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## Spring board

### How's that? No magazine

Q. I ordered a magazine from U.S. Publishers Circulation, Inc., and I have yet to get it. What is that company's address.  
A. The address of U.S. Publishers Circulation, Inc., is: P.O. Box 2964; Fort Worth, Texas, 76113, and the phone number is (817) 277-5931, said a spokesperson from the Better Business Bureau.

### Calendar Veterans

**TODAY**  
• Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Post Home 2013 on Driver Road.

**THURSDAY**  
• People who have been certified for January may pick up their food commodities through the West Texas Opportunities Emergency Food Assistance Program today at the National Guard Armory on Farm Road 700 from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. All recipients must have their certification card with them in order to receive the food. The West Texas office in the Ventura Building will be closed the day the commodities are given out. Today will be the only day commodities will be given out. If you can't be there, send a note giving the person picking them up permission and give them your certification card. Please bring your own sacks.  
• Texas Fathers for Equal Rights will meet at 8 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room on 215 W. Third St.

### Building permits down

The number of building permits issued in Big Spring for December dropped by nearly two-thirds from that of December, 1985, according to city records.

The records show six permits for December, 1986, compared to 17 for the previous year. For the year-to-date, which began Oct. 1, 15 permits have been issued, compared to 64 for the year-to-date 1985.

Construction costs for December were \$264,850, down from \$398,748 for December, 1985. Construction costs for the year-to-date have been \$312,875, down by nearly 60 percent from the 1985 to-date figure of \$760,816.81.

The city collected \$555 in permit fees during December, compared to \$867.25 for December, 1985. \$692.50 have been collected so far this fiscal year, compared to \$1,942.75 for the same period during 1985.

During December, 14 inspections were performed, with 36 for the year-to-date, compared to 36 for December, 1985, and 104 for the year-to-date, 1985.

The largest construction project listed for December was a \$200,000 addition to Malone and Hogan Clinic, for two surgical operating rooms, a recovery room and an outpatient facility. For fiscal year 1986, which ended Sept. 31, 270 permits were issued, an increase of 12.5 percent over the 240 permits issued during fiscal year 1985.

Construction costs for fiscal 1986 were \$3,727,196.46, a small decrease from fiscal 1985's figure of \$3,799,185.85.

A major portion of the 1986 figure comes from the Salvation Army's permit for a new building at 811 W. Fifth St. The permit lists construction costs for the building at \$392,000.

The city collected \$8,762.50 in fees during fiscal 1986, compared to \$8,544.27 for 1985, and performed 508 inspections during fiscal 1986, compared to 534 during fiscal 1985.

## Council may look at water refund

By SPENCER SANDOW  
Staff Writer

Big Spring's City Council may address the issue of a possible partial water bill refund at its Jan. 13 meeting, City Manager Mack Wofford said this morning.

A citizens' committee recommended to the Council at a Dec. 8 work session that half the disputed amount of customers' questionable bills for July, August or September be refunded.

More than 400 customers requested their meters be reread during that time because they suspected a mistake had been made on their bills. Some customers complained their bills were two or three times higher than usual.

"We're trying to develop some numbers that will give the Council insight into the recommendations," Wofford said.

The committee recommended a refund for a customer billed for at least 10,000 gallons, and at least 100 percent over his average bill. Computer study figures from the committee revealed that of the 8,990 active accounts, 5.92 percent would qualify under this criteria.

Of those, the overcharge was less than \$100 on 503 accounts and exceeded \$100 on 29 accounts. The average overcharge on an account less than \$100 is \$33.57.

The city would pay \$14,074.78 in refunds should it approve the committee's refund formula in its entirety.

The committee also recommended estimated water bills be labelled as such, and recommended the Council rescind recent legislation that prevents a water bill adjustment when a customer's water line, water heater or appliance breaks, when

repairs are performed within 10 days.

At the Dec. 8 work session, the recommendations received a mixed reaction from the Council.

While Council members expressed support of the proposal to label estimated bills, some members seemed leary of the proposed refund, and expressed disapproval of giving a refund if a customer's water line or other appliance breaks.

Councilman Russ McEwen complained that with the third item, "people who don't have a leak will have to pay for those that do." Councilman Johnny Rutherford said the Council had concluded earlier in the year that most citizens wouldn't want to pay for others' plumbing problems.

Councilman Harold Hall said he believes the policy would prove too expensive for the city.

Big Spring averages 200 water line breaks or bill complaints a month, according to Mayor Cotton Mize's records.

The Council reached no conclusion at the work session on the matter of giving customer refunds for the high bills of July, August and September, but agreed to vote on the matter at a future meeting.

The committee reported that it could not find one single cause of the high bills, but that faulty water meters could be the culprit in some cases.

Councilman Gary Don Carey has said that he supports giving a refund. Hall, however, has said he disapproves of the measure unless the water meters are proven defective.

Prior to organizing the citizens' committee, the Council voted not to grant a refund because the bills were not proven faulty.

## Airport security reviewed

By SUZANNE GAMBOA  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Security checkpoint guards will not begin carrying guns despite an eight-hour ordeal in which a man took a young boy hostage while shooting his way through airport security, a Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport official said.

Airport Director Oris Dunham said if guards were armed they would become instant targets.

The gunman took 10-year-old Mike Caruso Jr. hostage at the Delta Air Lines terminal at DFW Airport Monday, after taking him from his parents and leading him through security at gunpoint.

The gunman surrendered at 11:39 p.m. Monday after a hostage negotiator promised him he would not be harmed and would be allowed to leave the country.

The checkpoint the gunman is believed to have traveled through is directly across from the terminal gate where he held the boy hostage.

Dealey said in light of the incident, the airport's security system would be "extensively" critiqued by officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, FBI, airport Department of Public Safety and major airlines.

But he said the airport has a good safety record and is considered a "dream airport" because of its security.

A previous hostage incident at the airport in which a man held a



Mike Caruso Jr., 10, of Florida, waves to the media as he leaves the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Department of Public Safety office with his mother, Cindy Caruso, and his sister Rosey, 6, early Tuesday morning. The boy was held hostage for eight hours at the airport Monday evening by a gunman who demanded a flight to Egypt. For more details of the incident, see page A-2.

penknife to a hostage on a plane did not originate at DFW, he said. Another incident in which a bomb was planted on an American Airlines jet also originated outside the airport, Dealey said.

"This incident should not cloud what has been an otherwise sterling record of security."

"Remember he did not breach security without firing several

shots and holding a child hostage," Dealey said.

DPS guards patrol the airport and can respond within a minute if an alarm is sounded, he said.

"Despite the crash of Delta 191 in August of 1985, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport retained its reputation as one of the safest if not the safest airport in the world," Dealey said.

## Reagan's budget draws mixed reactions from Texas Senators

By ANDREW MANGAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both U.S. senators from Texas applauded funding for Navy homeports in Galveston and Corpus Christi contained in President Reagan's \$1 trillion-plus budget, but offered differing opinions on the plan's total worth.

The Texas homeports were allocated \$67.8 million in the president's 1988 budget, submitted to Congress on Monday. Sens. Lloyd Bentsen, a Democrat, and Phil Gramm, a Republican, both said they would fight for retention of homeport funding during congressional debate.

"These are the first requests the Defense Department has made for funds to begin actual building of the new homeports in Galveston and Corpus Christi. Now we're going to have to fight to make sure they stay in the budget as it moves through Congress," Bentsen said.

Figures released by Bentsen's office show the president's plan allocates \$29 million for construction of a homeport for two guided missile frigates and three minesweepers at the Port of Galveston in 1988 and an additional \$1.7 million in 1989.

Corpus Christi would get \$38.8 million to begin building facilities needed to support a recommissioned World War II battleship and a variety of support vessels, according to Bentsen's office. Another \$31.9 million would be allocated in 1989 under the Reagan proposal.

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The homeport plan, which was supported by both Texas senators in Congress last year, is part of a strategy aimed at disbursing the U.S. fleet in order to protect it against a Pearl Harbor-type

## West Texas in budget

At least three West Texas projects were among the list of projects authorized by Congress and funded in President Reagan's 1988 budget proposal.

They include preliminary funding for two new projects, plus continued funding for one West Texas project that is underway.

The new projects in West Texas include:

• Boggy Creek, Colorado River and tributaries, a \$23.9 million flood control and recreation project in the Austin area — \$8.2 million for construction;

• Lake Wichita and Holiday Creek, a \$39 million urban flood control project in Wichita Falls — \$1.5 million for preconstruction engineering and development.

Continued funding for projects already begun includes El Paso flood control, \$1.5 million.

## Von Rosenberg shows interest in hospital post

By SCOTT FITZGERALD  
Staff Writer

A 23-year veteran at Big Spring State Hospital who is now acting superintendent expressed interest this morning in being appointed to the job sometime in April by the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board.

"It depends on how they (state mental health department) bid the position," Robert Von Rosenberg said of his chances of being selected.

Dr. Frankie Williams, a former clinical director at the hospital who now serves as a state deputy commissioner of mental health services, said the opening has not yet been posted.

"Posting involves, essentially, spreading the word that the position is open," Williams said.

The opening will be advertised within the state's mental health facilities. It will also be advertised in trade journals, she said.

Williams did not give a definite date as to when the opening will be posted, but said it would be sometime before April.

Former Superintendent A.K. Smith, who retired from the position in December 1986, completed his last work day on Friday, Jan. 2, Von Rosenberg said.

He remains on the payroll until April as a result of sick time and vacation pay he has accrued during his 5½-year period of employment with the state hospital here, said Dennis Warrington, director of personnel.

The annual base salary for a Big Spring State Hospital superintendent with a physician's degree is \$61,068. A person appointed as superintendent who is a nonphysician will be paid \$49,848, Warrington said.

Criteria required to qualify for the job include preparation as a physician, with administrative experience or, for nonphysicians such as Von Rosenberg, prior experience in hospital administrative training, Williams said.

Von Rosenberg came to Big Spring in 1963 and began as a vocational rehabilitation counselor at the facility.

He was appointed department head of the hospital's alcohol and substance abuse program in 1967 and served in that capacity until 1981.

He was then appointed assistant superintendent under Smith.

"I've been in various acting capacities and have acted as superintendent in the past. I've helped on several levels as an administrative officer," Von Rosenberg said.

Williams will review the applications and make recommendations to Commissioner Gary E. Miller, M.D. of the state's mental health and mental retardation department.

Miller said the final decision concerning appointment as superintendent will depend on a nine-member board which will act on his recommendation.



Work is underway at the Comanche Trail Park golf course on the installation of irrigation lines. The City Council approved bids of \$29,000 for pipe and wiring Dec. 30.

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Navy 'copter attacked

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says it will pursue an investigation today into an unprovoked missile attack on a Navy helicopter that was flying a routine surveillance mission in the Persian Gulf.

The attack, which the Pentagon said occurred Monday morning, came as the chopper approached an unidentified merchant ship sailing off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

The missile "passed within about 500 yards" of the helicopter, which immediately returned to its ship, the destroyer O'Bannon, the Pentagon added.

Defense Department sources said the merchant ship had steamed late Monday into the port of Ash Shariqah in the United Arab Emirates and that the O'Bannon was in international waters near the area when the attack occurred.

Crews repair tracks

CHASE, Md. — Crews worked today to rebuild the track where an Amtrak train plowed into three Conrail freight locomotives that had run a stop signal, killing 15 people and injuring more than 170, officials said.

The Conrail engineer saw the signal — which had been in place for three hours — and braked, but didn't have time to avoid the collision with the passenger train, which was traveling at 100 mph, authorities said.

Joseph T. Nall, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said late Monday that track switches at the collision site had been set to allow the Amtrak train to proceed north where four tracks narrow into two for a crossing over the Gunpowder River.

The Conrail locomotives, also going north on a siding, apparently ran through the switches onto the main track, about 500 feet past a stop signal in place for nearly three hours.

Rescue workers on Monday finished searching a cafe car compacted to a fraction of its original height and called off their search of the train cars mangled in the worst wreck in Amtrak's 15-year history.

