

Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Views of papers across the U.S.

Here is a sampling of editorial opinion from across the nation:

Can slurs be forgotten?

From Ted Kennedy's "Where was George?" speech at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta through the last airing of the Willie Horton revolving door commercial, the mud flew freely. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Dukakis' running mate, watched it fly. Kennedy, Howard Metzenbaum, Jim Wright and Robert Byrd heard their names invoked negatively to energize conservative audiences.

When President Bush goes to the Hill with legislation, Cabinet nominees and Supreme Court appointees, these Democrats will be waiting in the Capitol.

Democrats who may harbor bitter memories... may be eager to remind Bush that his coattails are short and the Americans have opted for power sharing between the Democrats on the Hill and the Republicans in the White House.

Roanoke (Va.) Times & World-News

Time to end negativity

George Bush attained the pinnacle of his political career with a sweeping victory over Michael Dukakis last night, ending the lengthiest and one of the most bitter presidential campaigns in American history.

All citizens now must hope that the new Republican president-elect will succeed in fulfilling his campaign promises, to seek a "kinder, gentler nation" and to build upon the best elements of the Reagan years. That task will not be easy.

The negativity of the campaign must be replaced by positive commitments to raise the hopes and opportunities of those who have very little of either. As Dukakis put it in his gracious concession speech, every citizen must become "a full shareholder of the American dream."

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Election paradox inherent

The paradox inherent in Tuesday's presidential election suggests difficulty ahead as George Bush seeks to govern this nation. No one should find joy in that prospect. All Americans should wish Bush well, for their future rides with his.

The paradox is that Bush was chosen president in an election Michael Dukakis lost and President Reagan won. Bush served as intermediary, slashing at Dukakis while promoting Reagan policies that brought deceptive prosperity and peace. Bush now has no Dukakis to run against and no Reagan to run for. He must govern on his own.

Minneapolis Star Tribune

Now rise above campaign

Apparently a majority of voters were untroubled by the deplorable campaign conducted by the vice president; worse, perhaps they were taken in by his insinuations that his opponent was an extremist, was unpatriotic, belonged to a subversive organization and personally let murderers out of prison.

In either case, the first challenge facing the president-elect is to demonstrate that, notwithstanding his sleazy campaign, his presidency will not be predicated on appeals to people's worst instincts. Down the road lies national division and turmoil.

Mr. Bush, who was perceived through most of his career as a man of moderate views and tolerant instincts, must move quickly to reassure the millions of Americans who voted for Mr. Dukakis and those who voted not at all that he will be president of all the people, that he will seek to unite, not exclude.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Priorities of the office

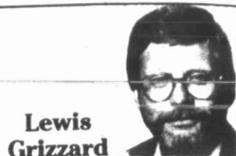
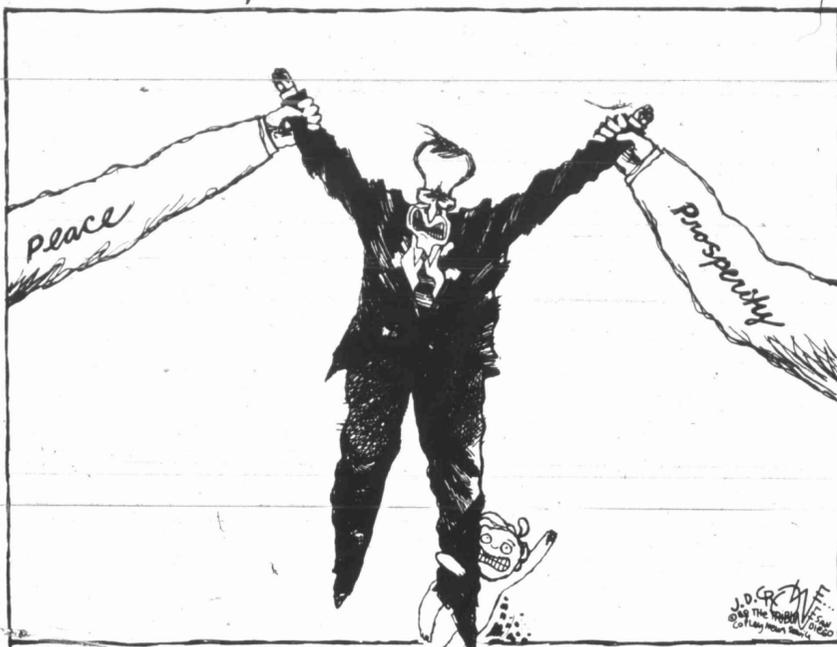
George Bush must swiftly put the uglier moments of the partisanship behind him. That should come naturally to him. Except for his brief run in recent weeks as a tart-tongued political inflamer, he's been a lifetime model of style and class.

