Politician, 100, dies after years of 'avocational' campaigning

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They might have forgotten me if ad been close," he once said. andon was hospitalized Sept. 28

tormont-Vail Regional Medical er after complaining of internal . He was treated for a gallstone a mild case of bronchitis before ning home Saturday.

hospital bed had been set up in library of the family home. His Theo, and housekeeper Rita ght said Landon simply stopped

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TOPEKA (AP) — Alf Landon, the tern early Monday, but said he remer Kansas governor whose mained alert and talked with both esidential hopes were swamped in her and Mrs. Landon during the

Kassebaum had been scheduled to speak Monday night in Hartford, Conn., but headed back to Topeka

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after learning of her father's death. President Reagan issued a statement mourning the death of the GOP elder statesman

"Alf Landon exemplified the very best in public service. He deeply loved his country and he was moti-vated by a genuine desire to help his fellow man. . . . Governor Landon was a true elder statesman, whose expertise and views were sought and valued by many of us in public life."
And Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, who is

athing at 5:25 p.m. seeking the 1988 Republican presidential nomination, called Landon age in Landon's breathing pat- "a friend and mentor."

bing further and further behind him, Landon became a beloved symbol of his party, an elder statesman who received President Reagan at his home on the occasion of his

100th birthday.

Dubbed "the Kansas Coolidge," his campaign was symbolized by the sunflower, his battered felt hat and the slogan "Life, Liberty and Landon." He condemned New Deal policies as "dangerous and cockeyed," and pledged that if elected he would "restore our government to an efficient as well as a constitutional hasis."

Landon, who emerged as the GOP's bright hope by being the only Republican governor to win re-elec-tion in 1934, received eight electoral votes. Walter Mondale received 13 electoral votes in 1984, the secondlowest number in modern political

He received 36.5 percent of the popular vote, the third-worst showing in a two-way race since the turn 1924 and James Cox in 1920.

Long afterward, he acknowledged that he knew on election eve he didn't have a chance. Yet he never

expressed any regret.
"You see, I had never planned a political career," he said. "With me, politics was not a vocation but an av-

Alfred Mossman Landon was born Sept. 9, 1887, in West Middle-sex, Pa., the son of an oil explorer who began drilling in Kansas near

the turn of the century.

Young Landon spent his college summers working with the oil field wildcatters, doing menial chores. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in law in 1908, then went back to the oil fields, this

esota at SW Florida

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane byd sprang to life in the Gulf of exico early Monday, taking aim South Florida with 80 mph and heavy rain. Some pastal residents scurried for helter, while others cleared ores of batteries, canned food nd bottled water.

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two tornadoes. It's not a strong hurricane," tional Hurricane Center Dior Bob Sheets said.

le said Floyd would maintain trength as it passed south of mi during the evening and would head out to sea.

he center posted hurricane nings around Florida's southpeninsula from Stuart north West Palm Beach on the coninium-studded east coast to ice north of Fort Myers on Gulf coast, roughly the area

officials of populous Dade and broward counties, including Mimi and Fort Lauderdale, told esidents to tie down loose objects their yards and advised trailer retreats to his park residents to seek shelter.
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da had shut down all schools by iddmorning, telephoning par-its and sending the children

t 10 p.m. the hurricane was tered near latitude 25.5 north d longitude 79.6 west, or about miles east southeast of Miami, wing toward the east northeast near 15 mph.

Unimpressed Key West youngts took advantage of the wind turn skateboards into sailards with the help of towel

The last hurricane to hit South orda was Hurricane Bob in 85, which had dropped to tropstorm strength by the time it ssed west to east across the ninsula.

Center for sleep disorders treats variety of problems

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — You probably spend more uninterrupted time sleeping than in any other daily activity. Unless you have chronic problems nodding off or staying there, you probably don't think much about it, either

But a Charlotte neurologist who heads the first accredited center for sleep disorders in North Carolina and South Carolina says almost everyone has at least oc-casional problems sleeping. And he says many sleep dis-orders go undetected for decades, while the people who

have them are labeled lazy.

"It's not normal to be sleepy during the day," said Dr.
Dennis Hill of the Sleep Disorders Center at Charlotte
Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. "If you are, there's something going on, except that everyone gets sleepy after lunch. Many people don't even realize when something is wrong."