Astronomers see birth

PASADENA, Calif. — Astronomers say they have detected starlight from the birth of a galaxy 12 billion years ago, which would mean galaxies kept forming long after the universe emerged from the "Big Bang."

"It's probably the first forming galaxy we've seen, and if that's right, galaxy formation is a much more extended process than heretofore imagined," said Stanislav Djorgovski of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

While some astronomers believe the universe is much younger, Djorgovski and others believe it is about 20 billion years old.

NBC makes new plans

LOS ANGELES — NBC News plans to distribute its news programs to European hotels and cable systems beginning this year, according to NBC News President Lawrence K. Grossman.

The division also will test the idea of broadcasting the "Today" show on weekends, possibly add a late-night, tongue-in-cheek news show and may offer local affiliates a half-hour network news feed to be paired with local noon news, Grossman said Monday at a news conference.

The international versions of NBC's "Nightly News," "Today," "Meet the Press" and "Sunrise" will be distributed through a newly formed joint venture among NBC, American Express and Independent Newspapers of Ireland.



Mary Beth Whitehead of Brick Township, N.J., a surrogate mother who is trying to regain her nine-month-old daughter, known as Baby M, enters the courthouse in Hackensack at the start of the trial to determine custody of the infant. William Stern, lower left, the biological father of Baby M, is shown.

Surrogate mom Custody trial for infant begins

HACKENSACK, N.J. — A couple decided to pay a surrogate mother \$10,000 to bear their child because the wife suffered from multiple sclerosis and feared she could die if she bore a child, her husband said. The testimony came Monday during the opening day of a Superior Court trial to determine the validity of the contract and custody of the 9-month-old girl.

Mary Beth Whitehead, 29, of Brick Township agreed to bear a child for William and Elizabeth Stern of Tenafly through artificial insemination with Stern's sperm. The procedure was arranged through the Infertility Center of New York. But when her baby was born March 27, Mrs. Whitehead refused the \$10,000 fee and fled with the infant to Florida, where authorities later found her and returned the child to the temporary custody of the Sterns.

by which he sought a surrogate mother and said it included mailing applications. After discussions over the telephone, the Sterns met Mrs. Whitehead and her husband, Richard, in a New Brunswick restaurant and agreed to hire her, Stern said. He said he and his wife were impressed with Mrs. Whitehead, who said in her application filed with the infertility center that she wanted to become a surrogate mother to help a childless couple, that she wished to have no more children of her own and that she would use the money to help pay for her children's college educations. But Stern said that during an emotional meeting at the couple's home on March 31, the Sterns let Mrs. Whitehead leave with the 4-day-old baby. "We thought she was suicidal," he said. "She couldn't live without the baby."

World

Inspectors review fire

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The most recent fire inspection of the Dupont Plaza Hotel found it lacked smoke detectors, an evacuation plan and a working fire alarm system 19 months before the fire that killed 96 people.

A four-page review by the Puerto Rico Fire Department, obtained by The Associated Press today, also said the hotel had a limited sprinkler system. The inspection was conducted June 17, 1985.

Fire Chief Aurelio Lopez said he did not know if those deficiencies were addressed after the inspection.

Survivors said they had little warning before the lower floors of the hotel were engulfed in fire New Year's Eve. Survivors also said they heard no fire alarms.

On Monday, lawsuits seeking a total of \$19 million were filed in connection with the fire, including one claiming the hotel trapped victims by closing casino doors.

The suits involve a Puerto Rican man who died and another man who was among the more than 140 people injured. They were filed in U.S. District Court one day after Commonwealth Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon said investigators found proof the fire had been set.

New rebel talks begin

MANILA, Philippines — About 500 militant farmers raised clenched fists and cheered Communist rebel negotiators today as the rebels entered new peace talks with the government. A former senator urged both sides to guard against dogmatism and U.S. interference.

A senior official meanwhile expressed doubt that President Corason Aquino will suspend part of her government's draft constitution to meet a key demand of Moslem rebels for ending their separate Islamic insurgency in the south.

The farmers, who marched from central Luzon island to demand land reform, cheered as the three negotiators for the Communist-dominated National Democratic Front arrived at the State Auditing Office for talks with the government.

Rebels make attack

OICALA, El Salvador — Leftist rebels announced a new offensive against the U.S.-backed government following a seven-hour attack on a military position in this town in war-plagued Morazan province.

Army Col. Mauricio Vargas said his forces drove the rebels back after fighting that killed four soldiers, two civilians and 22 guerrillas. Vargas said nine soldiers were injured.

However, the rebels' clandestine Radio Venceremos said five soldiers were killed and 16 wounded. It said two guerrillas suffered slight injuries. There was no way to verify either claim.

The battle early Monday at Oicala, an agricultural town 115 miles northeast of San Salvador, was the latest in a series of stepped up attacks on isolated military posts in various parts of this Massachusetts-sized nation. The attacks began in late November.

Sherlock turns 100

LONDON — Fans of Sherlock Holmes are raising their glasses in toast today to celebrate the 100th birthday of the famous fictional detective who dismissed the most puzzling conundrums as "elementary."

Holmes, the creation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, made his first appearance in print in 1887. Students of Holmes have decided that Jan. 6 was his birthday and are holding a dinner at the House of Commons to pay him tribute.

"He is still incredibly popular," said Capt. William Mitchell, secretary of the 800-member Sherlock Holmes Society in Britain. "The Victorian age had its share of crime and unhappiness, but boldly speaking it was a settled age and people like to be reminded of that — call it nostalgia or what you like."

Nebraskans like series premiere; ABC to air controversial 'Amerika'



Robert Hansen, who played an exile as one of the Nebraska extras in the ABC mini-series "Amerika," hands out leaflets before the premiere of four hours of the show Monday. Hansen and other Tecumseh, Neb., residents say they liked the controversial show.

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Soviets hated it and activists have sniped from right and left, but the people of Tecumseh have taken a shine to "Amerika."

They were especially charmed by their own performances in ABC's controversial 1 1/2-hour drama.

"I thought it was great," said Marion Beebe, one of about 500 Tecumseh residents who made the one-hour drive north to the state capital for a pair of four-hour "world premiere" showings Monday. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the ending. I think I might be in it."

"I could have sat there the rest of the night," said Jody Forks, who worked 11 hours as an extra when "Amerika" invaded Tecumseh last April.

She was delighted to see her 18-year-old sons James and Jaye playing soldiers, just as her neighbors happily nudged each other as they caught glimpses of themselves marching, standing in food lines or hovering in backgrounds.

Whether the rest of the country will embrace "Amerika" so warmly is a question of considerable interest to ABC, which sank more than \$35 million into the series, and

to the network's detractors. The Soviet government denounced the series even before filming began, and threatened to restrict ABC's news operation in Moscow. The United Nations objected to the fictional occupation forces' use of the U.N. flag.

The Committee for National Security, a Washington-based organization which lobbies for arms control, last month called the series "boring, politically insulting and an obstacle to public understanding of real-world complexities."

Todd Gitlin, a sociology professor at the University of California at Berkeley and author of "Inside Prime Time," wrote in the liberal Jewish quarterly Tikken that the show was "the most coherent, explicit and extended right-wing vision of the world to be seen in American TV."

However, Reed Irvine of conservative Accuracy in Media also pronounced "Amerika" a bore after seeing a sneak preview in Washington. Newsweek, in a November article, said the show has enough sex to satisfy "connoisseurs of the prime-time soaps (not to mention Nazi-bondage porn)."

On the day of the show's premiere in Lincoln, The New York

Times published a critical letter by George F. Kennan, the distinguished foreign policy expert who fathered the post-war U.S. policy of containment. He called it "a serious disservice to the clarity of public understanding on issues of vital importance."

All this for a drama which is still being edited, according to Donald Wrye, the writer, director and executive producer.

"I don't think bad publicity is good for the film," Wrye told reporters. "I think we are at a disadvantage now because the film has a very hard time speaking for itself."

Although no one has seen the finished product, and only Nebraskans have seen as much as four hours, bootlegged copies of the script have been circulating, as well as videotapes of 90 minutes or less.

Wrye insisted that "Amerika" is not about the likelihood of a Soviet conquest, but is a fictional exploration of life in a totalitarian system. "There is so much use of the film to push individual agendas," he complained.

Brandon Stoddard, president of ABC Entertainment, likewise dismissed the value of negative publicity. "I'm real glad we're getting

around to the audience," he said. "I feel they've got a real good sense about these kinds of shows. We're getting near some friends."

The audience, however, has not been markedly friendly this season as ABC has lagged in third place. Stoddard, who conceived and commissioned "Amerika," declined to predict how it would fare.

"If it doesn't work, life will go on," he said in an interview. "I will go on and continue at ABC. I don't think this is make or break time."

About half the series was filmed in Tecumseh, a county seat of about 2,000 residents. A lordly Victorian courthouse comprises a one-building skyline in the business district.

Carol Honblez, who wore a crimson "I was in Amerika" T-shirt and played an exiled dissident, said she found the film true to life.

"If it were really life, I'd be in that situation" as an exile, she said, explaining that she had been a philosophy major in college.

"It wasn't quite what I thought," said Susan Lemпка of Tecumseh. "Everybody was talking about the politics involved. I thought there would be more."

"It's kind of a stark reality, of what maybe could happen," said Sarah Adams, a Lincoln pharmacist. "If anything, it made me feel more patriotic."

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# Opinion

## Flowers bloom amid socialism

A thousand flowers are blooming in China. But they're not the flowers envisioned by Mao. They're the flowers of minds seeking freedom.

Recently, thousands of Chinese students marched for democracy in Hefei. "Government of the people, by the people, for the people," proclaimed a wall poster, quoting Abraham Lincoln.

The spontaneous protests moved from Hefei to Shanghai. There, 50,000 students demonstrated for democracy.

Authorities seemed taken aback by the sudden outpouring of desire for democracy. Official newspapers carried propaganda excoriating the students. There were arrests.

Can 50,000 Chinese university students be wrong?

In the eyes of the authorities, they are foreign devils bringing back the Cultural Revolution. But these protests couldn't be more different from the attacks against intellectuals of that era.

Chinese students are pleading for freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom to choose their student representatives. Ultimately, they are pressuring for democratic government.

The government granted economic freedom in a bid to catch up with the West. But reformers believed that they could give economic freedom without granting political and social freedom.

They were wrong. Ultimately, there can be no economic freedom without political freedom. And there can be no materialistic development on a Western model without political development.

The question facing Chinese intellectuals is how far can they push without provoking the reaction of the communist government.

Authorities appeared to be giving concessions to the protestors. In Beijing, it was announced that there would be more than one candidate for city government posts. Traditionally, the Communist Party has chosen the single candidate, who is "elected" by the voters in a sham election.

These concessions are small. Communists won't give up power. But democracy can't be granted. It must be won.

What kind of democracy do the intellectuals want?

The word has varied meanings in China, from decentralization to elected government. It would be naive to expect that democracy, like communism, would come about in a Western mold in China. Chinese culture is stronger than foreign influences. China faces an age-old dilemma. Should it adapt to the modern world or retrench within its walls?

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## Return of Jesus preached

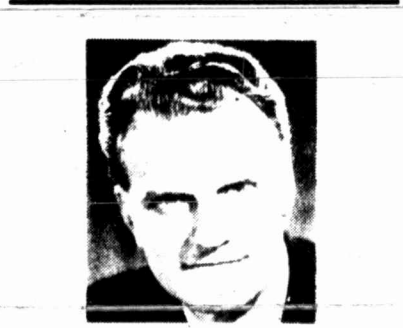
DEAR DR. GRAHAM: This Christmas our pastor not only preached on the birth of Jesus but also spoke the idea that Jesus will come again someday. Is that true? I guess I never heard about this in the church where I grew up, and I wonder if it's really going to happen or what it will be like. — Mrs. E.M.