Well before the inauguration, a man with his hard-won sense of the realities of the office will want to start tussling with the intractable budget deficit and pushing for a sitdown with Mikhail Gorbachev to get an update on glasnost and perestroika and the climate for continued arms negotiation.

A bipartisan commission is working on proposals to whittle the deficit, but the new president is going to need help from Democrats in Congress to work on acceptable compromises.

At least one other high-priority item should be on President-elect Bush's pre-inaugural agenda. He owes it to Dan Quayle, his vice president-elect — and to all of us — to provide the 41-year-old senator with the best crash course that the brightest transitional aides can teach to start preparing him for the awesome possibility that he might have to lead this country.

Chicago Tribune



Suggestions to eliminate the federal deficits

By LEWIS GRIZZARD

Although I don't have any grandchildren, and very little prospect for having any at the moment, I'm still concerned about what to do about the federal deficit. Those cute little toddlers of today are going to have to suffer for tomorrow. Because of this concern, I have been giving much thought as to what to do about the deficit problem, and I've come up with a few ideas the new president might use during his administration.

Gleanings from the elections

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Here are a few of the statistics that congealed on Election Day and caught the eye of this pundit (the figures are courtesy of The New York Times).

- George Bush did better in the popular vote in 1988 (54 percent) than Ronald Reagan did in 1980 (51 percent). (I will drop the word "percent" from now on.)
• Nationally, the gender gap all but disappeared (50 Bush, 49 Michael Dukakis), which is a good thing since the women outvoted the men (52 to 48).
• Contrary to expectations, Bush did only slightly better than Reagan-1980 with blacks (12 to 11), but significantly better than Reagan-1984 (12 to 9).



On the right

- Bush got far fewer Democrats than Reagan-'84 (17-24).
• Bush split the blue-collar workers with Dukakis almost exactly (49-50). Dukakis' heaviest patronage was among the unemployed (62-37). Bush's was among "homemakers" (58-41).
• Bush won 21 percent of Democrats who voted in their primaries.

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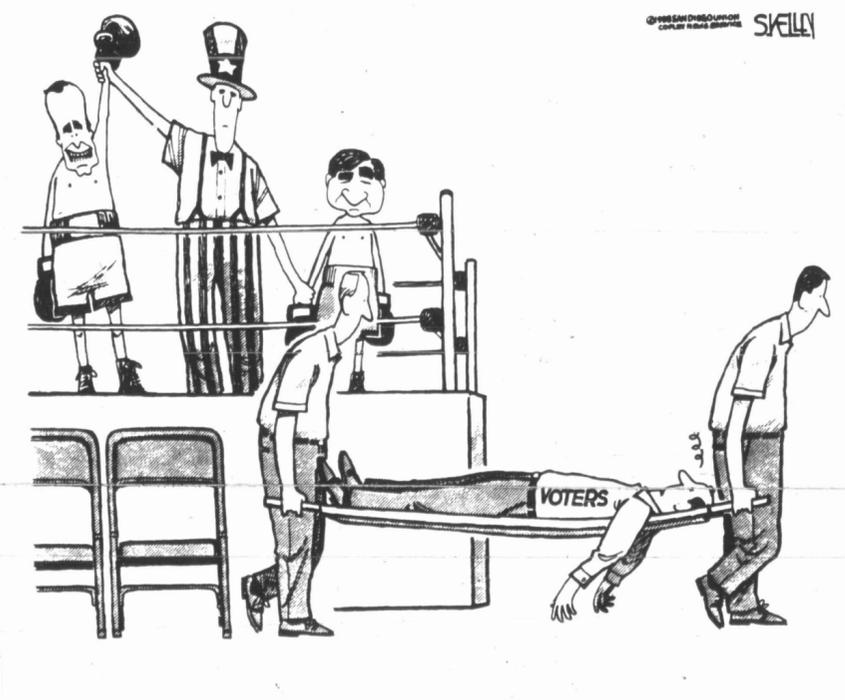
- Every state that asked that English be declared its official language (Colorado, Florida, Arizona) succeeded. There are now 17 states that have ordained English as the official language.
• In every state in which an abortion measure was voted on, the anti-abortion vote outweighed the alternative. Currently, 37 states do not have programs to help to pay for abortions. In Michigan for the first time in 17 years, anti-abortion forces won a referendum to ban publicly financed abortions.
• California heavily rejected a proposition that would have compelled doctors who discovered a positive response to the AIDS virus to track down and warn his sex partners. But the voters approved forcible testing for AIDS of suspects in certain crimes.

