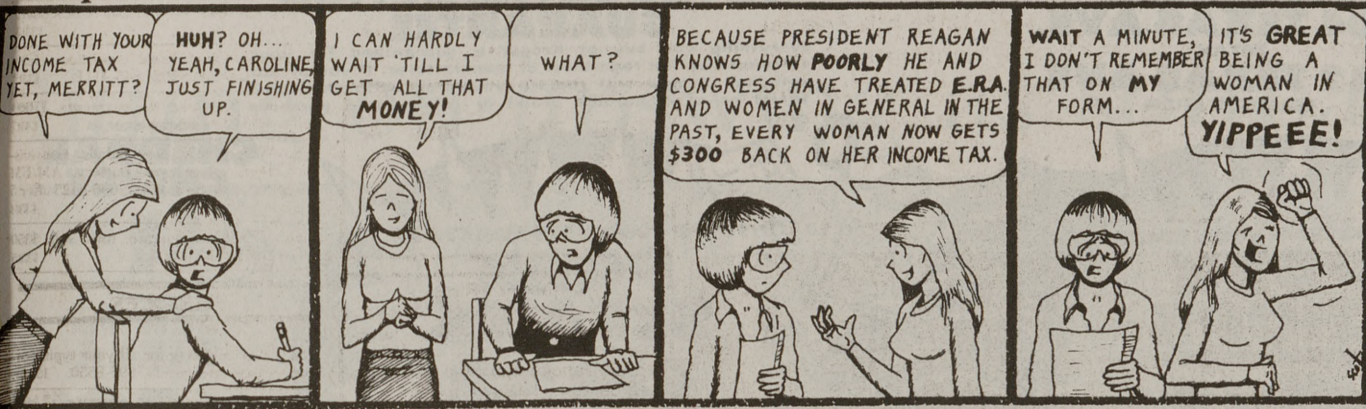


By Scott McCullar

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People save money by doing own work

**United Press International**  
**NEW YORK** — The do-it-yourself industry has done well during the current recession as more and more people get out tools and make repairs and alterations to save money.

In 1980, retail sales of do-it-yourself tools and supplies were up about 6.2 percent after adjustment for inflation. This in a year when general retail sales were down 9.3 percent in real terms, personal income was off 2.3 percent and the Gross National Product off 2.5 percent.

The survey made for the Stanley Works of New Britain, Conn., makers of many kinds of tools, was done before 1981 figures were available.

A group of people from tools and supplies producers presented the data to Wall Street analysts in a New York seminar.

Sales volume for 1990 was projected at just under \$115 billion. That is compared with estimated expenditures in 1980 of about \$30 billion.

The 1980 sales values of the eight most common types of do-it-yourself projects were estimated at \$19.5 billion for about 84.2 million separate projects by homeowners and other do-it-yourselfers. These figures were presented to the seminar by Morris R. Robinson, vice president of the Bureau of Building Market Research.

Painting, wallpapering, paneling and floor covering were by far the most popular do-it-yourself improvements with 36 million projects and outlays of \$4.1 billion. The most expensive jobs were kitchen and bathroom improvements and repairs.

Railroad worker walkout upsets Chicago rush hour

**United Press International**  
**CHICAGO** — Nearly 12,000 Burlington Northern brakemen, switchmen and conductors Tuesday staged a wildcat walkout that shut down the rail system in a 25-state region and scrambled the rush hour for thousands of suburban Chicago commuters.

Railroad officials said they planned to go to court in Chicago or St. Paul, Minn., to seek a temporary restraining order to halt the walkout that apparently was prompted by slow movement on a contract and over general working conditions.

with the exception of the locomotive engineers."

Other unions were honoring the strike, effectively shutting down the railroad.

The walkout fouled up the morning rush hour for nearly 20,000 Burlington Northern Railroad commuters in suburbs in western Chicago. Feeder buses were used to transport riders to other rail lines.

A week ago, Burlington Northern dispatchers walked out in a strike that lasted until a court order in Illinois halted the picketing.

"The strike is system-wide," Welsh said. "It affects 11,900 United Transportation Union members who are switchmen, brakemen and conductors — the guys who operate the trains,

Rod Swisher, Sheridan chairman of UTU Local 951 in Sheridan, Wyo., said the walkout was a "peaceful withdrawal" to protest lack of negotiations on a contract for engineers and trainmen that expired in March 1981. He said the UTU is currently working under the ex-

pired contract.

Don Baker, a Burlington Northern official at Fargo, N.D., said the walkout was illegal because the issue of work rules was before the National Mediation Board.

Officials press for unveiling

Tax credit in Reagan's plans

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — Pressed

by Roman Catholic officials and congressional supporters, President Reagan plans to announce Thursday his tuition tax credit proposal to help parents who send their children to private schools.

The proposal had been approved by the Cabinet and could be phased in over several years.

man Bob Dole, R-Kan., whose panel would have jurisdiction, said it could be too expensive this year.

Unconfirmed reports say the tax credit could be as low as \$100 for the first year of the program. The trade paper Education Week reported the administration plan would begin with less than \$250 for the 1983 calendar year, and possibly rise to as much as \$1,000 per child in a few years.

Backers of tuition tax credits have been pressing for action. Eight Republican House members signed a letter to Reagan urging him to advance his proposal.

But the proposal could face problems in a Congress already wrestling with the high federal deficit. Senate Finance Chair-

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