DEAR MRS. E.M.: Yes, the Bible emphasizes that just as surely as Jesus Christ came to earth almost 2,000 years ago, so He will come again someday to establish His Kingdom.

It is a truth Jesus Himself taught very frequently. "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30)

It also was the constant hope of the earliest Christians, who remembered the words the angels spoke when Jesus was taken up into heaven: "This same Jesus ... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). The major creeds of the Church speak of it; the ancient Nicene Creed, for example, declares that Christ "shall come again with glory."

The Bible does not tell us when Christ will come again (although it

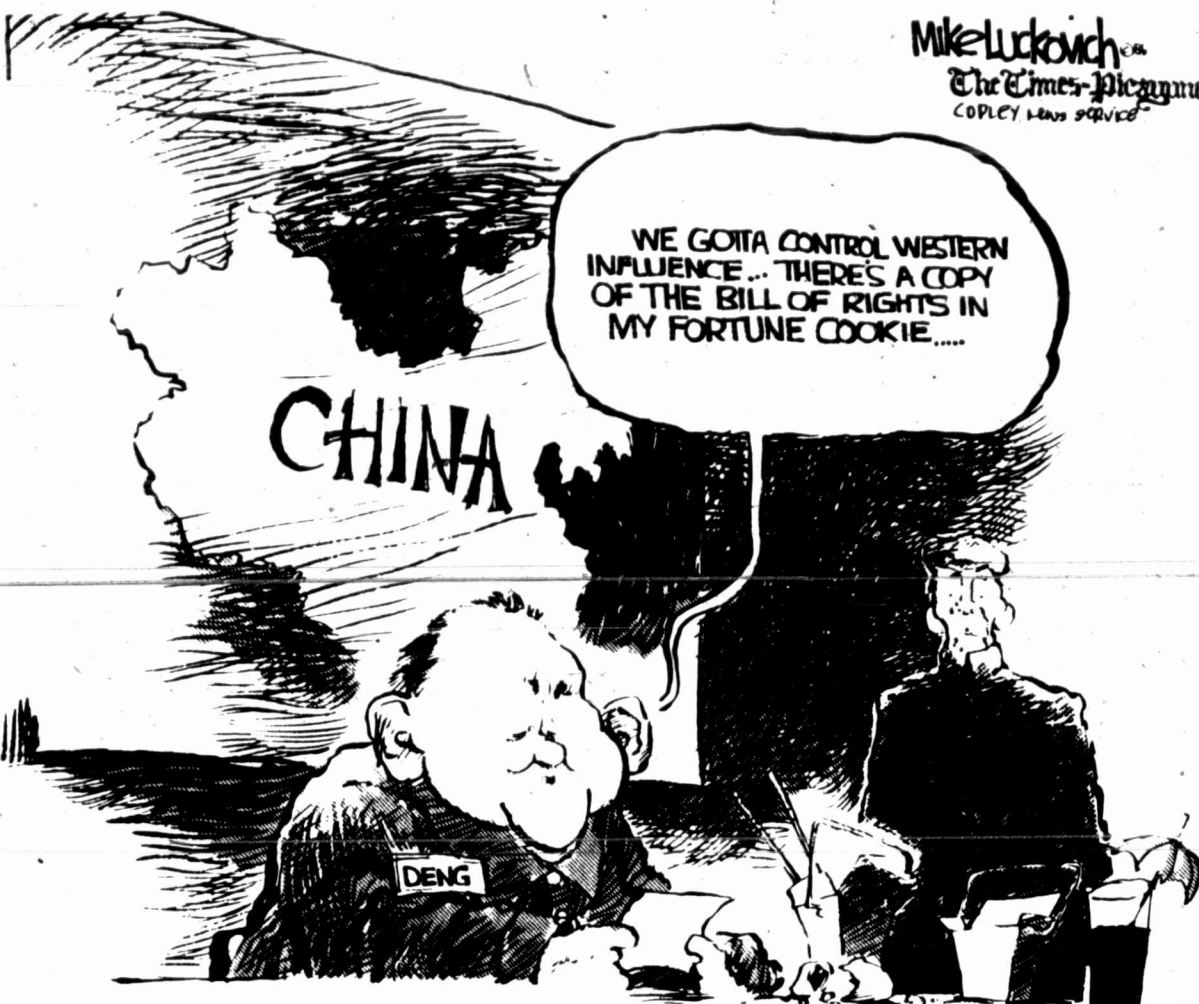


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does give us some signs or events that will take place before He comes — many of which we can see today). It does tell us, however, to be ready for His coming, "because you do not know on what day our Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42).

How can we be ready? First, by being sure — absolutely sure, beyond a shadow of a doubt — that we have committed our lives to Jesus Christ, and are trusting Him alone for our salvation. Second, by being faithful followers of Christ in our everyday lives. Have you given your life to Christ, and are you seeking to follow Him every day? Don't let another day go by without turning your life over to Him.

Billy Graham's religious column is distributed by Tribune Media Services.



## New U.S. Beirut embassy presents safety dilemma

By JACK ANDERSON and JOSEPH SPEAR

WASHINGTON — The State Department is caught between the devil and the deep blue sea — Lebanese terrorists and the Mediterranean, to be exact.

The department wants to build a new embassy in Beirut, to replace the one blown up by a suicide bomber in April 1983. But here's the problem:

If American hardhats with proper security clearances are sent over to do the sensitive job, they'll be just so many more targets for terrorist kidnappers and assassins. It will also send costs sky-high.

On the other hand, if a Lebanese contractor builds the new embassy with cheaper local labor, it will be difficult if not impossible to keep knowledge of the embassy building's vital security arrangements from being leaked to the same breed of bombers responsible for destroying the old embassy.

After weighing the various risks, the Foreign Buildings Office has decided to go ahead with a Lebanese contractor and exercise such security precautions as it can.

This decision has aroused the spirited criticism of some Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, soon to regain majority status under chairman Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., a former Foreign Service Officer.

These critics have a simpler solution for the State Department's dilemma: Don't build a new embassy now. They consider a recent General Accounting Office report, prepared for Sen. Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb., a Foreign Relations Committee member, as ammunition for their proposal "to do nothing."

The report is the result of a study done since we disclosed the GAO's earlier concern that blueprints of the proposed embassy were floating around Beirut, easily accessible to any terrorist group willing to put up the \$200 or so required for a set.

The blueprints had been distributed to contractors who wanted to bid on the project — and no one knew how many copies had been run off for subcontractors and other interested parties.

In their latest investigation, GAO



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auditors pointedly asked the Foreign Buildings Office why American workers were not being used.

"Department officials stated that using a Lebanese firm rather than a U.S. firm would limit the presence of Americans in Beirut," the GAO report states. Foreign Buildings Office officials explained to the auditors that they didn't want American construction workers being victims of terrorists.

This explanation makes no sense to critics. "We are asking for trouble if we do not feel that a bunch of hardhats would be safe, yet we are ready to send Foreign Service Officers there," one source told our associate Lucette Lagnado. "It is simply crazy for us even to be there, doing work."

But the Foreign Buildings Office decided to go ahead with the new embassy as planned. Since the destruction of the old embassy nearly four years ago, a reduced embassy staff has been operating out of the ambassador's residence in the hills outside East Beirut, in supposedly safer territory than downtown. It is a makeshift arrangement at best, and the new embassy would restore a more fitting U.S. "presence" in the Lebanese capital.

The Lebanese contractor who won the bid in October is to be paid about \$3.1 million, though the GAO auditors predict that the project will cost three times that amount before it's finished. The completion date has already slipped from September 1987 to April 1988.

The Foreign Relations Committee is investigating the matter, and Sen. Zorinsky has asked the GAO

and the State Department for additional information.

NOT-SO-FRIENDLY SKIES: There have been numerous reports and complaints suggesting there aren't enough air traffic controllers to keep the skies safe, and more than 90 percent of the controllers fired by President Reagan in 1981 for striking have said they're interested in getting their jobs back.

But about 60 percent of the controllers who took their places — or who stayed on the job and weren't fired — don't want the laid-off controllers rehired, according to a government survey. The opposition from those at the management level was even higher: 85 percent. Opponents say rehiring the strikers would hurt morale.

CIVIL SERVICE CHATTER-BOXES: The government's decision to ease off its announced crackdown on federal workers' abuse of telephone privileges should be welcomed at the Interior Department, where a recent inspector general's report concluded that 30 percent of the department's long-distance calls out of headquarters in Washington were unofficial.

These private chats cost the government \$640,000 a year in telephone charges alone, plus an inestimable cost in time spent on the phone that should have been devoted to business. The inspector general figured that a total of 25,000 hours per year is frittered away on private phone calls.

MINI-EDITORIAL: Unlike other government agencies, the Army routinely turns down Freedom of Information Act requests for copies of reports by its inspector general, and frankly, we can't understand why.

The explanation we got from a Pentagon colonel was that no one would talk to the inspector general if they thought the information might be revealed to — horrors! — the public that pays their salaries.

But this alibi won't wash. Does the Army seriously expect us to believe that it can't enforce discipline as well as mere civilian agencies, which don't balk at releasing embarrassing inspector general reports? Or could it be that the Army just has more to hide?

Jack Anderson's investigative report from Washington is distributed by United Features Syndicate.



Art Buchwald

## Iran crisis provides new jokes

By ART BUCHWALD

As we come to the end of another wonderful year I would like to provide some snappy lines which you can use at New Year's Eve parties to attract everyone's attention and make yourself more important than you really are.

"Ollie North was over at the house the other night and we couldn't shut him up."

"I know you're not going to believe this, but I met an American ambassador who reports to Secretary of State George Shultz."

"Every time I ask Adnan Khashoggi for the money I gave him to invest in the guntrade he says he's broke."

"I think they should fire Don Regan first before they fire anyone at AT&T."

"We couldn't give a fig about tax reform. We have all our money invested with General Secord in Switzerland."

"My wife never lets Admiral Poindexter smoke his pipe in the car."

"Not only should we pardon the people involved in the Iran-contra affair, but we should give them the game ball during the Super Bowl half-time show."

"Henry Kissinger told me he has decided that if anyone asks him what his opinion of the Iranian crisis is he is going to take the Fifth Amendment on all three networks."

"We just won a door prize of a two-week tour on Southern Air Transport with Eugene Hasenfus as our guide."

"I'm raising money for a defense fund for Ed Meese, just in case."

"The toughest thing about working in the White House is having to choose between Kadafi and Khomeini."

"I think Nancy owed it to Ronnie to tell him everything she knows."

"George Bush asked my husband to be one of his wise men."

"My hairdresser told me Mrs. Gorbachev is furious with her husband's staff for not protecting him from the scandal in Afghanistan."

"The President wants to put missiles on U.S. railroad trains, but nobody has told him they can't run."

"Who cares about winning the America's Cup back? There is no money in it."

"I'd rather be Ivan Boesky's lawyer than his friend."

"My son is having a great success on Wall Street. He gets inside information from his fraternity brother and sells it to a broker, who then returns a percentage of the profits, which my son launders in a Bahamas bank until he gets caught and pleads for mercy for turning state's witness."

"We're going to Hawaii next week. Does anyone know if you curtsy or bow to Ismelda Marcos?"

"Ross Perot has offered me \$2 million to rescue my sister."

"I knew North Korean President Kim II Sung wasn't dead because we had just received a poinsettia plant from him."

"If I can get the rights I would like to put the Nixon tapes to music."

"Would anybody like to hear me sing the President's proposal for eliminating all ballistic missiles by 1996?"

"The Pope was on my plane and told me he now has enough frequent flyer mileage to go first class to China."

"I have to go now, the Senate Intelligence Committee is browbeating my husband in closed session."

"Hurting people is what football's all about."