Not all of these will work, of course, but nobody in Washington seems to have any solutions, either, and it's downright embarrassing to be the biggest debtor nation in the world.

Somehow I just can't handle the image of Uncle Sam on a street corner with a tin cup in his hand selling pencils.

It's time for drastic action. Let us consider the following:

- We just don't pay any of our bills. People have done this to me. I played golf with a guy once and won 8 bucks.
• I said, "I ain't paying."
• He said, "Why not?"
• He said, "I just ain't paying."
• I could have pounced on him and attempted to beat the \$8 out of him, but he was bigger than me.
• I'm not certain who all we owe, but it's probably nobody who could do any prying on us.



Quotes

"Without geographically literate citizens, America cannot compete in global markets or take the lead in meeting international political, economic, environmental, social and military challenges." — Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society, on the need for "Geography Awareness Week" under way this week.

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Bush faces evolving NATO

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Once in office, George Bush will be faced with a NATO alliance struggling with decisions on upgrading its nuclear arsenal, sharing defense costs and responding to a changing Soviet Union.

The U.S. president-elect will come into office at a time when the European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization see the lowest risk of war on their continent since World War II ended.

Moreover, relations among the 16 NATO partners are good.

Yet, Bush will be faced with a number of issues that could be potentially divisive. He likely will discuss these defense problems with other leaders of NATO nations early in his administration.

There is some speculation a summit could be held as early as April to mark the 40th anniversary of the April 4, 1949, signing of the North Atlantic Treaty.

The new president will be dealing with troublesome defense issues as Western Europe becomes more unified and possibly more independent from the United States, which has long dominated the alliance.

The dozen nations of the European Economic Community, all of which belong to NATO except Ireland, will form a single market in 1992 when the countries remove the many trade barriers separating them.

This economic cohesion, analysts

suggest, may extend to the political arena, raising the possibility that Europeans will stake out positions differing from those of the United States.

Among the problems looming for NATO is "burden-sharing," a short-hand term for the sticky question of whether the Europeans are paying enough for their own defense and whether the United States is paying too much.

Congressional critics want the Europeans to do more, leading to threats to withdraw some of the 340,000 U.S. forces in Europe.

"The Reagan administration managed to hold the trend in check, but I'm not sure it's going to be possible for much longer," said Martin McCusker, director of the military committee of the North Atlantic Assembly, a group of legislators who represent the NATO countries.

"All of the pressures of last year will be there again next year in spades," said Hans Binnendijk, director of studies for the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Binnendijk predicted Bush's campaign promise not to raise taxes to ease the federal budget crunch will add to the pressure.

"It will put pressure on the system to do something about (U.S. military) bases here," he said.

McCusker said the discussion may be fueled by Western

Europe's growing economic and financial ties to the Soviet Union. A host of West European banks have offered huge amounts of credit to help the Soviets modernize their backward economy.

Some critics, McCusker said, may argue Europeans don't want to pay more for their own defense but are willing to finance Soviet economic improvements.

