

# Opinions

## Memory of 1984 lingers on

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The Democratic Platform accused Republicans of planning to take away women's right to vote.

Two days before the first Mondale-Reagan debate, Mondale quit taking his blood pressure medicine so that he would not be so "sluggish" in the debate.

Bob Strauss explained how Fritz Mondale would pick his running mate: "The nominee has to put his assets on the wall and reach down into his gut and pick his best choice."

The World Bank, funded in part by the U.S. taxpayer, paid \$1,194.41 per square foot for a hotel that it planned to tear down. It was the highest price ever paid for a piece of real estate in downtown Washington, D.C.

More than 50,000 people lined up in Pasadena, California, to watch a parade featuring, among others, The Texas Chain Saw Massacre Drill Team dressed in aprons and waving chain saws.

Congressman James Traficant (D-Ohio), who won election last year, said that his earlier acquittal on bribery charges was not the end of the matter, because the FBI held a grudge against him. "The FBI is vindictive and bitter. Either they'll get a case against me, or they'll give me herpes or cancer."

Lee Iacocca was quoted in *Fortune* magazine as saying, "I don't like import quotas. I never have and I never will."

The Maryland Court of Appeals upheld the right of race tracks in the state to bar persons who have been convicted of gambling.

The United Nations, which is funded 25% by the U.S. taxpayer, decried the famine in communist Ethiopia and voted to spend \$73.5 million on a better UN building in that country.

Nancy Reagan, campaigning in Atlanta against drug abuse, said she didn't want to answer political questions. "I'm just here for the drugs," she said.

Sanford Stein, a dentist from Rumson, New Jersey, opened a summer camp for Cabbage Patch dolls. For a \$30 fee, the doll spends three weeks camping, swimming, etc., and then is sent home with a camp T-shirt and a group photo of the doll and his bunkmates. "I know it sounds like an incredible ripoff," he said, "but it's not."

The coral snake at the Houston zoo turned out to be made of rubber.

R. Leonard Vance, an official of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, told Congressman George Miller (D-California) that he threw some important records away because, when he took the records with him on a hunting trip, his dogs threw up on them. They were so "disgusting" that he disposed of them at a rural dump.

CBS' Bill Moyers said that white Southerners voted for Reagan because of racism.

The year 1984 is gone, but the memory lingers on. It was a year in which...

During an interview, NBC's Roger Mudd asked Senator Gary Hart (D-Colorado) to do his Teddy Kennedy impression.

Actress Britt Ekland, discussing a recent boyfriend, said, "A lot of people didn't expect our relationship to last, but we've just celebrated our two months' anniversary."

A gunman entered the correctional center in Pompano Beach, Florida, and robbed two inmates of a stereo, a radio, and a television set.

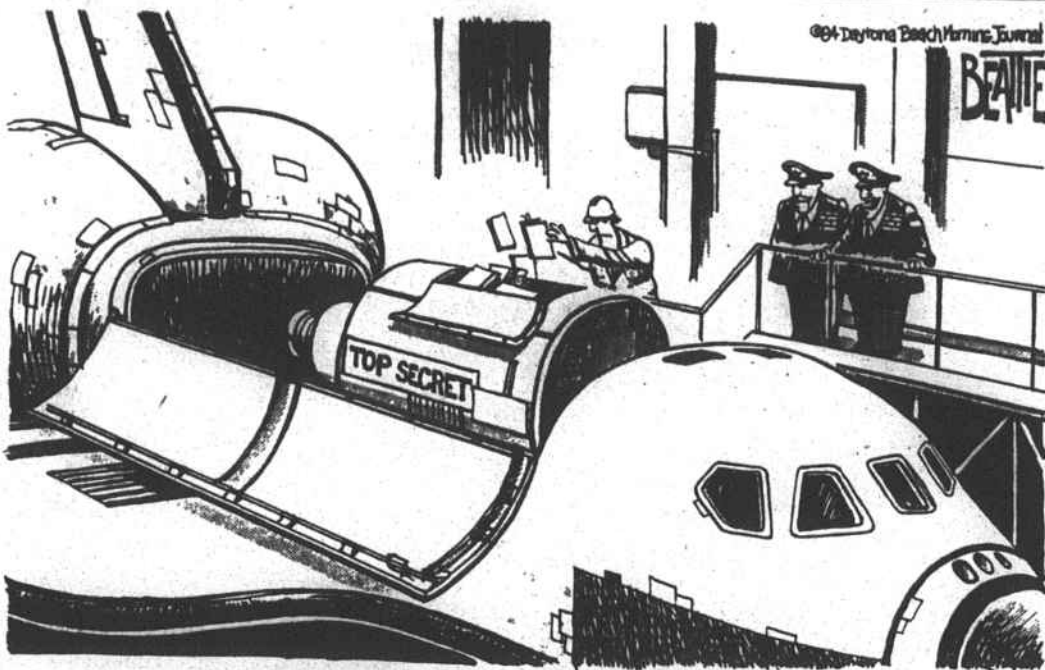
The State Department said that, in reports on human rights violations in other countries, it would refer to killing as "unlawful or arbitrary deprivation of life." The Pentagon referred to combat as "violence processing" and called peace "permanent pre-hostility." The White House referred to the Grenada liberation as a "pre-dawn vertical insertion." The National Transportation Safety Board called an airplane crash a "controlled flight into terrain."

During an interview, ABC's Barbara Walters asked Mr. T if he had ever killed anybody.

John Hinckley, calling himself "a political prisoner," said there was "a growing movement" to have the U.S. government swap him for Russian dissident Andrei Sakharov.

Tom Shales, TV critic for *The Washington Post*, said the idea that Christians want to convert others to Christianity is "chilling."

ABC News broke away from its coverage of the Democratic Na-



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## Letter To The Editor

### Pet adoption program to be aired on WSMR

To The Editor: Beginning Tuesday, February 5th, the Hoke/Raeford Humane Society will be presenting a short program on our local radio station, WSMR.

This program will be every Tuesday and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m., and it will inform the residents of Hoke County just

what animals are available for adoption from our local pound. The program will also feature a Lost and Found pet segment plus helpful tips on how to properly care for pets.

The most important feature of the show, we feel, will be the segment on adoptable pets from the pound.

The show will be sponsored by the Raeford Animal Clinic to whom we are grateful for helping

us with this project.

The radio station frequency is AM 1400.

The Hoke/Raeford Humane Society wishes to thank Hap and Charlotte Hansen, General Managers of WSMR for so willingly making this program possible.

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