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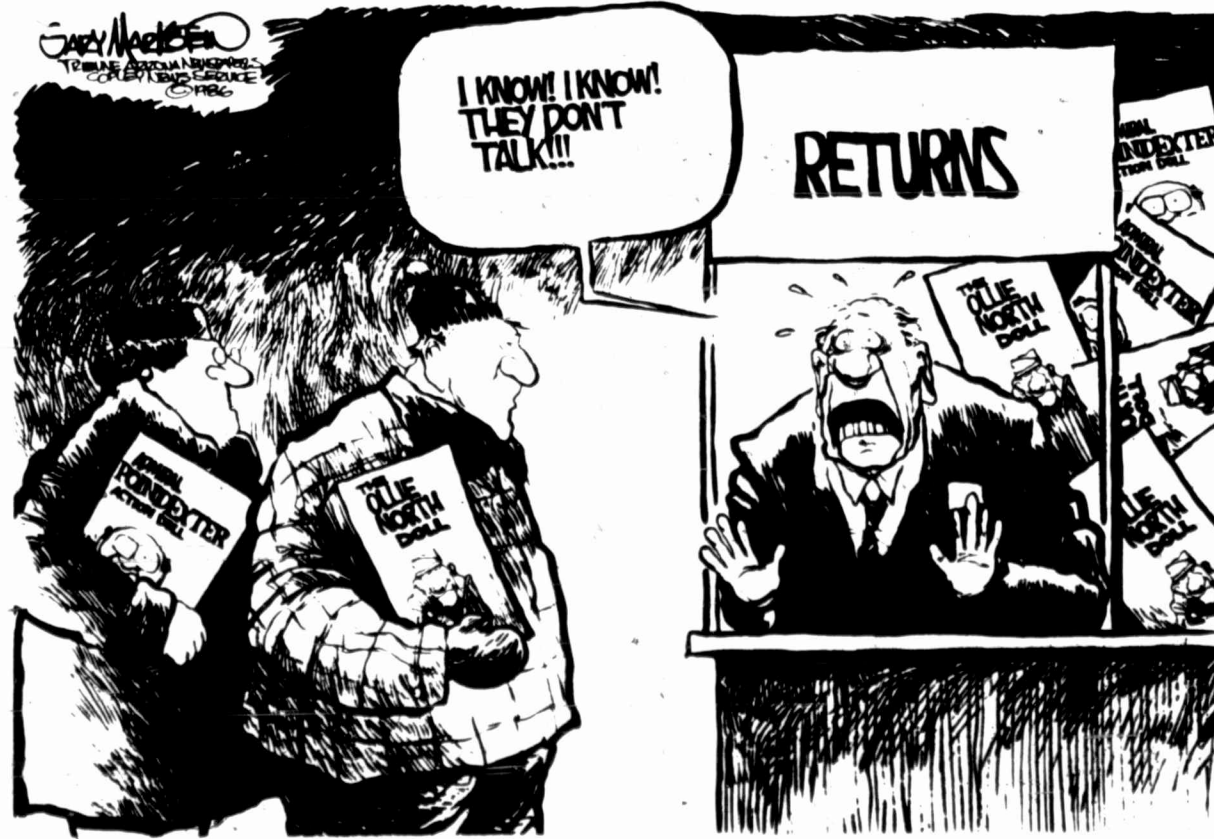
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# Lifestyle

## Payments can cure doctor's ailing books

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, I clipped the enclosed column from my local newspaper. I have found it very relevant and I think that it needs to be rerun periodically. At times, I have enclosed copies of this column to patients who have been delinquent with their accounts, and while some have been understanding, others have drawn tremendous objection to receiving any kind of pressure to pay for services rendered.

Over the years, physician overhead has increased tremendously. My current overhead is close to \$100,000 a year, and in addition, due to various circumstances, I render nearly \$100,000 per year of free services or reductions in my fees. Nevertheless, I still have tremendous problems in getting patients to compensate me for my services, and I know that I am not alone, as nearly every physician has the same problem. Sign me...

AN M.D. WITH \$154,000 ON THE BOOKS, LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm glad you wrote. I liked this letter when I ran it in October of 1980, but I like it even more today. As a valentine to the many doctors and dentists who share the same leaky boat with you, I repeat it with pleasure: DEAR ABBY: As a physician, I know this problem is a genuine source of concern to almost every physician.

It may come as a surprise to many, but not all doctors are rich! Far from it. We have house and car



Dear Abby

payments to make, children to raise, and business expenses just like anyone else trying to make a living. Add to that the exorbitant premiums for malpractice insurance.

People wouldn't think of going to the grocery store, filling station or beauty parlor without cash, a check or credit card. But they come to their doctor's office and say, "Bill me," or, "My insurance company will take care of it."

Abby, some insurance companies wait 60 to 90 days (and longer) to pay a bill — assuming it's covered — and sometimes it's not covered!

Unfortunately, the doctor has to pay his rent, office help and family expenses within 30 days.

If after three or four months the doctor hasn't received a dime from the patient or his insurance company, it's customary for his office to phone the patient and request payment, whereupon the patient

usually becomes highly indignant! This person would probably froth at the mouth should his paycheck be held up for one day! Yet, that's what the doctor's bill is — his paycheck.

It's unfair that the doctor is usually the last one to be paid, and sometimes he's not paid at all! Sign me...

AN M.D. WITH \$35,600 ON THE BOOKS

DEAR M.D.: I'm using your letter as a reminder to those who owe their physicians — and their dentists, too.

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DEAR ABBY: My partner and I are expecting a baby in June. Since we are not a traditional married couple, it may not occur to our friends to give us a baby shower. Therefore, we are wondering if it would be acceptable for us to either ask a good friend to host it at our house (we would pay all expenses) or hers. Or would it be all right for us to host it ourselves?

EXPECTING IN OAKLAND DEAR EXPECTING: It makes no difference whether the expectant parents are traditionally married or not. I see no acceptable way to ask for gifts or to host your own shower.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently became friendly with a very dear and wonderful lady I'll call Betty. Betty told me that she had given her twin boys — who were 3 years old at the time — to a minister and his wife who put them up for adoption. Bet-

ty now wants more than anything in the world to see her twin boys just once in her lifetime. (The boys are now 29.)

The minister has been dead for a number of years, and his wife, who lives in the Philadelphia area, is still in touch with Betty, but she refuses to give her any information about the twins' whereabouts.

I seem to recall that you wrote about an agency that puts adopted children and their natural parents in touch with each other. If there is any cost involved, please advise and I will forward the fee immediately.

A FRIEND IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR FRIEND: Because I am opposed to natural parents intruding on the lives of children they have placed for adoption, as well as adopted children "finding" their natural parents, unless all parties are agreeable to a reunion, I recommend the International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR), P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Please enclose a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope when writing.

Persons who have been adopted and want to find their natural parents may register with the above agency. And a birth parent who has placed a child for adoption and wishes to locate that child may also register. If a match is made, a reunion takes place. There is no registration fee, but because this is a not-for-profit agency, contributions are welcome.



Currying favor  
A stray malamute at the Spokane County Animal Shelter in Spokane, Wash. makes his case to shelter director Marianne Wiemczyk, who can waive the usual five-day restriction on keeping animals at the pound.

### Several affected by strokes

By NYU MEDICAL CENTER  
The frightening event known as stroke — technically, cerebrovascular accident — strikes some 400,000 Americans each year.

Depending upon the part of the brain involved, vision, speech, or motor control of a particular part of the body may be affected. While steps can be taken to counter certain conditions that may contribute to the risk of suffering a stroke, some risk factors are beyond control, according to a specialist at New York University Medical Center.

"About 85 to 90 percent of strokes result, like heart attacks, from blockage of blood flow," said Dr. William K. Hass, professor of neurology at the center. "Because

the arteries to the brain may be blocked in the same way as the coronary arteries that supply the heart, the widely publicized precautions certainly make sense." These include not smoking, lowering cholesterol levels, and maintaining optimum weight.

But stroke, Hass points out, is also associated with characteristics beyond the individual's control: being male, growing older, and having a personal or family history of diabetes, high blood pressure, or severe heart disease.

He adds, however, that people in these categories can also take preventive steps, such as following a physician's advice and using medications to treat blood-pressure or heart problems.

### Pill taking is difficult for bedridden elderly

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: We are caring for a very elderly relative. She takes several medicines, mostly in pill form. Since she is in bed a lot of the time, we must give her pills while she is lying down. This seems difficult for her. First of all, is it a good idea? Secondly, any suggestions on helping her get them down? I fear they get stuck in her throat. She's a darling and we love her dearly and don't want any harm to come to her. — Mrs. S.L.

You raise an interesting point, and you're right. Some medicines, even some of the seemingly harmless kind, like aspirin, can irritate the esophagus when lodged or delayed in passage to the stomach. The esophagus does not have the protection the stomach



Dr. Donohue

enjoys. And this matter is even more important in the elderly.

They tend to have less mucus production and their esophagus propulsive muscles may not be quite as active as those in younger

people. These factors set the stage for potential irritation and bleeding from medicine in pill form.

In the case of your elderly, bed-bound relative, it might be best to give the tablet medicine a bit earlier, when she might be up. The horizontal position very definitely adds to the swallowing difficulty. Of course, if she has a hospital bed, you can elevate that when giving pills. Allow a reasonable time for swallowing and passage before lowering it.

Other medicines, like quinine, iron and potassium, can cause significant irritation to esophageal tissue from long exposure during passage.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: If I had surgery to re-open my fallopian

tubes, how soon would I be able to get pregnant? — Mrs. D.D.

First, you have no guarantee you will ever get pregnant. And that applies whether or not the surgery is considered successful.

However, a woman must always assume her fertility, and that pregnancy can occur at any time following such surgery. Actually, though, it may be unlikely for some time after. For some it can be as long as a year for the reopened tubes to gain full function.

What about constipation? Many can be relieved of it, both mentally and physically, by reading Dr. Donohue's booklet, "The Way to Stop Constipation." For a copy write to Dr. Donohue in care of the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 11210, Chicago, IL 60611, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$1.00.

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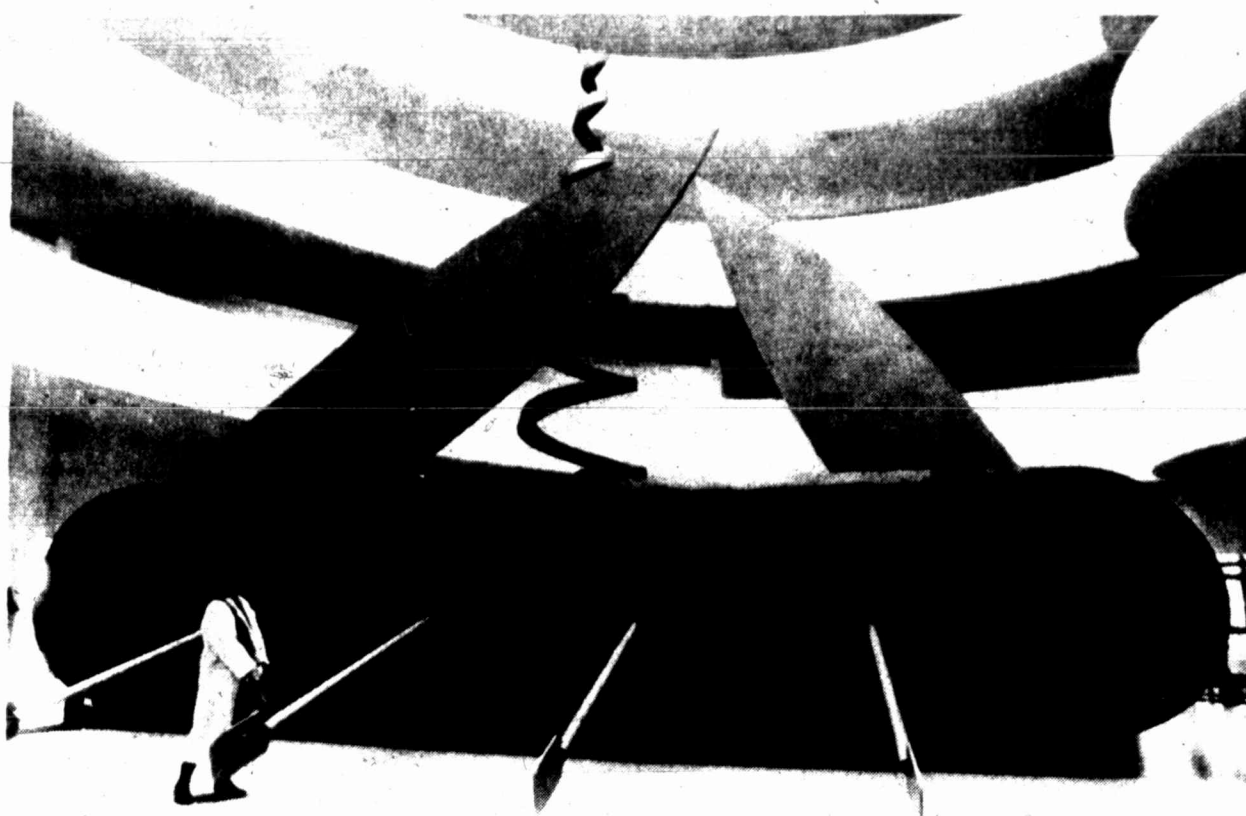
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## The cutting edge

"The Knife Ship" from the 1985 performance *Il Corso del Coltello* (The Course of the Knife), featuring a large-scale sculpture of a ship in the form of a Swiss Army knife, was created by sculptor Claes Oldenburg, writer/curator Coosje van Bruggen and architect Frank O. Gehry. The ship, which will be exhibited at New York's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum through mid-February, measures approximately 40 feet in length, 8 feet in height and 11 feet in depth.