"The interaction of East-West trade and banking with burden-sharing is potentially very divisive," he said.

The overtures by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, analysts said, are seen by some Europeans as offering the promise of improved security for their continent. Therefore, they said, Europeans may feel there's less need to spend more on defense.

They may also be less inclined to give a go-ahead for upgrading short-range, or battlefield, nuclear arms.

This issue has gained prominence since President Reagan and Gorbachev signed in December the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty which provides for eliminating all U.S. and Soviet land-based missiles with ranges of about 300 to 3,400 miles.

"There is a feeling in the United States and in Congress that there needs to be modernization of short-range nuclear systems," said McCusker.



Maltese falcons
MERCERVILLE, N.J. — Sculptor Clifton J. Sheely poses with two of the Maltese Falcon duplicates he makes and sells from his studio. Sheely, 31, charges \$45 for 10-inch-high black birds inspired by the 1941 Humphrey Bogart movie "The Maltese Falcon."

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Sports

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By JIM COUR AP Sports Writer
SEATTLE — at least, the Seattle Seahawks' rookie Kelly Stouffer.

"Once you get it, you feel confident," Stouffer said after returning as the Seattle Seahawks' starting quarterback Sunday.

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Coach Chuck Knox went with Stouffer in an effort to give him the confidence he needs for the plan.

It worked, too. The Seahawks' three touchdowns Johnson kicked goals, including one second left, the Houston Oilers. "My shoulder is fine," Stouffer said. "I'll be back in the game."

Care

By The Associated Press
Phoenix reached the NFC East, but if it stays there, it probably will be the NFL's Neil Lomax.

Lomax threw two touchdowns in the first quarter as Phoenix won its first game since the 24-17 Sunday and first place.

NFL

"The doctors told me I might have a tear of the ligament," Lomax said. "I've been told it might be out any time, but they're going to hold it off for four weeks."

Lomax, who also has a bruise on his left hip, twisted his left knee during a 44-yard touchdown pass to Green with 13:32 left in the game.

Cliff Stoudt carried the ball 7-4, which won it for the Seahawks. "Cliff can do it there," said Lomax.

He completed 23 of 35 passes and was in first place a lot of good football. In other games, Washington 34-14, Cincinnati 31-28, Green Bay 20-13, Philadelphia beat the New York Giants 14-10, San Diego beat the Los Angeles Raiders 24-17, Tampa Bay beat Detroit 27-10, Dallas 9-3, New Orleans 17-10, and Los Angeles Rams 17-10.

Thorpe as Ho

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers traded a rookie wide receiver to the Sacramento Kings for Rockets' forward Jim Thorpe.

In the first move since the trade, Cray provided the Rockets' 129-127 day night.

Thorpe scored 18 rebounds and 11 points while McCray had seven assists.

"I don't have to worry about them," Thorpe said. "I've been in Sacramento for years there. Their book is on the past."

The Houston Oilers gave Thorpe a standing ovation after his game player in Sacramento.

"They always trade come back here," Houston coach Lomax said.

"I admire the fans welcomed him that pumped him up and inspired him to a good game," Cray said.

McCray's 0-0 Utah four nights ago. But Chaney is primed for the Oilers. "Otis played with his concentration perked up for the Oilers," Cray said. "He's a table in the setting." "Houston's fans like they appreciate."

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down sections.

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

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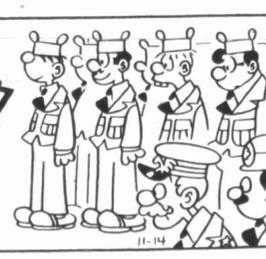
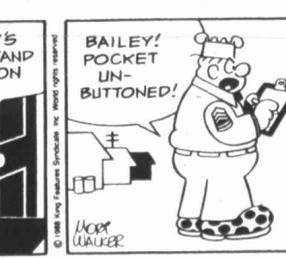
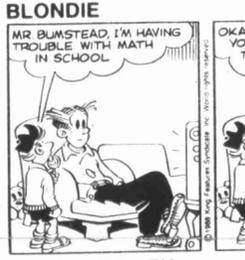
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