

# People: Victor Mature shocked to read of his demise

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Actor Victor Mature learned of his demise while reading Parade magazine Sunday — a "death" report attributed to the Screen Actors Guild. Mature, 65, said Tuesday that the Guild assured him it wasn't to blame for the error in the publication Sunday. "Some religious group passed down word that I was dead," Mature said, "and I don't blame the Guild." Mature, a golf enthusiast, says "I'm not looking for a job but, if I'm dead, I am the first dead man to make six double bogeys on the back nine."

## New love

Glen Campbell has returned to the United States with his new girlfriend.

dancer Kim Woollen. But Campbell hasn't forgotten his old flame, Tanya Tucker. He called her a "serpent" and said other unpleasant things about her to reporters before his flight departed from London's Heathrow Airport. About his new girlfriend, Campbell says, "Kim is different — straight down the line — and we come from the same part of the country, North Carolina." Campbell was born in Delight, Ark.

## Barfly bounced

Police in Concord, N.H., recently responded to a complaint that a customer at a hotel cocktail lounge was kicking up a fuss after the bartender refused to serve him more drinks. Police said the customer was arrested

when he refused to leave the lounge, and then resisted arrest. The man in police custody was James Dowrick, executive director of New Hampshire's state Liquor Commission.

## Itchin' for fishin'

One week after undergoing a 3½-hour heart transplant operation, 12-year-old Eric Boyd is anxious to get out of the hospital and go fishing, says his stepfather, Richard Wann. Wann said Tuesday that Eric is getting increasingly impatient with being confined to the University of Alabama Medical Center. But despite the boy's rapid progress, doctors say he will remain in the facility for several more weeks. The bespectacled youngster is the first person to undergo the operation in the Southeast and is also the world's youngest living recipient of a heart transplant. Wann said he plans to take his stepson to Florida on a fishing trip as soon as he's able. "He's in a small room and he's ready to get out," said Wann. "He can look across the city and that makes him restless." The stepfather said he and the boy's mother, Dorothy Wann, had no idea of the national publicity Eric would attract. "We're getting calls from everywhere," he said. "It's amazing. We had no idea he was going to be such a celebrity."

## Fender bender

Country singer Freddie Fender, whose real name is Valdemar Haerta, has been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 60 days in jail in Corpus Christi, Texas. His offense: violating a court order warning him not to bother his estranged wife, Evangelina. Fender's lawyer, Mills Latham, said the singer was in Houston having a good time and probably still doesn't know about the sentence. He said Fender never was notified of the court hearing.

## Special delivery

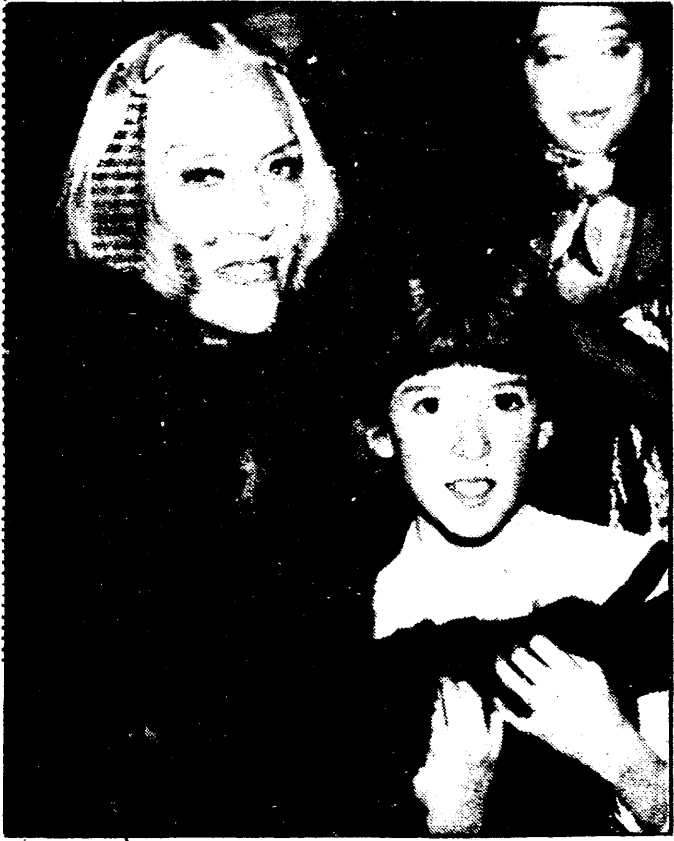
Monday was Winston Mansker's first day as a bus driver for the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority, and it turned out to be one of those days. At a bus stop, a pregnant woman struggled up the steps into the bus. "Do you feel all right?" Mansker asked her. The woman said no and asked to be taken to a hospital, "just like I'm a taxi or something," Mansker recalled. Unsure how to handle the situation, he tried to call his supervisors. But there happened to be a brief power outage at the



—AP wirephoto

**Crowning achievement** — Barbara Bush, wife of Vice President George Bush, stands in a steady rain after placing the star atop the national Christmas tree

at the White House Tuesday. She was lifted to the top of the tall tree in the bucket of a utility truck.



