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Today's Almanac

United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 1983 with 346 to follow.
The moon is moving toward its first quarter.
The morning stars are Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn.
The evening stars are Venus and Mars.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn.
Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was born Jan. 19, 1807.
French Impressionist painter Paul Cezanne was born Jan. 19, 1839.
On this date in history:
In 1965, a cheating scandal rocked the Air Force Academy in Colorado. A total of 105 cadets later resigned.

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200 in California tent city

Economic hardtimes ahead

United Press International
An estimated 20,000 people who found the prospect of another day of unemployment more bitter than the 17-degree cold gathered at a plant in Wisconsin to sign up for 200 jobs. In California, a new tent city sprouted and economic hard times fueled campaigns for the indigent nationwide.

Only 2,800 of the 20,000 Wisconsin hopefuls received applications Monday to work for A.O. Smith Corp., a manufacturer of automobile frames. Company officials — amazed by the turnout — said they would

process job seekers through Friday.
Forty people already were in line shortly after midnight Tuesday for the second day of application.

Michael Love, asked why he endured the cold, wind and long line, said, "Why? Hope. That is all I can say. They want a job and I want a job."

Applicants began lining up at midday Sunday for the jobs, which pay between \$10.50 and \$12 per hour.

Last week in San Jose, California, about 45 unemployed people took up residence under a freeway. City, county and state officials are unsure what to do with them. Their tent city is similar to the one outside Houston where 200 families are living on a riverbank.

The San Jose tent city is populated mostly by homeless men who are ineligible for welfare shelter. James McEntee, director of the Santa Clara County

Human Relations Commission, said officials are seeking alternatives to eviction.

"Obviously we can't let them stay there," he said. "The biggest problem is health. We're looking for a building or some other alternative to house them."

Joseph Blan Jr., who might have been in the Milwaukee job line had he not moved to California looking for work, said he had been unemployed for a year.

"I'll take anything — anything," he said.

A group protesting the lack of shelter for the homeless in Columbus, Ohio, took its argument to City Hall and demanded that Mayor Tom Moody authorize an old firehouse as a temporary home.

"We believe the city's inaction is intolerable," said Gary Witte, spokesman for Friends of the Homeless.

The affluent towns of Holly-

wood, Fla., and Westport, Conn., also have had problems dealing with victims of the economy and sympathetic people who want to start soup kitchens.

Because of public opposition from merchants, a soup kitchen business was slow at a kitchen that opened Jan. 15 in Hollywood. Erlin Smith, academic, man of the Kitchen Committee, said about 50 people now show up for the meals.

Mathew Vitucci, director of Operation Bootstrap, a program in Westport, and Francis writer John Rocco, who were in the third day of a strike they intend to continue until the city lets them open a soup kitchen.

A soup kitchen was planned for a downtown youth center but officials rejected the idea, month, saying it would attract more indigents and add to the crime.

Personal income rises but spending decreases

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Personal income grew 0.6 percent in December, the biggest increase

since July, the Commerce Department said today. However, spending slowed down to 0.3 percent growth for the month.

The department's report shows the rise in personal income in 1982 at 6.4 percent, far less than the 11.8 percent rise in 1981.

The nation's spending rose 0.5 percent after inflation adjustments in 1982, down from 1.1 percent last year. Despite the more moderate inflation rate, about 5 percent of the adjusted income did not go to consumption as much as the 2.5 percent in 1981.

The 0.6 percent increase in personal income was generated by increases in private payrolls, government payrolls, government farm price supports and an increase in unemployment benefits.

In November there was a change in wages and salaries, overall income climbed 0.4 percent.

The amount of disposable income unaccounted for after personal spending, considered savings rate, was 5.76 percent in December, somewhat less than November's 5.48 percent.

Personal income and personal spending were also higher in December. Savings climbed \$1 billion to \$128.7 billion, the department said.

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