January. But a third of that drop was due only to a mathematical change that counted, for the first time, 1.7 million U.S.-based mil-

itary personnel in the work force. In the civilian labor force alone, unemployment fell to 10.4 percent, the first time there has been a decline in that rate since July 1981, when the recession began.

Although Reagan predicted U.S. joblessness would not eclipse that 10.8 percent rate, the government's top labor statistician acknowledged that employment figures for January "typically are subject to large seasonal swings."

A jubilant Reagan, however, proclaimed, "Millions of Americans can take heart. Unemployment has finally started down."

"This dip in unemployment, coming just after a year of higher retail sales, higher auto sales, is just one more sign that America is on the move," he said.

Reagan, under increasing pressure from Congress to support a large-scale public works program, said he has authorized his staff to examine the possibility of accelerating government military and civilian con-

struction projects to help ease unemployment.

The 0.4 percentage point drop in the civilian jobless rate resulted largely from an adjustment of the employment figures for seasonal variations. Without this adjustment, the overall rate, including the military, would have reached a post-Depression record of 11.4 percent.

Inclusion of the military force had been recommended by a special commission during the Carter administration and was en-

dorsed by then-Labor Secretary Ray Marshall and subsequently by Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan.

Reagan acknowledged, "We may see some ups and downs on the way to recovery." But he added, "We're on the move now, and that's our best hope for more productive, lasting jobs."

Although the administration forecast unemployment averaging 10.7 percent in 1983, Reagan said he didn't think the jobless rate would go beyond "the high mark of 10.8."

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# 3 Miracle Valley women acquitted of throwing hammers at TV crew



Karen Carpenter in 1981

## Cardiac arrest kills Carpenter

By John Antczak The Associated Press

DOWNNEY, Calif. — Singer Karen Carpenter, who with her brother, Richard, helped bring romance back to pop music in the 1970s with mellow songs like "We Only Just Begun" and "Close to You," died of cardiac arrest yesterday at age 31.

Ms. Carpenter, whose songs sold more than 60 million albums worldwide, had long suffered from anorexia nervosa, a disorder in which irrational fear of being overweight leads to compulsive dieting and can impair health, according to her publicist.

Ms. Carpenter died at 9:50 a.m. at Downey Community Hospital, said spokeswoman Julie Levesque. She was brought to the hospital at 9:20 a.m. after collapsing at her parents' nearby home.

Her publicist, Paul Bloch, said she died of a full cardiac arrest.

Bill Gold, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, said Ms. Carpenter was 5-foot-6 and weighed 108 pounds. "A lot of people are making a connection (between the disease and her death) but we're not into medical guesswork here," Gold said.

Gold said last night that an autopsy failed to determine what caused Ms. Carpenter's heart to stop. He said no injuries were noticed on her body. Laboratory tests were being conducted and would take several days to complete, he added.

"It's a shock to all of us," Bloch said. "She became ill at her parents' home and they rushed her to Downey Community (Hospital)."

The Carpenters, whose bright smiles and youthful looks personified the '70s pop sound, were seen in a recent TV commercial.

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By D. Weyermann The Arizona Daily Star

Juries embraced the defendants yesterday after acquitting three Miracle Valley women of throwing hammers at a television photographer and reporter, and finding two others guilty of a misdemeanor.

Members of the jury then condemned Cochise County and the news media for allegedly harassing members of the Christ Miracle Healing Center and Church.

"We all agreed this case never should have come to court," jury foreman Henry Watchman said. "In my opinion, Cochise County contributed to the conflict that ensued."

Mildred Carlock, Gloria Thurman — who said she was a victim of mistaken identity — and India Pipkins were each acquitted of two counts of aggravated assault and one count of criminal damage in the April 29 incident.

The women rejoiced in the hallway after the verdict. Georgia Tate, who held a hammer inside Channel 13 KOLD-TV's station wagon as she demanded the keys of reporter Barbara Morse, was convicted of simple assault, a Class 2 misdemeanor. Tate held her arms out to the jury as the verdict was read, and murmured, "Thank you."

Linda Pipkins, who grabbed photographer James Lopez's shirt as he got into the car, also was convicted of simple assault.

The charge could bring a fine of up to \$700 and up to four months in jail. Superior Court Judge Jack Arnold set sentencing for March 4.