## State

### Three indicted in murder

CORPUS CHRISTI — A federal grand jury has indicted three men arrested in connection with a drug bust in which a federal drug agent was killed.

The indictments were returned Monday against Felipe Molina Uribe, 29, of Pharr, Jesus Garcia Nieto, 24, of Mexico, and Benito Cavazos Lamas, 25, of McAllen.

Uribe was indicted on charges alleging that he killed William Ramos, an agent for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, while Uribe was under arrest and trying to escape.

Another count alleges Uribe used a .38-caliber pistol to kill the 30-year-old agent.

Uribe was wounded when gunfire erupted during the New Year's Eve drug bust at a grocery store parking lot south of Pharr.

All three men were indicted on charges of conspiring to possess with intent to distribute 300 pounds of marijuana, and possession of 300 pounds of marijuana.

### Anti-nukers plan meeting

LUBBOCK — An umbrella organization opposing possible storage of nuclear waste in the Texas Panhandle hopes to meet with Vice President George Bush to present its arguments.

Delbert Devin, president of the Nuclear Waste Task Force in Dimmitt, said the task force delegation would include Carl King, representing Texas corn growers; Bill Cleavinger, representing state sugar beet growers; and a representative of a Hereford-based group also opposed to the nuclear dump.

Devin said petitions bearing approximately 57,000 signatures would be presented to the vice president showing opposition to the Department of Energy's proposals for possibly locating a high-level nuclear waste dump in Deaf Smith County. The county is one of three prime locations under consideration for the repository.

### Judge to try Texas idea

HARRISBURG, Ore. — A municipal judge says she thinks a Teen Court that's met with success in Odessa could be the ticket to controlling teen-age crime in Oregon.

Judge June Simmons heard about the program during a conference in Bend last summer. The premise behind the idea is simple — teen-agers are less likely to become repeat offenders if a jury of

their peers hands out the punishment.

She said last week that Odessa's program has proved young people stay out of trouble following a Teen Court appearance. And she said the program is saving the community thousands of dollars.

Very few changes would be required in Oregon law to implement a similar program, the judge said.

"Mainly, it would take the cooperation of municipalities, judges, juvenile departments and law enforcement officials," she said.

The young people who face a teen-age jury plead guilty. If they accept and complete the sentence handed down by their peers, charges are dismissed.

### Datsun probe to begin

DALLAS — Investigators will inspect a Datsun sports car in an attempt to determine whether mechanical malfunctions caused the vehicle to race out of control in a spectacular, fatal accident last week in a mall parking lot.

Sherry Dorn, an officer in the traffic division, said Monday that city officials are coordinating the investigation with federal officers.

Last Tuesday, a 1982 Datsun 200SX driven by Sara McLeod, 21, of Lake Charles, La., struck Sarina Blackman, 26, and her mother, Juanita Thompson, 46, of Flint, Mich., after careening wildly through the parking lot of the fashionable Galleria mall in north Dallas. Ms. Blackman was killed and her mother was injured.

Ms. McLeod, daughter of Louisiana state Sen. William L. McLeod, told police that when she started the car, it slipped into reverse and raced for a quarter of a mile before striking another car and a wall.

### Lottery officials talk

AUSTIN — Religious groups that oppose state lotteries frequently don't know what they are talking about, according to a state official who helped bring the lottery to the Bible Belt.

"The opponents don't have the facts, but they have emotional appeals," Ralph Peters, director of the West Virginia lottery, told the New Lottery States Seminar on Monday.

West Virginia voters approved the lottery in a 2-1 vote. The game will complete its first year this week, according to Peters, who said it is the "first incursion into the so-called Bible Belt in the lottery business."

The three-day seminar, aimed at helping officials in states that are getting into the lottery business, is sponsored by Public Gaming Research Institute, Inc., based in Rockville, Md.

## Travelers affected by incident

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A hostage incident that forced the closure of a major terminal Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport snarled Delta Air Lines traffic and disrupted travel plans of thousands of passengers, officials said.

Terminal 4E, the center of Delta flight operations in Dallas-Fort Worth, was shut down about 3:45 p.m. Monday when a gunman took a 10-year-old boy hostage, fired shots and demanded to be flown to Egypt, authorities said.

The man surrendered about 11:39 p.m.

Delta spokesman Bill Jackson, of the company's Atlanta headquarters, said the area was evacuated and all Delta flight operations at the airport, a regional hub, temporarily were suspended.

Henry Conley, district director of marketing for Delta, said 85 flights were due out of the terminal Monday evening. Of those 52 were canceled, while the remaining 32 were diverted or delayed. The incident affected at least 6,000 passengers, Conley said.

"We weren't concerned with money tonight," said Conley.

Operations resumed at the terminal about 1 a.m. today.

Airport spokesman Joe Dealey noted that Dallas Fort-Worth is a secondary hub for Delta.

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## Bosworth's college career over

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth has apologized for things he has said and done this year, but his college football career is over nonetheless.

Bosworth, the Sooners' two-time All-America, apologized Monday night for a string of events that have occurred this season, saying he was "terribly embarrassed" by the concern he had caused the university and its officials.

Still, the colorful leader of the nation's best defense has played his final game at Oklahoma, Coach Barry Switzer said. Earlier Monday, Switzer issued a statement saying it would be in the university's best interests if Bosworth did not return for his final year of eligibility.

Bosworth, a fourth-year junior with one season of eligibility remaining, is expected to graduate in May. It was widely felt he would pass up his final year to join the National Football League.

"I deeply regret those situations that have blemished the image of the University of Oklahoma, and I hope that I can rectify the embarrassment I have brought to the university," Bosworth said in a statement issued through the school's sports information office.

"The Boz" has been in the headlines all season. In a preseason Sports Illustrated article, he talked about learning how to install stray bolts in cars at an Oklahoma City General Motors plant. He later said UCLA played "girls football" after Oklahoma had beaten the Bruins, 38-3.

He was banned by the NCAA

from playing in the Orange Bowl because drug tests showed he had used steroids. He later blasted the NCAA for its drug-testing policy, and during the Orange Bowl game wore a T-shirt that, using the NCAA initials, read "National Communists Against Athletes."

In his statement, he apologized for virtually everything he had said or done this year that brought negative publicity. He particularly apologized for embarrassing Switzer, University President Frank Horton and Athletic Director Donnie Duncan.

"General Motors has been a very loyal supporter of our program and I hope the Sports Illustrated article has not adversely affected them," he said.

He retracted the UCLA remarks, as well as statements he made about former Texas Coach Fred Akers.

"I also want to apologize to Walter Byers and the NCAA for protesting their drug program," Bosworth said. "I know the drug program is in the best interest of the student-athlete and I should have been sensitive to the NCAA."

Bosworth already was known for his controversial off-the-field statements, earrings and multi-colored hairdo, but his shirt slogan drew sharp criticism. In Oklahoma, one newspaper editorial described his behavior as "crude, tasteless, disgusting sideline antics."

Switzer, who has called Bosworth the greatest linebacker in school history, issued a three-sentence statement indicating Bosworth no longer had the option

of returning next year.

"After having discussions today with Brian Bosworth, I have decided it would be in the best interests of the University of Oklahoma football program that he forgo his senior season of eligibility in 1987," Switzer said.

"Brian is one of the greatest players to have ever performed for the Sooners. I am sure his future with the National Football League will parallel if not exceed his career accomplishments at the University of Oklahoma."

Switzer said he would not comment further.

Duncan said he discussed Bosworth's actions with Switzer after the Orange Bowl, but said he did not direct Switzer to take any action concerning Bosworth.

"We had a tremendous game on the field with a tremendous group of kids. I thought that should have been the focus," Duncan said. "Obviously, Brian has his own personal views. I don't want those confused with the university's views."

Asked if Switzer's statement meant Bosworth could not play for the Sooners in 1987, Duncan said, "That's correct."

Horton, who said he supported Switzer's decision, said the school has received dozens of letters about Bosworth.

"In the case of Mr. Bosworth, we had letters beginning probably last fall in relation to Sports Illustrated article," Horton said. "We have had expressions of concern from a variety of directions related to his actions."

Duncan and Horton said the BOSWORTH page 2B



University of Oklahoma All-American linebacker Brian Bosworth sports a T-shirt attacking the NCAA at the January 1 Orange Bowl game. OU coach Barry Switzer announced Monday that Bosworth will not play football for the school next year.

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## Strong stand

### NCAA believes first year of drug-testing a big success

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The NCAA will "come out with both guns blazing" today in defense of its controversial drug-testing program, sources told The Associated Press.

"Some of the things that have been said are just ridiculous, and they will be addressed," said a source who asked not to be identified. "From all appearances, they (NCAA officials) believe the first year of the drug-testing program is a big success."

Walter Byers, NCAA executive director, was expected to join several other officials at a mid-morning news conference as delegates continued to arrive for the NCAA's 81st annual convention.

More than 20 football players, including All-American linebacker Brian Bosworth of Oklahoma, were disqualified from bowl games after testing positive for banned drugs. Most of those tested positive for anabolic steroids, a bulk-building compound which experts say has been linked to liver and prostate cancer.

Recruiting will be the focus of attention Thursday when delegates will begin voting on more than 150 agenda items.

One measure would make it illegal for boosters to help their school recruit in any fashion. Another would trim by about 50 percent the recruiting seasons for football and basketball coaches. Both measures have been endorsed by coaches associations and are expected to pass.

