# Torrential rains ruin crops

Raisin growers lose more than two scoops

By JOHN RICE Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Torrential rains brought to California by tropical storm Olivia wiped out much of the new said. U.S. raisin crop and struck hard at canning tomatoes, according to industry figures quoted yesterday. "It is a disaster. We are approaching a point now that

we can expect total losses for a lot of individual growers," Fresno County farm adviser Peter Christensen said. "There are going to be some huge losses." The unseasonal, harvest-time rains caught about 90

the fields, Fresno County Agriculture Commissioner Cosmo Insalaco said. Raisin growers had hoped for a bumper harvest of more than 260,000 tons following a relatively small harvest last

Ron Kister, president of the Raisin Bargaining Association in Fresno, said it looked as if 70 percent to 75 percent of the raisin crop was in danger, although the exact extent of the damage would not be known for some time. He said only 25 percent to 30 percent of the crop is known to be

Kister said about 94,000 tons of raisins from previous years' harvests were in reserve when the storms hit. ed before the rain hit and most of the rest seemed to be

California estimated the raisin losses at \$200 million. "We're talking hundreds of millions of dollars here, but I don't think anywhere near a billion" in overall farm losses, California Farm Bureau spokesman Clark Biggs

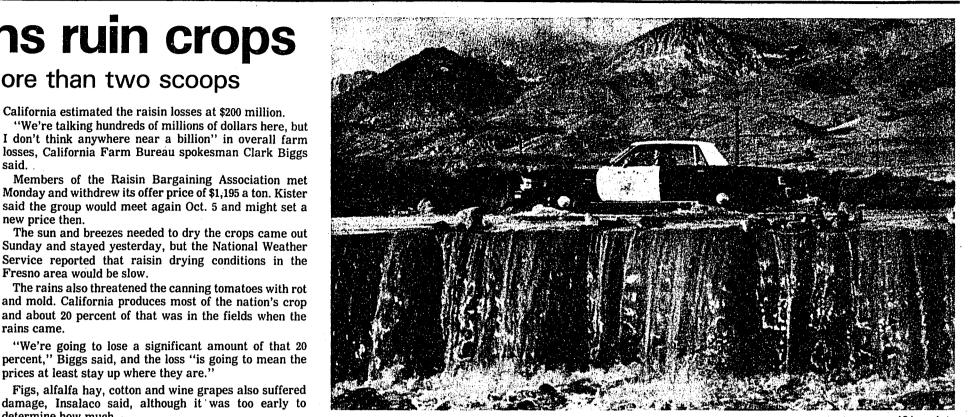
Members of the Raisin Bargaining Association met Monday and withdrew its offer price of \$1.195 a ton. Kister said the group would meet again Oct. 5 and might set a The sun and breezes needed to dry the crops came out

Sunday and stayed yesterday, but the National Weather Service reported that raisin drying conditions in the percent of the raisin harvest as the grapes were drying in Fresno area would be slow. The rains also threatened the canning tomatoes with rot

and mold. California produces most of the nation's crop and about 20 percent of that was in the fields when the "We're going to lose a significant amount of that 20

Figs, alfalfa hav, cotton and wine grapes also suffered damage, Insalaco said, although it was too early to

About half the state's wine grape crop had been harvest-Larry Wharton, vice president of Sun-Maid Growers of free of the bunch rot and mold that growers had feared.



A California Highway Patrolman attempts to cross flooding waters after opening one lane of highway 395 outside of Big Pine, Calif. But the flood scene in Fresno was one of extensive crop damage.

# Funeral services held for 7 of 13 slain

By BOB DVORCHAK

**Associated Press Writer** WILKES-BARRE — Seven of the 13 victims allegedly slain by prison guard George Banks were buried at two private services yesterday, as state officials revealed that Banks threatened to kill himself three weeks ago while on the job. "On Sept. 6, George Banks did say he would commit suicide," said Ken

Robinson, spokesman for the state Bureau of Corrections during a news conference in Harrisburg. "He was immediately relieved of duty and taken to Holy Spirit Hospital for review," Robinson said. Early Saturday morning, police say. Banks shot and killed 13 people on a bloody rampage that took him leased from Holy Spirit Hospital

standoff with police at a vacant ment at a mental health center in Banks' own children and the four Banks made an appointment and

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Robinson had said Saturday that Banks had a good work record and had no history of trouble on the job. Banks served prison time for attempted robbery and escape, but was hired as a guard in 1980 at the state prison at Camp Hill and was

assigned to tower duty. One person after another interviewed over the weekend made references to personal problems. including a child custody battle, that Banks said he could no longer

who helped police negotiate Banks' surrender, had said the guard sought help at one point, but couldn't get it. Robinson said Banks was re-