—UPI telephoto

**Press party** — Actress Gloria Swanson hugs Allison Smith, star of the Broadway show "Annie," at a party honoring the Children's Express newspaper Monday night in New York. Also cited at the Studio 54 bash was entertainer Danny Kaye, who received an award for his commitment to the world's children.

transit authority office, and Mansker couldn't get through. Meanwhile, the woman was going into labor. After flagging down a more experienced driver for advice, Mansker let off his other three passengers, took the woman directly to a hospital and waited to make sure she was safe inside. Then, he resumed his regular route. A transit official later said the new driver did everything correctly. But hospital officials said they had no patients in obstetrics who would own up to arriving by bus.

**Tree-mendous**  
Andrea McArdle, the original Broadway "Annie," and NBC newsman Chuck Scarborough will preside over the lighting of the Christmas tree in New York's Rockefeller Center on Dec. 7. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, celebrating his 50th Christmas as pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, will deliver

a Yuletide message before the tree's lights are turned on. This year's tree is 70 feet tall and was grown in Danville, Va.

## Political plans

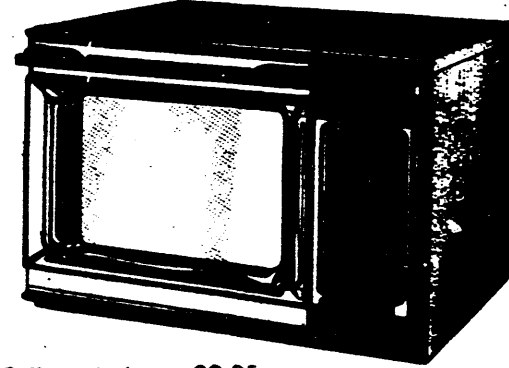
Jane Fonda says that for the next year or so she plans to be less the movie star and more the political activist. In Toronto to promote two movies to be released at Christmas, "On Golden Pond" and "Rollover," Fonda said she wants to campaign for her husband, Tom Hayden, who is running for a seat in the California Senate. She also is taking time to reassess herself and her career. "The movies won't be important unless I stop and understand what's happening," she said. Nevertheless, she said, "Acting is the most fulfilling thing I do. I'm not happy when I'm not acting."

## Harvard fills post

Harvard University has announced the appointment of its first woman dean of a graduate school. Patricia Albjerg Graham, the Charles Warren professor of education history and former director of the National Institute of Education, will become dean of the Graduate School of Education July 1. She will succeed Paul N. Yivisaker, who is retiring after 10 years in the post. Yivisaker will return after a year's sabbatical as an education professor. Graham began her career as a public school teacher in Deep Creek, Va., and also taught high school English and history in Norfolk, Va. She also has taught at Columbia University, Barnard College, Indiana University and Northern Michigan University. She is a former dean of the Radcliffe Institute program for woman scholars and vice president of Radcliffe College.

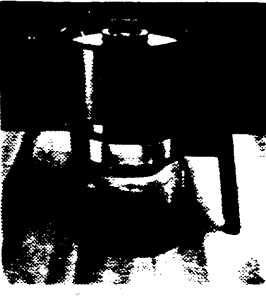
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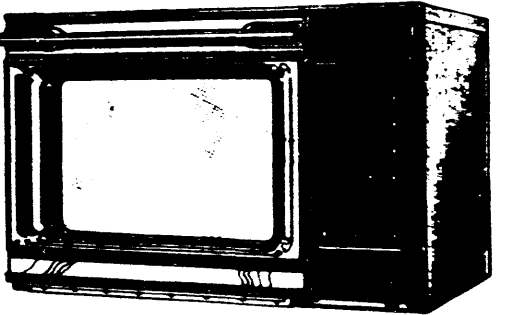


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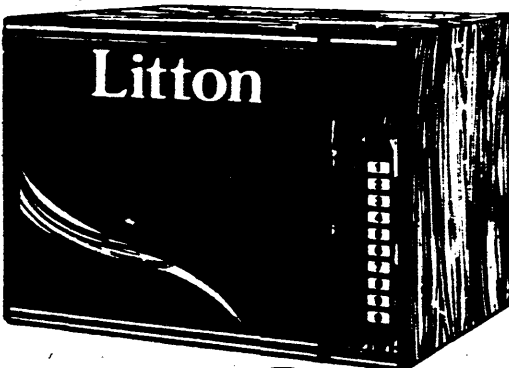
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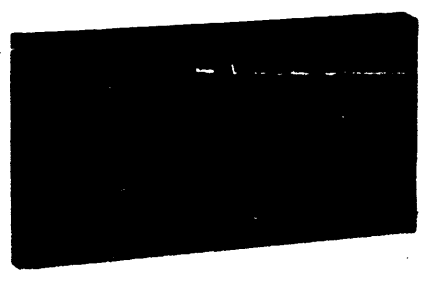
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