

# National

## Reagan asks Pentagon about proposed cuts

WASHINGTON — The White House asked the Pentagon Saturday to provide additional information on its proposals to cut the military budget, and a spokesman said the final package should be on President Reagan's desk Monday. Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the request did not

"reflect any dissatisfaction" with the Defense Department's reply to presidential orders that it propose how the massive budget could be reduced without damaging national defense. In his efforts to spark an economic recovery, the president turned to the previously protected Defense Department budget as

the source for major spending reductions. Speakes said the Pentagon proposals were being examined by top Reagan staff members and probably would reach the president Monday. He said "none of the strategic weapons," including the controversial undecided programs for the B-1 bomber and MX

missile, would be included in the budget cuts. Meanwhile, Reagan began the long Labor Day weekend by studying a notebook of briefing information for his midweek White House meeting with Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Speakes was asked about Fri-

day's stock market plunge, to its lowest point since June 9, 1980, and whether it displayed investors' reaction to Reagan's economic program. "There still seems to be some reservations on Wall Street, some doubt about whether it will work," Speakes said. He added, however, the administration is confident

the markets will rebound. Speakes said the administration remains determined not to exceed its projected \$42.5 billion deficit for 1982, but said continued high interest rates will make that a difficult goal to meet. Budget director David Stockman has said defense spending in 1983 and 1984 needs to be slashed

by about \$50 billion. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger it could be safely trimmed no more than \$15 billion. The administration is believed looking in the neighborhood of \$30 billion, with Reagan pledging to keep his promise of increasing defense spending at least 7 percent a year after inflation.

## Court motion delays Atlanta suspect's trial

ATLANTA — The murder trial of Wayne B. Williams, who prosecutors claim is linked to two of 28 Atlanta black slayings by fibers "unique in their combinations," has been indefinitely delayed as a result of a defense motion.

Williams, 23, a freelance photographer and would-be talent scout, was present in a secured courtroom Friday when Superior Court Judge Clarence Cooper announced he was delaying the case to allow time for a review of prosecution files and subsequent rulings on a series of defense motions.

The defense had filed a motion asking for evidence that might clear Williams, or information in prosecution hands that might be favorable to the defense.

Cooper said he would have to search through mounds of prosecution files to determine if there was such evidence and said he could not do it by Oct. 5 — the tentative date set for Williams trial.

He said he would reset a court date after going through the records and ruling on the flurry of defense motions.

Cooper also said he would set a date next Tuesday for an additional hearing on a defense motion to suppress evidence gained during a May 22 interrogation of Williams near a Chattahoochee River bridge.

Defense attorneys Mary Welcome and Tony Axam contend Williams' constitutional rights were violated when he was interrogated for two hours that day after a stakeout officer heard a splash in the water. Two days later, the body of Nathaniel Cater, 27, the 28th and oldest victim, was found about a mile downstream from the bridge.

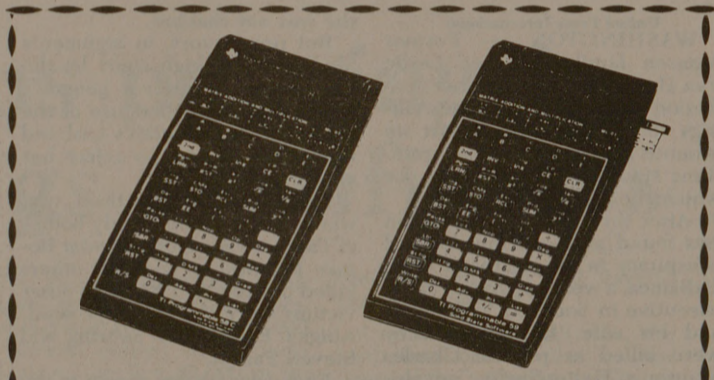
Williams is charged with Cater's murder and that of 21-year-old Jimmy Ray Payne. Welcome and Axam say most of the prosecution's evidence would not have been obtained if officers hadn't questioned Williams then.