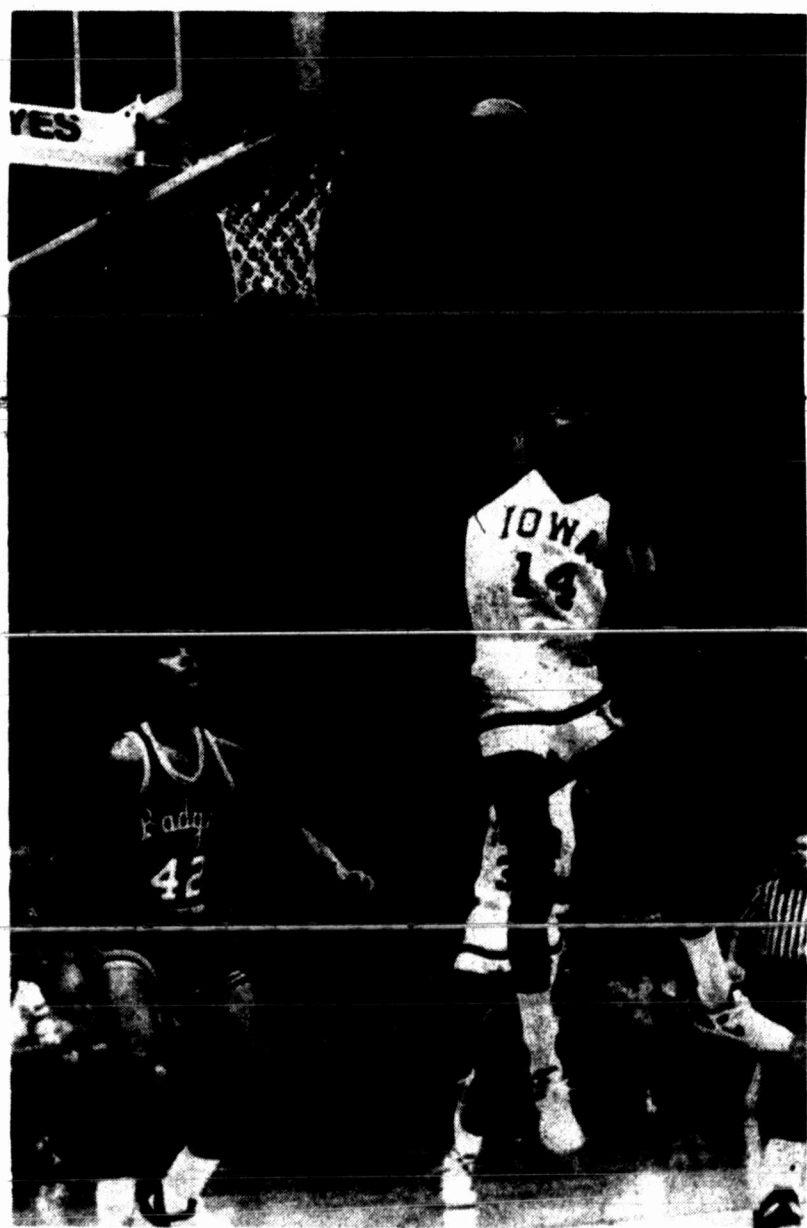
Boosters — the name given to fans, followers and alumni of a particular school — already are banned from off-campus recruiting. Now a booster will not be allowed even to write or telephone a prospect.

Opposition could be heavy against the proposal to cut the recruiting season. Support for the idea may come principally from schools in populous areas such as Southern California. They might conceivably enjoy an advantage over universities in sparsely populated areas simply because they have more prospects to

draw from in their immediate area.

"Urban institutions don't have to do as much recruiting," Davis said. "But some of the smaller schools feel they have to do a lot more recruiting, and in spite of the costs they think they need that. So this is kind of an interesting turnabout. Some of the smaller schools who need the cost-reduction may be the ones who are against the recruiting time being reduced because they feel they need more time to recruit."

Davis predicts both measures will pass. "I don't think you can legislate honesty," he said. "But these things will have, I think, a positive effect on what we've always thought was a big problem — that the big recruiting problems are primarily those outside the control of the institution. And if we can control to some extent the contacts between boosters and non-staff members and staff members ... the chances of having the illegal inducement made might be reduced."



### Up and in

The second ranked Iowa Hawkeyes remained undefeated in Big 10 play Monday night by beating the Wisconsin Badgers 78-63 in Iowa City, Iowa. For complete results, see page 2-B.

## Sports Briefs

### Goliad hoopsters edge Buffaloes

The Goliad 7th grade "B" team beat the Forsan "A" team by a 19-18 tally Monday night. Goliad got four points apiece from Charles Myers, Nick Roberson and Gilbert Sanchez.

### Lady Steers go for sixth loop win

SNYDER — The Big Spring Lady Steers will try to keep their District 2-4A record intact when they play the Snyder Tigers tonight at 7:30 at Snyder High School gym.

The Lady Steers are 5-0 in district and 15-3 overall. They are coming off a 46-42 win over Ft. Stockton Friday in Ft. Stockton. In that game guard Paige Clawson and forward Teresa Pruitt combined for 38 points. Junior varsity action will begin at 6 p.m.

### Steers to host Snyder Tigers

The Big Spring Steers will try to go one up on the Snyder Tigers when they host the Tigers in a District 2-4A contest tonight at 7:30 in Steer Gym. The two teams met earlier in tournaments and split wins. The Steers romped the Tigers 83-54 in the Levelland tournament and Snyder edged the Steers 66-60 in the Denver City tournament. Junior varsity action gets underway at 6.

### UWF wrestling coming to town

The Universal Wrestling Federation will have matches Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard College Coliseum. Featured on the card is a grudge match between Freebird Terry Gordy and Steve "Dr. Death" Williams in the main event. Other bouts include Chavo Guerrero versus Jack Victory, Gary Young versus Rick Steiner and a tag team match featuring the Fantastics against Mike George and Art Crews. Admission is \$10 for ringside, \$7 for adult general admission and \$4 for general admission for children 12 years and older.

## Georgia Tech hires coach

ATLANTA (AP) — Bobby Ross says he has no doubts that Georgia Tech will field a competitive football team under his direction, but it will be done by stressing academics first and athletics second.

Ross, who steered Maryland to three Atlantic Coast Conference championships and four bowl appearances in five years, said he was filling a "lifelong dream" when Athletic Director Homer Rice named him as the new Tech coach at a news conference Monday night.

Rice wasted little time filling the vacancy created Sunday when Bill Curry left his alma mater after seven years to become the football coach at Alabama.

"This, in all honesty, is the perfect situation for the Ross family," said Ross, who said he was lured to the post by Tech's academic and football tradition and the city of Atlanta.

"I think every person reaches a certain time in his career when I think perhaps he's reached his ultimate goal," Ross said. "I think perhaps I'm at that point right now."

Ross said he was caught completely off guard by the rapid turn of events. His bags were packed for a trip Monday, but he thought he was going to Buffalo, where he had been hired as an assistant coach with the NFL Bills.

Buffalo Coach Marv Levy released Ross from his contract, freeing him to accept the Tech job that was offered late Monday after he became the only candidate to meet with the school's athletic board.

"I don't know a whole lot about Georgia Tech's personnel," he said. "Bill (Curry) and I talked over the phone late Saturday night. I feel the talent base is here. I have no question about us being able to



BOBBY ROSS  
...new Georgia Tech coach

be competitive." Ross, 50, left Maryland with a 39-19-1 record, including a 5-5-1 mark last season. He said he resigned because of the facilities at Maryland and because the school hadn't named an athletic director.

He said he was pleased that a thorough investigation of drug use at Maryland following Leh Bias' death last year and of academics in athletics had failed to turn up problems in his football program.

Ross said he knew Tech would be behind in recruiting high school seniors for next fall, but that he wasn't going to move real fast in naming a staff.

"The important thing is to surround yourself with as many people of character as you can," he said.

Curry, 44, who had a 31-43-4 record at Tech, offered all of his Yellow Jacket assistants positions on his staff at Alabama. Ross said he might try to hire some of his

assistants from Maryland, after talking with his successor, Joe Krivak, who coached quarterbacks under Ross.

Ross said he had interviewed for the coaching jobs at California and Purdue and had been contacted by Virginia Tech and others, but preferred a job in the NFL.

"Georgia Tech was a rather unique situation," he said. "I think Georgia Tech had everything I was looking for."

He said he had known Rice for years and had great respect for the Tech athletic director, citing his presence as one of the main reasons he took the job.

Ross said he would use a pro-type offense, giving his quarterback the flexibility to change plays at the line of scrimmage. He said he would use a seven-man front on defense. He said his teams would have two goals every year — to win the ACC championship and go to a bowl.

He signed a four-year contract, terms of which were not disclosed.

"We're lucky that we have a man like this," said Rice, who added that he only considered one other person for the job — Curry's defensive coordinator, Don Lindsey.

Rice said things moved so fast over the weekend that he never got around to naming a search committee, that he was convinced Ross was the man for the job and that the board agreed after hearing Ross Monday afternoon.

"It's exciting to have a proven coach and we're definitely aware of what he's done," Tech quarterback Darrell Gast said.

"I was glad we found a coach so quickly," offensive guard Dean Weaver said. "We didn't have long to worry about who our new coach would be. Everyone on the team is excited about having Bobby Ross as the new coach."

## Oilers fire line coach

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers fired offensive line coach Bill Walsh, several newspapers reported today, although club officials refused to confirm it.

Walsh, 59, who just completed his 27th consecutive season as an assistant coach in either the AFL or NFL, got a pink slip on Monday upon returning to work after the holidays, newspapers in Houston and San Antonio reported.

Walsh told The Houston Post he would stay in coaching, but had no other comment. Oilers head coach Jerry Glanville refused to comment on the firing of Walsh or any other possible staff changes.

A spokeswoman at the Oilers office today refused to comment on the reports and said club spokesman Greg Stengel was not in.

The San Antonio Light quoted an unnamed source as saying offensive coordinator running backs coach Dick Jamieson and quarterbacks coach Gary Huff also may be fired.

Glanville was known to be dissatisfied last season with the performance of the offensive line, which has three first-round draft picks as starters, the Light reported.

The Post and Houston Chronicle reported he was talking to Larry Beightol who spent his past two seasons as offensive line coach of the Atlanta Falcons before falling victim to the firing of coach Dan Henning two weeks ago.

Walsh spent eight years with the Atlanta Falcons before joining the Oilers in 1983.



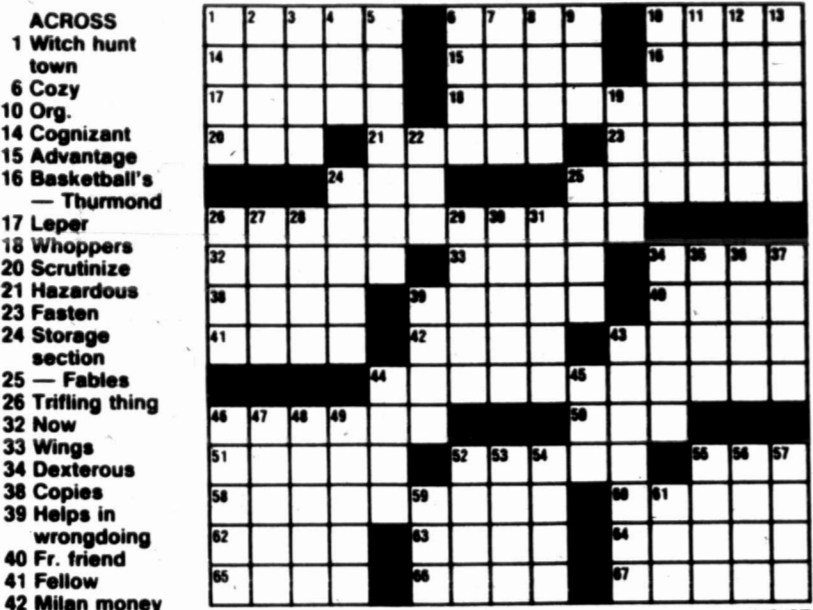






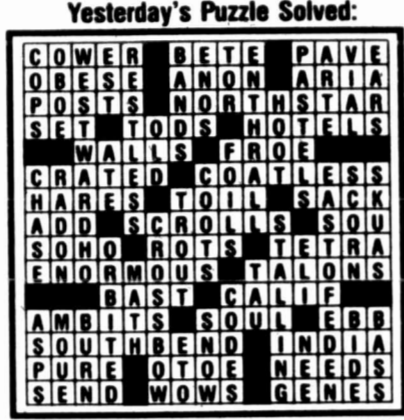
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## THE Daily Crossword by Norma Steinberg



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  - 14 Cognizant
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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A new stance at unique and progressive plans can be excellent for you, even though there can be some confusion on how best to implement these ideas.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** You have a good pal who can assist you in getting your personal plans. Try a new angle. Be clever.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** State your desires to those who are fond of you and you can soon attain them. Improve your health.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Look to good friends and a clever partner for assistance. Try to be more amusing with those you like.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** Know what it is that one in power truly likes and you find you can get along nicely.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** One whose ideas are different to yours can help you with your entertainment activities. Add more charm to your daily life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Confer with a member of your family about an enterprise you are working on and get good advice.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Cooperate more with an associate and outside allies in a plan that can be mutually profitable.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Find the best way to gain more abundance from the work you do. Increase your efficiency.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** You are full of charm and magnetic warmth and can impress others most favorably.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Do something delightful for those at home and gain greater affection. Make your home more charming.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** If you need a favor, seek out one who thinks highly of you and you can get it. Dress professionally.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Study how to make your property more charming and valuable. Get ideas from an expert in this area.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she will do best in professions that are connected with embellishments or entertaining of the public and could make a good deal of money along such lines. One who can charm others easily and will treat everyone equally and be smothered in affection.

