Universe
Center of galaxy may be black hole — Astronomers in California have hypothesized that the center of the Milky Way is a giant black hole surrounded by a whirlpool of captured stars flowing into the hole. The astronomers base their theory on radio and infrared telescope data.

End of solar system predicted Wednesday — Some astronomers have claimed that the so-called "Jupiter effect", in which all the planets align on one side of the sun, producing a gravitational pull resulting in its explosion, may bring about the end of the solar system this week. Tomorrow, all planets will be within a 90-degree arc, the closest they will approach one another for several hundred years.

World
Guatemalans vote — Four conservative candidates competed in elections Sunday for the office of President of Guatemala. All candidates pledged to defeat the leftist guerrilla movement battling the country's present government. Voters also elected a new Vice President, congress, and municipal court judges. The last elections, in 1978, were marred by a 60 percent abstention rate.

Syria claims US supplies Moslem rebels — Hafez al-Assad, President of Syria, told a crowd Sunday that the United States and Iraq were supplying militant Moslem insurgents in Syria. Al-Assad's speech marked the 25th anniversary of his party's gaining power.

Arms to Iran said to flow through Israel — To support its war against Iraq, Iran is receiving military equipment from Israel, North Korea, Syria, Libya, and the Soviet Union. About half of the arms flow through or are arranged by Israel, according to Western intelligence sources, and much of the rest is channeled through European arms merchants.

Nation
Domenici foresees alternative budget — Senator Pete V. Domenici (R-NM), Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, declared Sunday that Congress should prepare a bipartisan alternative to President Ronald Reagan's 1983 Federal budget proposal. Domenici proposed reducing Social Security and pension entitlements, and suggested cutting military spending and tax reductions.

Mondale blasts budget — Former Vice President Walter Mondale said Sunday that Reagan's economic policies are a "colossal mistake." Mondale declared that if the economy does not improve "the American people will vote overwhelmingly in the 1982 elections" against candidates who support those policies. "People are scared. This is a radical situation. Nobody believes in this budget. It can't work."

Ayn Rand dies — The writer and philosopher of objectivism died Sunday at her New York City apartment at age 77. She wrote several novels, including "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged." She propounded her philosophy of "rational selfishness" and laissez-faire capitalism. Rand was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and emigrated to the US in 1926. Rand opposed President Reagan because "he denies the right to abortion," and "since he has no program and no ideology to offer, his likeliest motive for entering the Presidential race is power lust."

Tony Zamparutti

Weather
Forecast: Cloudy today with light snow or sleet likely this afternoon or evening. Daytime highs will be in the low 30's, and overnight lows will be in the middle 20's. Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow with highs near 40. For Thursday, expect partly sunny skies with highs near 45.

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