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if he could return to work.

son said. "That meeting was scheduled for this (Monday) morning." Saturday, Banks was listed as being on vacation by Robinson, who also said he did not know of the suicide threat. The incident oc- cial who attended the service. Burcurred while Banks was in his as- ied were Dorothy Lyons; her 11signed guard tower at the prison. He was armed at the time. Meanwhile, two services were

held to bury seven of the victims. Four people killed in a mobile home in Jenkins Township were buried in nearby Swoyerstown folp.m., attended by 75 family members and friends.

eyes," said the Rev. Joseph Borda house. The victims included five of Wilkes-Barre, where he lived. . of the Christ Assembly Church. Buried were Alice Mazzillo, 47;

her grandson, Scott, 7, who hap-"He was told he couldn't until he pened to be visiting the trailer tha met the staff psychiatrist," Robinnight, and Kissmayu Banks, the 5year-old son of Sharon Mazzillo. Also at 2 p.m., three other victims were interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre following Mass in the chapel, according to an offi-

year-old daughter by a previous husband, Nancy, and her 1-year-old son, Foraroude Banks. Services for five other victims, who will be buried at county expense, will be held in private at an unknown time lowing a 20-minute service at 2 The funeral for Raymond Hall Jr., 24, will be held at 9:30 a.m.

"There were a lot of people cry- Hall died of bullet wounds to the to two residences and ended in a and was told to set up an appointing. A lot of them had tears in their chest. A companion, James Olsen, 22, remained in critical but stable condition yesterday after he also

# Fiscal year to begin Friday

will get an average 8.5 percent benefit increase — their first in two years on Friday as the government begins a new fiscal year. But the start of fiscal 1983 will also usher in cutbacks and economy measures in other welfare programs and Medicare, the health insurance program for 28 million elderly and dis-

abled Americans. Many adults seeking Aid to Families with Dependent Children will be required to look for work first. Medicare will no longer pay for private rooms in hospitals or skilled nursing facilities, unless the patient's condition requires seclusion. The health insurance program will only in reimbursement rates are directed

Food stamp benefits have not risen cy groups fear the elderly will wind since 1980. The boost on Friday will up paying a larger share of their raise the average monthly benefits medical bills out of their own pockets. for a family of four by \$20 from \$233 to

The tax bill also allows states to

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Reagan's first round of budget cuts. The lawmakers also rejiggered the formula to hold down this year's increase in the \$11.3 billion program. They ordered \$548 million in savings

Dick Thornburgh apparently went staff who had already arrived at out of his way yesterday to avoid a the museum, got a telephone call. As part of the \$100 billion tax boost that Congress enacted in August. Medicare is putting new limits on hospital reimbursements. It also will pay radiologists and pathologists only 80 percent of their

Although these and other changes pay for semi-private rooms, saving at hospitals, physicians and other health care providers, some advocacharge adult Medicaid patients a Congress skipped last year's nor- small fee for all non-emergency serv-

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#### WASHINGTON (AP) - The na- called "thrifty food plan" for food tion's 22 million food stamp recipients stamp recipients as part of President

- including reduced payments to states with high error rates — in a bid to keep the fiscal 1983 costs under \$11

> chance meeting with his Demo- She then announced that the govcratic opponent Allen Ertel. The governor was scheduled to stop for a visit at the newly opened Little League museum near here, but he abruptly changed his plans after learning that Ertel had

> > According to a reporter for the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, who the district's congressman, was was at the scene, a member of the governor's security detail radioed to Thornburgh's car that Ertel A short time later. Marcie

#### ule and would not stop. Carey also told Ertel that Thornburgh was coming in an official capacity and didn't want to turn his visit into a political event. If the governor planned an offi-

state's chief executive.

state news briefs

federal funding for two highway

Lincoln Parkway in Pittsburgh.

U.S. Dist. Judge Louis Bechtle

froze the matching federal funds

Westmoreland County.

The factory in East Huntingdon

weeks to prepare for a changeover

tocking, VW spokesman Chet

The plant will produce 650 VW

pickup trucks daily when it reach-

about 724 cars a day when it closed

The money is for completion of a states.

NEW STANTON (AP) -Volks- July 30.

burgh announced yesterday.

