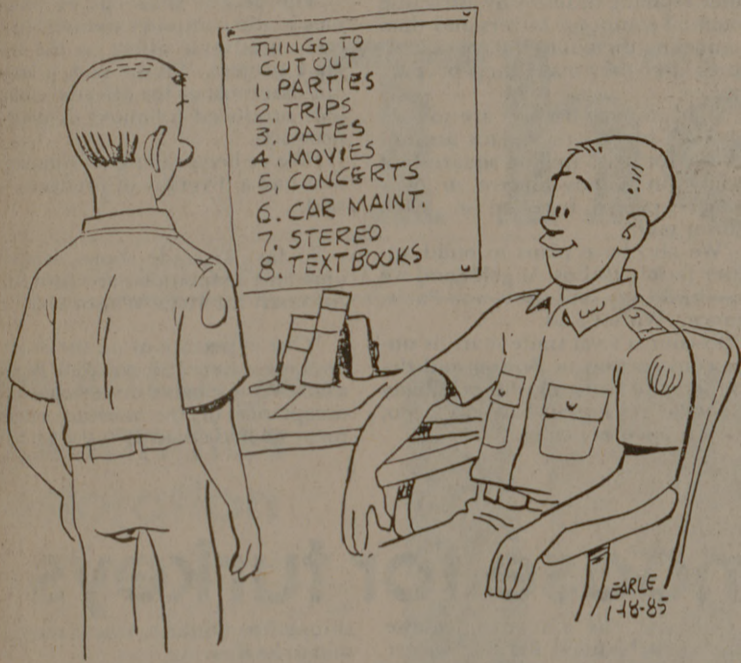


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Anniversary of abortion decision gets attention from Texas demonstrators

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"In case they do raise tuition, I guess textbooks would be the most likely area to cut back on."

Associated Press
The 12th anniversary Tuesday of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion already has pulled both supporters of a woman's right to choose and those against abortion into marches and meetings across Texas.
Several Texas cities were the sites of demonstrations on Saturday, while others were planned for Tuesday.
Elsewhere in the nation, abortion opponents organized parades and rallies while abortion rights supporters stood watch at clinics, lighting candles and forming human chains to protest increasing violence.
The round-the-clock vigils sponsored by the National Organization

for Women at family planning centers in 18 states are meant to counter anti-abortion protests that will culminate Tuesday with the 12th March for Life in Washington, D.C.
At the Routh Street Women's Clinic in Dallas, a celebration and demonstration in honor of the historic ruling will be held on Tuesday, said clinic spokeswoman Charlotte Taft.
Taft said the purpose of the gathering will be "to celebrate freedom of choice and recognize that this has been an important benefit for women in this country."
At the same time, several hundred anti-abortion advocates will assemble outside the clinic in silent protest, said Bill Price, president of the

Greater Dallas Right to Life Committee.
"What is required is not balloons and flags and loud commotion, but really a more somber sorrowful sense of shame — of national shame and humiliation," he said.
On Saturday, parades across South Texas marked the anniversary.
In Beaumont, about 250 anti-abortion proponents attended an interreligious service sponsored by Birthright Inc.
More than 80 sign-carrying demonstrators gathered in Harlingen, walking from the Reproductive Services clinic to McKelvy Park.
"The reason why we are here is not political gain, not economic gain,

but compassion," said the Rev. Kevin Badeaux, a pro-life supporter and deacon at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Beaumont.
"Many people would like to characterize us as bomb-throwing fanatics," he said.
Another march organizer in Harlingen said their actions were meant as peaceful expressions of strong personal beliefs.
"(It's) a show of support to the community that there are some normal people who don't throw bombs, that have jobs and live in this community but are very much opposed to abortion" in a non-violent matter, said Mary Ann Ellsworth.

Replica of White House sprouts up in Jordan

Associated Press
AMMAN, Jordan — A Palestinian businessman's version of the White House is rising on a dusty hillside in the Jordanian capital, overlooking the boxy villas and slender minarets of modern Amman.
From the front and sides, it looks as if the White House has been uprooted from Pennsylvania Avenue and planted on the steep slope above Jordan University Street.
Only the word "Allah" in Arabic on the portico clearly distinguishes the home of Ghazi Abu Younis from the northern face of President Reagan's house.

"I have visited the United States, and I am very proud to do the same," Abu Younis told a reporter, speaking above the rock-cutting saws inside the half-completed building.
Abu Younis, a Palestinian heavy equipment dealer, sent his two sons to study at North Carolina State University.
He said it wasn't admiration for the United States that inspired his house.
"Actually," he said, "I liked the design."
His brother-in-law, Helmi al-Adham, incorporated the White House

design in the house's front and sides.
But from the rear, Abu Younis' home could be another of the rectangular stone boxes that have spread across the hills of Amman during the economic boom of the past decade.
Abu Younis' home, with two stories and a basement, is considerably smaller than the five-level White House.
Al-Adham estimated it will have about 15,120 square feet of living space, compared with 67,200 for the original.
The completed structure will differ from the Washington White

House in other ways, too.
It will include seven fountains, as well as a gymnasium, a rooftop patio, a waterfall that flows into a swimming pool and a garden that draws its inspiration from the palace of Versailles.
The interior is to have a curving staircase, a chandelier suspended above two fountains and a classical decor chosen by British interior designer Dan Ashton, Abu Younis said.
Abu Younis said he has already spent about \$750,000 on his house, to be finished this summer.

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