Williams' attorneys argued he

be given separate trials on each count of murder but prosecutors countered the two cases are inextricably linked by synthetic fibers and dog hairs, among other things. Joe Drolet, an assistant District Attorney, told the judge the fibers and hairs taken from Williams home, car and dog match those found on the bodies of Payne and

Cater and are "unique in their combinations."

Drolet also said many witnesses in one case will be witnesses in the other case. He added that the prosecution intends to show that the two bodies were "dropped from the same place" — the bridge near where Williams was questioned May 22.



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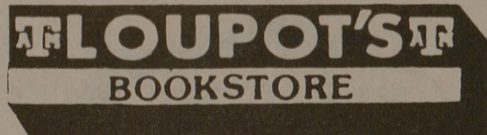
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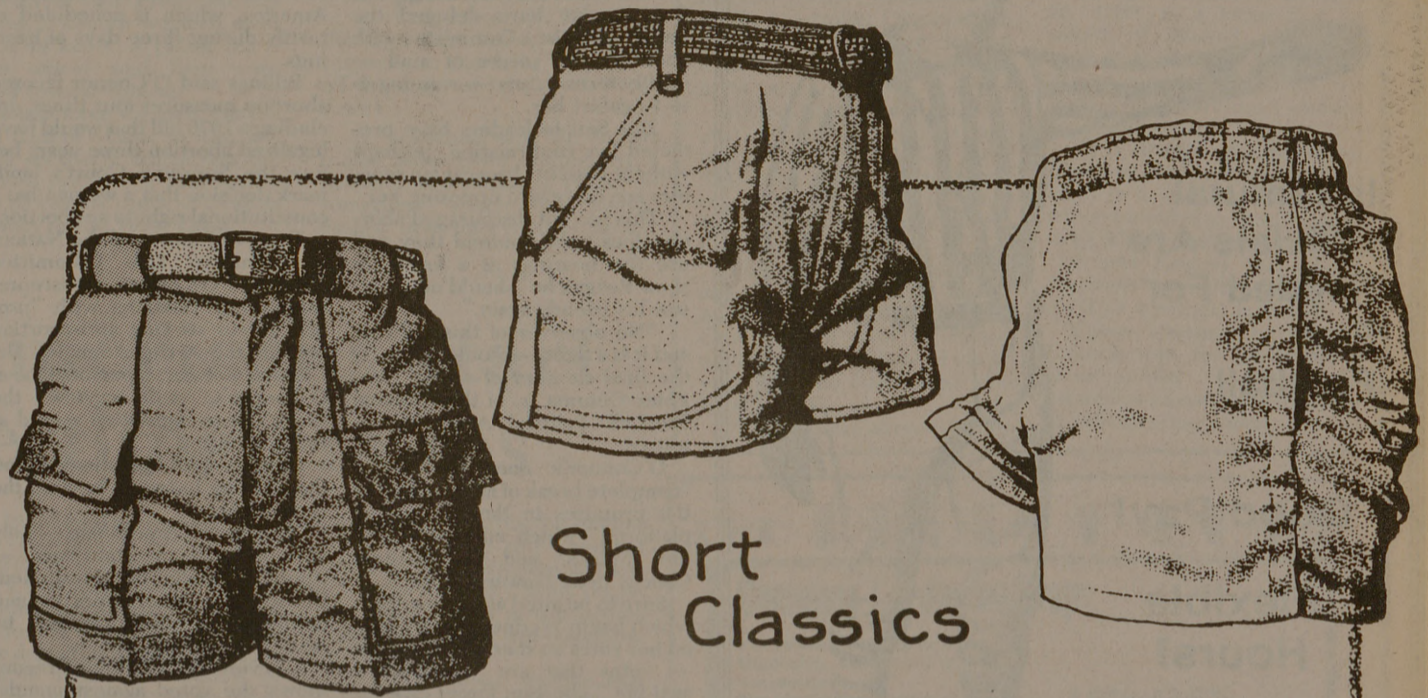
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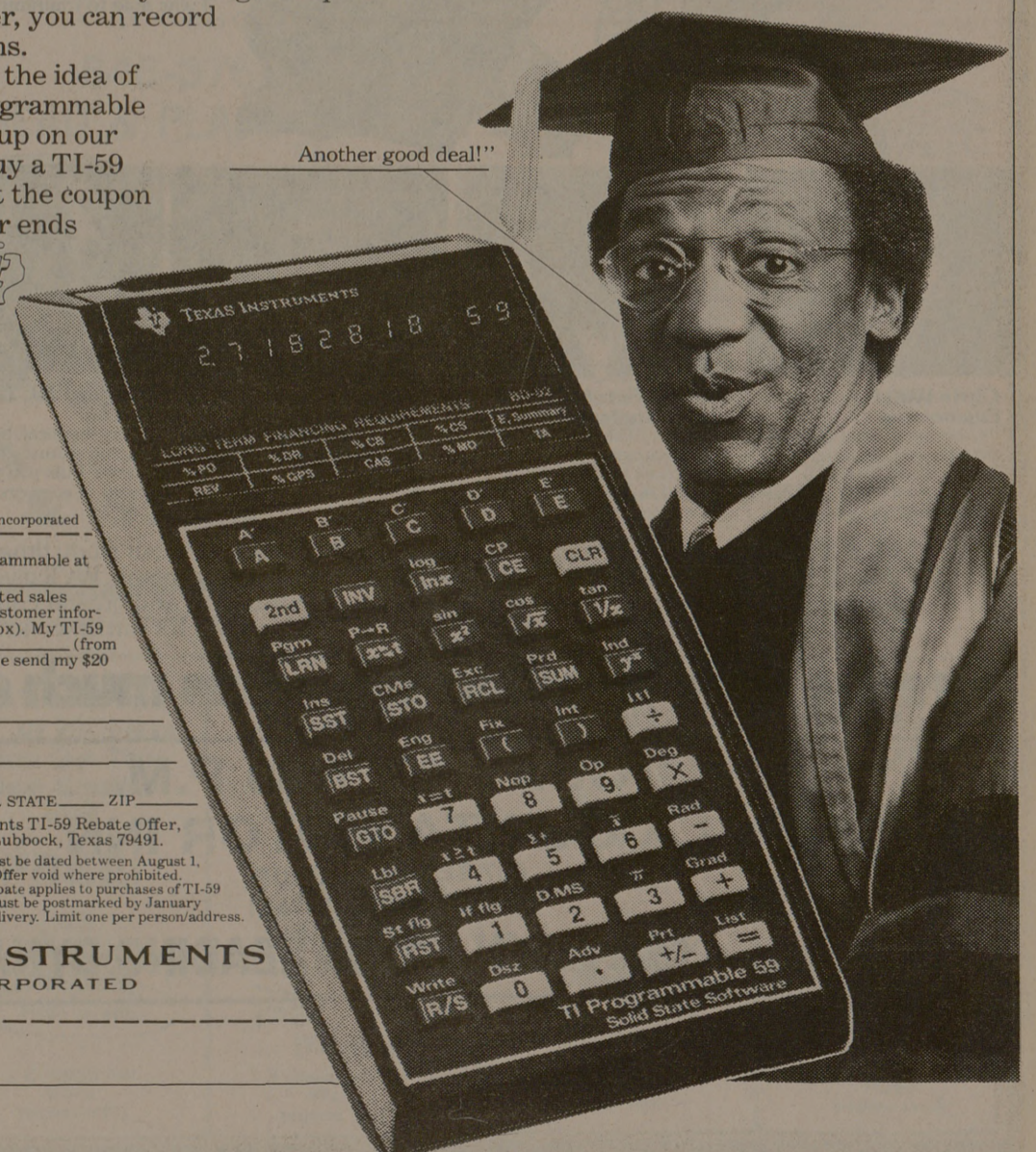
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