Funding for two highways approved

HARRISBURG (AP) — The gram. The program is designed to

U.S. Department of Transporta- help both city areas meet federal

judicial freeze, Gov. Dick Thorn- have reverted to the federal gov-

three-mile stretch of Interstate 95 But Department of Transporta-

in Philadelphia and reconstruction tion spokesman James McCarron

of a 2½-mile section of the Penn- said the two projects are

last January because the state ments have determined that the I-

Legislature refused to allocate 95 project around Philadelphia

money for a federally-mandated International Airport will improve

Volkswagen plant back in operation

wagen of America yesterday began recalling some 3,800 made at the plant, is a limited

production workers back to its volume vehicle with higher horse-

automobile assembly plant in power than the conventional mod-

Townshiop was closed for eight only operated 18 weeks and has

to the 1983 models and parts res- been down eight weeks in a row. It

Rabbit and GTI models cars and the dealers reduce inventory."

es full production after a training tually be reduced to correspond

period, Bahn said. It was making with the lower daily production,

Governor avoids meeting with Ertel

WILLIAMSPORT (AP) -Gov. Carey, a member of Thornburgh's

Bahn said.

el, Bahn said.

auto emissions inspection pro- safety and reduce pollution.

exempted from the judge's freeze.

federal transportation depart-

McCarron says both state and

So far this year, the plant has

been shut for 20 weeks. "We've

was a model change and parts

problem," Bahn said. "The other

shutdowns were an effort to help

The production force will even-

ernor was running behind sched-

cial visit, Ertel said, then he, as

present to officially welcome the

Ertel said the governor seemed

to be running away instead of

tion has approved \$82 million in pollution standards.

running against his opponent. nation news briefs

Government may help busing critics

WASHINGTON (AP) - The trict. Reagan administration said yesterday it is considering going to ever, that our principal focus in court to help critics of several this area is on prospective relief; court-ordered school busing plans we do not intend to initiate efforts "Where a school board seeks to

seek changes in them. William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, declined to identify the school districts.

"We have said all along that the Justice Department is opposed to relying on mandatory busing as a remedial technique to desegregate public schools," Bradford said. in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of "That remedy has failed to work Appeals in a school busing case in in school district after school dis- East Baton Rouge, La.

nance programs is removed.

Senators may filibuster to block bill

modify a busing plan that is not

working, and requests our sup-

port, we will of course give that

request serious consideration and

where appropriate we might well

For example, Reynolds said, the

department recently filed papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten seney to enforce inspection and mainators said yesterday they will at- tenance programs. The Senate version of the bill tempt to block a pending contains no such amendment. The appropriations bill unless a conconference committee is meeting troversial amendment repealing this week to resolve differences automobile inspection and maintebetween the House and Senate The 10 senators said in a letter

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., said the senators would filibuster if necessary to block the measure that the auto amendment could unless the auto amendment is removed by a House-Senate confer-The Senate Environment Com-The House voted 200-184 to tack mittee, which has jurisdiction

the amendment onto a 1983 appro- over the Clean Air Act, has rejectpriations bill for the Environmen- ed attempts to make major tal Protection Agency. The changes in the auto pollution conprovision bars use of federal montrol program.

## world news briefs Air France cancels Concorde flights

tween Paris and Washington D.C. take place Oct. 29 and Oct. 31.

Concorde's two twice-a-week Washington and Mexico City runs, capacity, officials of the stateowned airline said. The cancellation will trim Air about \$25 million this year.

PARIS (AP) — Air France an- France's total Concorde service to nounced yesterday that its last seven round-trip flights a week round-trip Concorde flights be- between New York and Paris. French Transportation Minister and Paris and Mexico City will Charles Fiterman had said last week that Air France's Washington and Mexico City flights on the supersonic passenger jets would both with stops in New York, have end of the year. He said the costbeen flying at about 50 percent of cutting move would save the gov-Air France is expected to lose

### Three bombs explode in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Three bombs exploded in p.m. EDT), damaged the Iran Air Frankfurt early yesterday, causing serious injury to one person and damaging the offices of two Middle East airlines. Police said the third blast, several hours after the first two,

wrecked an office of Saudi Arabi-

an Airlines and "very seriously

hurt" one person, probably a pass-

offices opposite the city's main train station, police said. Two minutes later, a second omb rocked an apartment building near a main train station in the east of the city. The building has a travel agency on the ground floor. Police said it was not clear who planted the bombs or the motives

The first bomb at 1:13 a.m. (8:13

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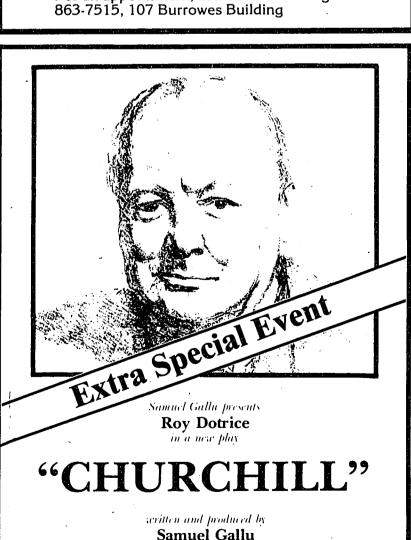
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