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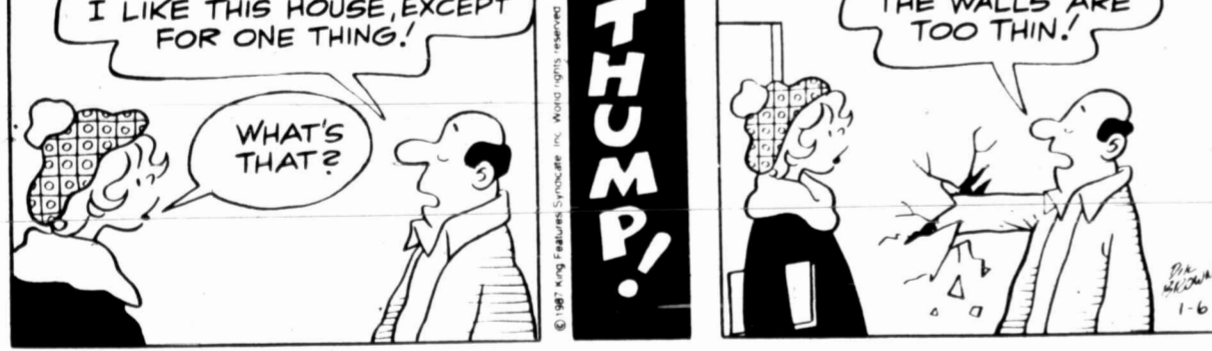
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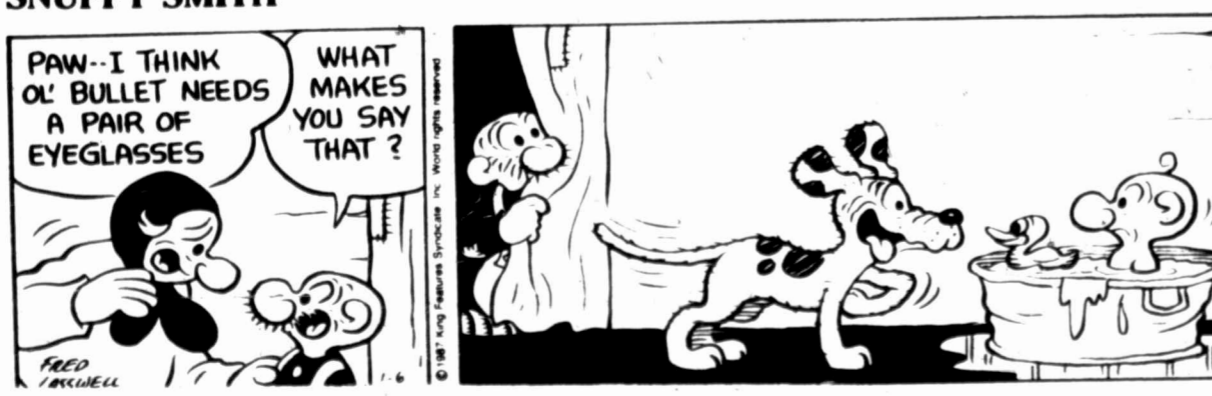
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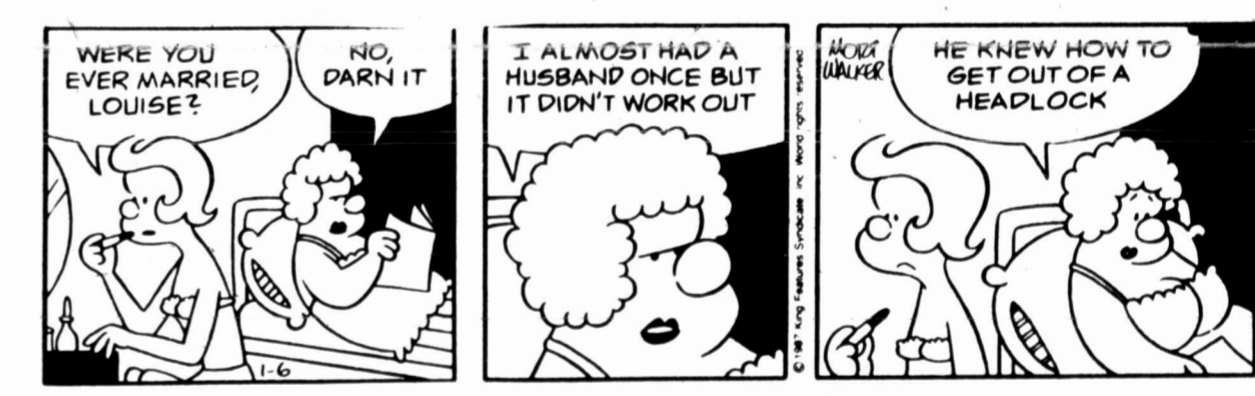
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# The 1988 trillion dollar budget proposal

## Massive farm subsidy cuts seen in budget

By DON KENDAL  
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON — Massive cuts in farm commodity program costs are expected to highlight President Reagan's budget proposals for financing the Agriculture Department in the 1988 fiscal year that will begin Oct. 1.

An outline of the proposals was scheduled for release today as part of a proposed \$1.02 trillion federal spending blueprint.

One of the most important and potentially explosive features expected in Reagan's budget proposal involve the "decoupling" of direct farm subsidies from produc-

tion and linking them to some other criteria.

Historically, farmers who produce the most get the largest subsidies. Critics say that has been an incentive to overproduce.

According to administration and other sources, another budget goal is to target federal payments more effectively, an effort to protect the family farm. One task will be to define the family farm, thereby setting some eligibility standards.

Broadly, the administration is seeking again to make farm programs even more "market oriented" than provided by Congress in the Food Security Act of

1985, which allowed sharp cuts in some prices supports for major commodities, including corn, wheat, cotton and milk.

But the cutbacks in supports, in the form of loan rates for the major crops, have not eased the overall cost burden for USDA commodity programs. While the basic supports or loan rates have been lowered, other benefits have soared.

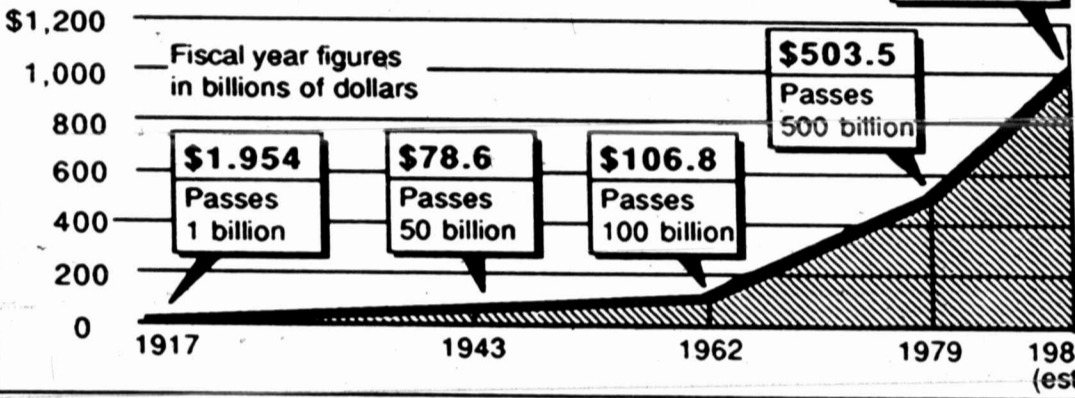
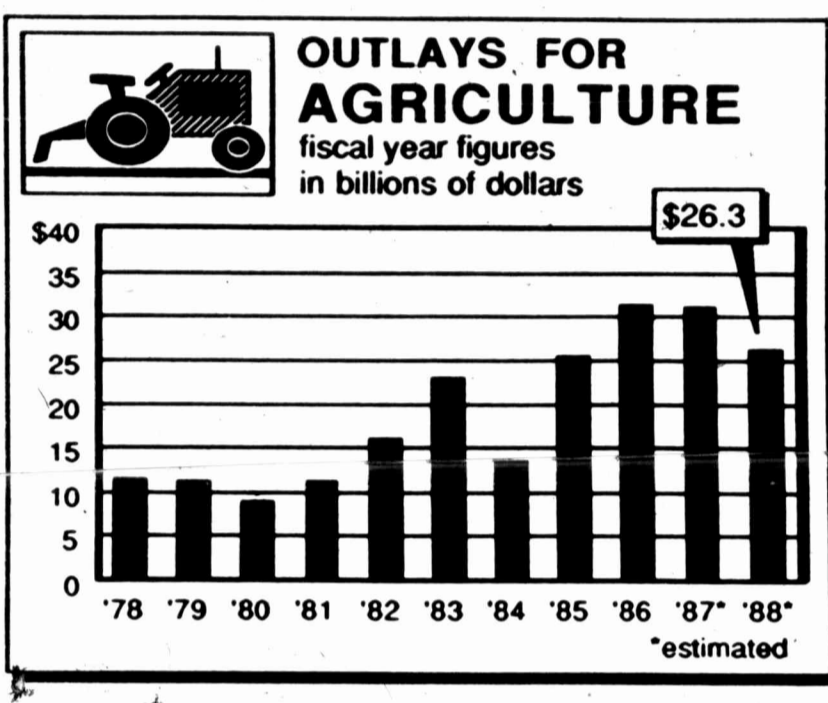
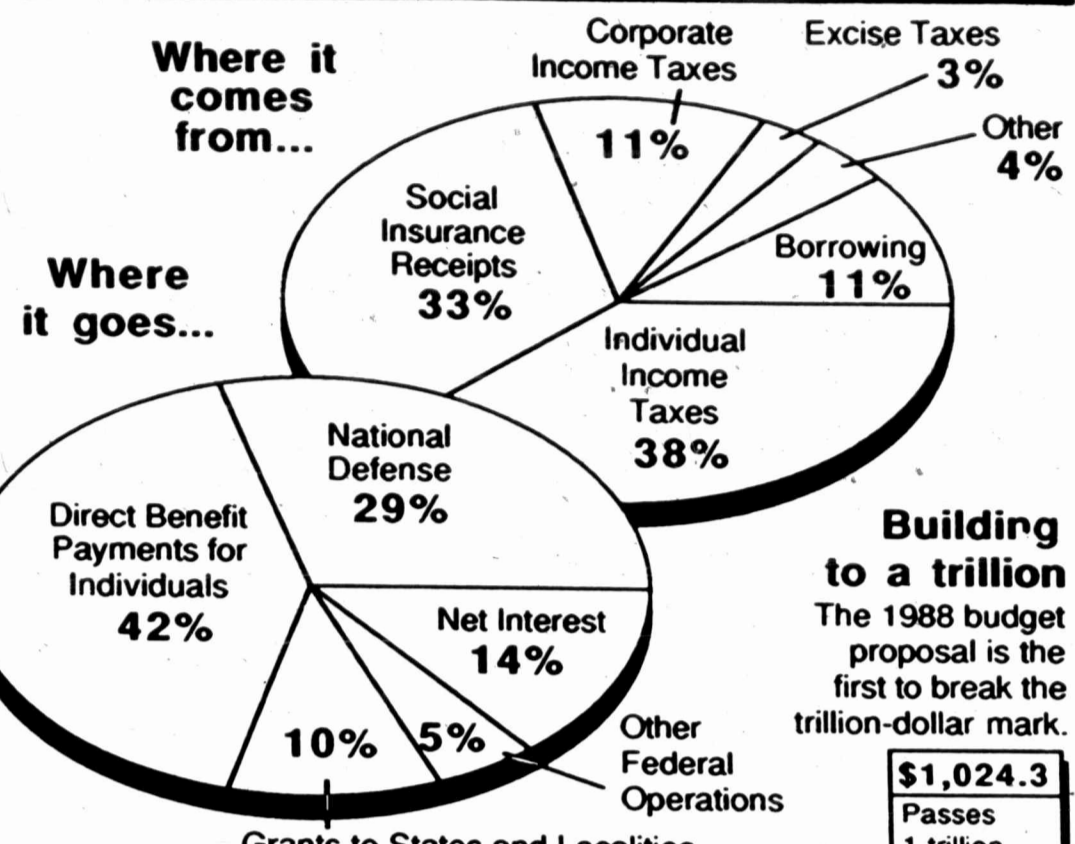
Those include direct payments, in cash or certificates redeemable in surplus commodities owned by the department's Commodity Credit Corp. In all, costs of operating the CCC price support programs have been at record levels.