Hill says the most common problem he encounters is sleep apnea syndrome, which usually strikes middleoverweight men who snore loudly. A normal reflex that usually opens up the airway so a person can breathe while sleeping is blocked by a fatty muscle, and the sufferer can breathe only by waking up for five to 10 seconds every 30 to 40 seconds. The awakening is so brief that the sufferer does not

even realize that he has awakened, Hill said. "So the guy is very sleepy all the next day," he said. "His performance at work suffers. He can fall asleep at a red light, or in church. And he doesn't know why he's

Treatment of the malady can include weight loss, or the use of a dental implant that can keep the tongue from blocking the air passageway.

And if you fall asleep at work with any regularity, you might have a medical excuse — a relatively rare disease called narcolepsy.

"I've seen patients who have had narcolepsy for 50 years, but never knew it. And it has controlled their lives," Hill said.

The disease stems from an inherited chemical imbalance that causes people to fall asleep for no apparent

reason. The problem can be treated with drugs.

But one problem for which Hill does not usually recommend drugs is insomnia, probably the most common sleep-related disorder.

"The important thing is that insomnia is a symptom, not a diagnosis," he said. "It would be like a doctor prescribing aspirin for a headache. It might help in the short term, but it doesn't solve the problem.

Sleep may seem natural, but it comes easiest when prepared for, Hill said. He recommends abstaining from caffeinated drinks after noon each day, not drinking alcohol after 7 p.m., and exercising before 4 p.m.

Artist accepts challenge to paint Statue of Liberty on grain of rice

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. (AP) — "A guy saw some of the stones and Many painters think of themselves as he said, 'That's fine. But the day you brum. his work. One of his specialties is said. painting the Statue of Liberty on a St

single grain of rice. At the risk of sounding vain, I unemployed deliveryman whose formal artistic training consists of a single high school art class.

He said he discovered his knack one day about three years ago when cardboard to keep it steady. he was bored and his wife, who painted ceramics, had her materials

Using a quarter-size rock for his canvas, Stevens painted an ocean scene with a bright yellow sunset, a tiny island with palm trees and a gal-

Six weeks and several rocks later, he was challenged.

Stevens obliged, though the living off it. would-be customer disappeared.

Stevens says that, without using a think I've got a talent that's out of magnifying glass, he can paint the the ordinary," said Stevens, 29, an Statue of Liberty — down to the yellow torch — in 15 minutes.

To paint detail, he uses a brush with only two or three hairs. He glues the rice grain to a piece of

During a recent interview, he painted a Canada goose in flight in about 10 minutes, from its tiny black beak to its plumage of gray, white and black against a light blue sky. Other pieces include 12 mallards

in flight on a single grain, artist's sig-nature included and a tuxedo-clad gentleman before a grand piano,

starving artists, but David Stevens is paint the Statue of Liberty on a grain one of the few who could actually eat of rice, I'll buy it from you,' "he found my niche in life, but I can't use it," Stevens said. "I can't make a

> "I've cornered the market on a non-existing market.

The most he has gotten for his works at art shows in the town of 10,000 in southern Illinois is \$30 for one rice grain, with \$5 sales more common

In addition to rice and rocks, Stevens said he painted the face of a watch for a friend obsessed with game show celebrity Vanna White. He painted a nude portrait of White

from the waist up.

"His boss told him he couldn't wear it," Stevens said, "because he works in a retail store.

"He brought it back, and I painted a negligee on it. Now he can

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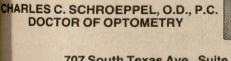
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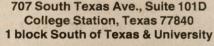
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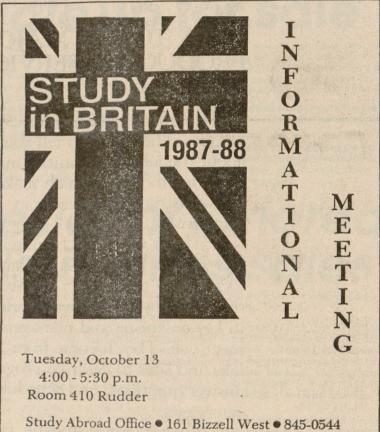
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