The women testified they were trying to make Lopez and Morse stop filming them.

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Georgia Tate, Mildred Carlock and Gloria Thurman, from left, in courthouse hallway after hearing of the jury's decision

## Storm erosion of Santa Cruz bank closes northbound I-19 bridge

Compiled from local and wire reports

State officials closed the northbound lanes of Interstate 19 at a bridge six miles south of Tucson yesterday for emergency repairs to the Santa Cruz River bank as Tucsonans endured a third successive day of rain.

Elsewhere, heavy rains swept Arizona, turning into snow at higher elevations and turning the normally dry washes into briefly raging streams.

A New River man was rescued from a Phoenix area wash after spending eight hours trapped in the cab of his pickup truck. A fireflyer waded into four feet of floodwaters in Cave Creek wash to rescue Stanley Joe Kozel.

The I-19 bridge was closed because the rain-swollen river washed soil from under the heavy rock supporting

the north side of the bridge, State Transportation Department district engineer Eugene Ireland said.

All northbound traffic was detoured from the Duval Mine Road north of Green Valley along U.S. 89, the Old Nogales Highway.

Northbound ramps were closed at Duval Mine, Helmet Peak and Papago roads.

Southbound traffic was unaffected.

Ireland said highway crews would be working throughout the night, completing the repairs by noon today.

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## 2 arrested in burglary; gun-packing tot disarmed

By Edward Lempinen The Arizona Daily Star

Two Tucson men, one with his gun-toting toddler waiting in the getaway car, were arrested with their arms full of stereo equipment at a midtown apartment complex yesterday.

Tucson police Sgt. Robert Mayer, of the major-offenders unit, said the men had been under surveillance throughout the day and were arrested as they left an apartment complex in the 1700 block of South Palo Verde Avenue with about \$300 worth of stereo equipment.

Undercover law-enforcement agents arrested a man identifying himself as Ronald Williams, 34, who gave his address as the 3000 block of East 2nd Street, and Byron Shaw Daniels, 38, of the 7000 block of East 9th Street.

Both men were booked into Pima County Jail, and their arraignment was scheduled for today.

Daniels was charged with second-degree burglary, theft over \$200 and conspiracy to commit burglary.

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## Weather

Not more rain . . . Today will be partly cloudy and continued cool, with a 20 percent chance of rain. A high near 50 and a low near 41 are forecast. Yesterday's high and low were 50 and 41.

Yesterday's national temperature extremes were 28 below zero at Warden, Minn., and 74 at Brownsville, Texas. Details on Page 4A.

Aid reaches Navajos. Helicopters bring food and fuel to Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico who have been stranded in sticky mud on their reservation for six days. Page 5A.

Snow in Southwest. A Pacific storm brings snow and rain to the Southwest, knocking out power briefly in Santa Fe, N.M., and closing roads and schools. Page 6A.

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Catholic sentence. A New Jersey teenager is sentenced to live and work at a Roman Catholic home for women for at least 90 months after setting a house fire that killed her brother. Page 7A.

More trouble. Lower birth rates are expected to raise the Social Security system's long-term deficit by 18 percent, a congressional source says. Page 7A.

Chinese-U.S. ties. The United States and China agree on closer military relations and to procedures that may lead to an early visit to China by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger. Page 7A.

Nazi expelled. Bolivia puts Klaus Barbie on a flight reportedly bound for France, which accuses him of murdering and torturing French Jews and resistance fighters during World War II. Page 7A.



Judge Alice Hastings of Miami, Fla.

Judge innocent. Federal judge Alice Hastings of Miami, Fla., is acquitted of charges that he conspired to take \$150,000 in payment for light sentences to two racketeers. Page 8A.

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Reap more tomatoes. A new gizmo allows lovers of warm-weather vegetables to extend the growing season by surrounding their plants with water. Page 1E.

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"Without a Trace." The film could have been better, but Kate Nelligan is stunning in it, says Star critic Judith Ratliff. Page 1D.

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New starters. The UA men's basketball team is to change its starting lineup for tonight's game at California. Page 1H.

Kramer in Tucson. Retired professional tennis player Jack Kramer is visiting Tucson this week and to give tennis a boost. Page 1H.

UA, Pima play today. Rain has altered plans of the University of Arizona and Pima College baseball teams this week, but both are on play today. Page 1H.

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