In the fiscal year that ended last Sept. 30, those programs were a record \$25.8 billion. This year they are expected to be down only slightly, perhaps to about \$25 billion. Even with some tinkering by cost-conscious policymakers, costs in 1987-88 may be held to \$20 billion or continue at around \$25 billion for the third year in a row.

Thus, in the three years following the 1985 farm law, commodity program costs could be in the range of \$70 billion to \$76 billion, compared with a three-year forecast of \$52 billion when Congress was debating the 1985 farm bill.

In any case, the budget proposals, even if adopted fully, would not take effect until Oct. 1 and thus will not be felt much until the 1988 crop season. Their greatest impact would be in 1989 and later.

Reagan's FY1988 budget proposal:  
**\$1,024,328,000,000**



## How and what of Reagan's budget highlighted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are highlights of the fiscal 1988 federal budget proposed by President Reagan:

**•HOW MUCH?**  
President Reagan proposed a \$1.024 trillion budget which he said could strike a crucial blow at the federal deficit with record cuts in farm and other domestic programs, but without raising taxes. It is the first time any president has proposed spending more than \$1 trillion. The budget calls for \$42 billion in cuts, program eliminations and other savings, many resurrected from previous Reagan budgets.

The proposed budget projects \$518.6 billion in receipts for fiscal 1988, which begins next Oct. 1, up from the \$422.4 billion estimated in the current fiscal year. While the budget doesn't call for tax increases, \$23 billion of the estimated \$42 billion in deficit savings in the plan would come from new revenues, including sale of some government properties. The budget is based on a White House forecast that the economy will grow by 3.2 percent in 1987 and by 3.7 percent in 1988, increasing tax revenues along with it. That is considerably above private forecasts that peg economic growth over these two years at 3 percent or less. Growth in the gross national product in 1986 has been estimated at just under 2.5 percent.

**•HOW ABOUT THE DEFICIT?**  
The president said the cuts would trim the federal deficit to \$107.8 billion, a shade under the \$108 billion level called for by the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law.

The year-old Gramm-Rudman law seeks to eliminate annual deficits by 1991. Although the legislation was partially invalidated by the Supreme Court, Reagan told Congress the law's targets should be held, anyway.

The administration anticipates a budget deficit of \$173.2 billion in the current year, down from the record \$220.7 billion of 1986, and says that in 1988 the deficit would decline to \$150 billion even in the absence of additional measures — a level the Congressional Budget Office says is about \$19 billion too optimistic.

**•WHAT'S CUT?**  
Many of the same programs Reagan tried to put on the chopping block in previous budgets — Amtrak rail service, college loans, food stamps, housing programs and mass transit — are targeted again in the new proposal for deep cuts or elimination.

Farm programs would come in for some of the deepest cuts of all in the new budget.

**•WHAT'S NEW?**  
The budget would set up a new \$1 billion program designed to help workers displaced from import-battered industries to find new careers. And it calls for a \$500 million program to combat AIDS and \$1 billion in new funds to modernize the nation's air traffic control system.

**•DEFENSE SPENDING**  
The budget calls for a \$312 billion defense budget, a 3 percent hike in military spending, the smallest increase the president has sought thus far for his Pentagon build-up.

The 1988 defense budget is up from military spending of \$292.9 billion for the current year, including \$2.8 billion in supplemental spending that the president requested last week.

Those figures are in budget authority, which includes money that will be spent in future years. Actual outlays would amount to \$297.6 billion, up from \$282.2 billion this year.

Spending for the Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as Star Wars, would rise to \$5.2 billion next year, up from the current \$3.6 billion, although Reagan has sought a \$500 million increase for the current year in the supplemental spending request.

**•FOREIGN PROGRAMS**  
Reagan asked Congress to add \$1.3 billion to the foreign aid budget for the current fiscal year, saying the money is needed to fight terrorism and help countries that provide sites for U.S. bases. Administration officials have already announced they will ask for an additional \$105 million to help Contra guerrillas fighting the Soviet-supported government in Nicaragua. That would bring aid to the insurgents to \$200 million in the year ending Sept. 30.

The administration also wants Congress to spend more money on U.S. propaganda programs, to tell people around the world "the truth about the United States, the rest of the democratic world, and repressive totalitarian regimes," Reagan's budget message said.

**•TRANSPORTATION**  
The administration proposed selling Amtrak to private enterprise and ending government subsidies to the passenger railroad.

During this fiscal year, Amtrak, which carries more than 20 million passengers a year, received \$602 million in government subsidies, down from a high of \$896 million six years ago. Most grants for mass transit systems would be eliminated, a carryover from previous Reagan proposals.

**•SPACE**  
In his first space budget after the Challenger disaster, Reagan proposed almost to double NASA's spending for "safety, reliability and quality assurance." The \$9.5 billion in spending authority the president would allow for the space agency includes \$568.6 million to continue construction of a replacement space shuttle and \$767 million for the space station that is to be in place in the mid 1990s.

**•GOVERNMENT PAY**  
Members of Congress and other top federal officials would get salary increases, but Reagan said congressional pay would be less than the \$135,000 presidential pay commission recently recommended.

**•SALE OF GOVERNMENT ASSETS**  
The administration would sell government oil reserves in Wyoming and California and five power-marketing administrations, including the Bonneville Power Administration. Funds for electricity-producing programs of the Tennessee Valley Authority would be cut.

**•THE OUTLOOK?**  
The budget is headed for an uncertain fate in Capitol Hill, especially now that both chambers are under Democratic control.

## Individual impact doesn't look good

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's proposed ten-figure federal spending plan would nick a few bucks a week out of many Americans' budgets and drain thousands of dollars out of some family bank accounts through higher home costs and bigger medical bills. The 1988 federal budget proposal calls for no general income tax increases as it outlines spending \$1,024,000,000, the first trillion-dollar government outlay plan. But this spending plan does seek to cut the flow of federal red ink with measures aimed at specific groups of Americans. These millions of Americans would be hit right in the bank accounts — through user fees, higher electric bills, higher Social Security taxes, lower subsidies and the like.

**Among the proposals:**  
—Some retired coal miners suffering from black lung would find at least a portion of their benefits taxed for the first time.  
—Schoolchildren from lower-income families — 14.7 million of them — would no longer receive subsidized school lunches. These children come from families with income greater than 185 percent of the poverty level, which works out to \$20,350

## Most education subsidies wiped out

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration asked Congress to cut federal spending on college student aid by \$3.7 billion by wiping out most federal subsidies for loans and campus jobs and by denying grants to 1 million students.

The Department of Education, in its fiscal 1988 budget, also proposed charging all student borrowers a 9 percent fee to cover the cost of future defaults.

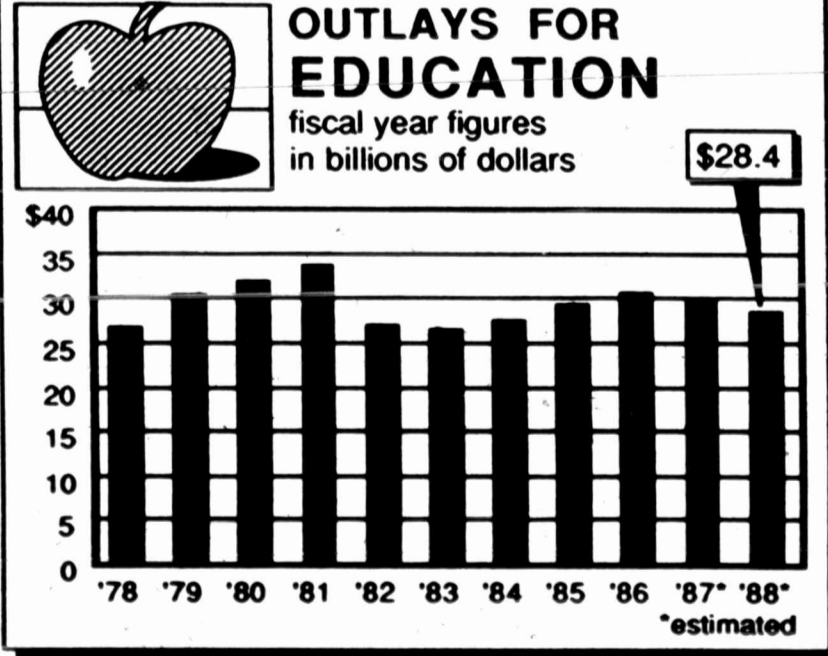
It suggested that the slack in student aid be taken up by new, unsubsidized loans at market rates with repayments tied to students' income in later life.

Allan W. Ostar, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, said, "As President Reagan would say, 'Here they go again!'"

Ostar charged—the administration was trying "to shift responsibility to college students for bringing down the federal deficit.... The Congress has rejected cuts of that size every time, and I think the Congress will reject it again."

Overall, the Department of Education's 1987 outlays would fall from \$17 billion to \$16.8 billion, and 1988 spending would drop to \$14.7 billion.

Because most education grants are paid out a year in advance, the cuts would have their biggest impact in the 1988-89 school year and beyond. Congress appropriated \$19.5 billion for the department for this year. The Reagan budget would cut that budget authority to



\$17 billion for 1987 and prune it to \$14 billion for 1988.

The college student aid cuts were the sharpest Reagan has sought since 1981 and 1982. Most elementary and secondary school programs were spared deep cuts in the new budget, and the major Chapter 1 remedial education program for the disadvantaged actually would get a \$200 million increase to \$4.1 billion.

But the budget would rescind half the \$882 million for vocational education in 1987 and wipe it all out in 1988. The \$132.5 million in operating subsidies for U.S.

and pre-schoolers. The 1988 budget would be \$1.26 billion.

By making college students shoulder most of the loan costs, the administration hopes to reduce Guaranteed Student Loan costs from \$3 billion to \$1.2 billion. Students now pay no interest while in school.

Pell Grants — outright scholarships based on need — would drop from \$3.9 billion to \$2.7 billion, and the income cutoff for the typical family would slide from \$28,900 to \$20,000.

The \$592 million College Work-Study program would be wiped out of the books in 1987 along with a half-billion dollars in other grants.

A \$5 million experimental program of unsubsidized income-contingent loans for 2,671 students, enacted just last year, would be expanded 120-fold to a \$600 million program involving almost half a million students.

The changes would allow the government to reduce its costs of providing loans, grants and other student aid from \$8.2 billion to \$6.9 billion for 1987 and to \$4.5 billion in 1988.

But the department said the amount of available student aid — including unsubsidized loans — would only drop from the \$15.1 billion that Congress enacted for 1987 to \$13.7 billion, then to \$13.1 billion for 1988.