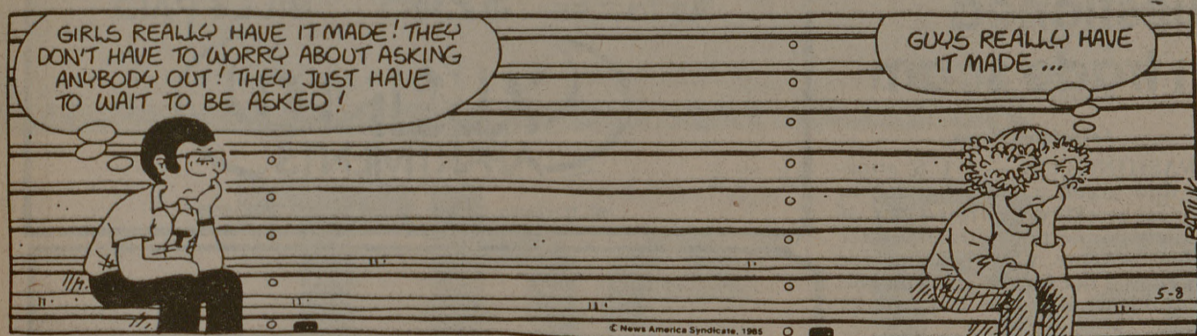


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Unemployment policy

Program being updated

Associated Press
 SAN ANTONIO — The Reagan administration has come up with a "revolutionary" idea to revamp the way unemployment compensation programs are administered, a presidential aide said Tuesday.
 Debbie Steelman, special assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs, said the changes are aimed at "eliminating as much federal intervention as possible in the states and put the decision making where it makes the most sense."
 The changes would allow the states to handle the administration of their unemployment programs and to set policy for those programs.
 The proposal appears in President Reagan's current budget offering, but until Tuesday it has not

been discussed in detail in public.
 The changes would have to be approved by Congress and would involve action by state legislatures before they could be implemented by the target date of Jan. 1, 1988, Steelman said.
 All employers currently are taxed .8 of a percent on the first \$6,000 of an employee's annual salary to pay for administration of the unemployment programs.
 The money is channeled to Washington, where the Department of Labor divies up the funds to the states. The system has caused considerable unrest among state administrators, especially where more money is being sent in to the federal government than the state is getting back.

The federal government currently sets administrative policy, requiring the states to produce extensive paperwork.
 Also levied is a separate unemployment tax that goes into a trust fund to pay jobless benefits. That unemployment benefit system would remain unchanged.
 Steelman, speaking before a convention of the National Foundation for Unemployment and Workers Compensation, said the administration considers the proposal "a real winner."
 Currently, she said, "there is no incentive at the state level to run an efficient program."
 Money left over at the end of the year must be returned to the federal government.

Reagan may soften his plan to restrict tax deductions

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration, hammered by complaints from churches and colleges, is softening its plan to restrict the tax deduction for charitable contributions, congressional sources said Tuesday.
 The sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said the Treasury Department has agreed on a provision that would allow an itemized deduction for contributions exceeding 1 percent of income — rather than the 2 percent floor it proposed last year. The sources said President Reagan eventually may insist that no floor be required — that present law on this provision be retained.
 The president is expected to make the final decision on the issue shortly after he returns from Europe.
 The treatment of charitable contributions is only one of hundreds of provisions in the tax-overhaul plan that Reagan will be recommending to Congress by the end of the month. But the issue touches about as many people as any other part of the plan.
 The Internal Revenue Service says 54.5 million of the 96.3 million couples and individuals who filed tax

returns last year claimed a deduction for charitable giving. Those deductions totaled \$38 billion.
 When it submitted its thick list of proposed tax changes last November, Treasury called for major changes in tax deductibility of charitable gifts. Present law encourages cheating, requires taxpayers to keep extensive records and imposes a big burden on the IRS, Treasury said.
 The November proposal included these restrictions on the gifts deduction:
 • Only those exceeding 2 percent of adjusted gross income could be deducted by taxpayers who itemize deductions.
 • The separate deduction for those who do not itemize would be repealed. Present law permits the two-thirds of taxpayers who do not itemize to deduct half their contributions.
 • A taxpayer who gives property that has increased in value would be allowed to deduct the fair market value or the original cost adjusted for inflation, whichever is less. Present law, which Treasury said is too generous, permits all such gifts to be deducted at fair market value.

Republican leaders trying to lure Democrats to GOP

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Using Ronald Reagan as a role model, Republican leaders kicked off a campaign Tuesday to convert 100,000 Democrats to the GOP in the next 100 days.
 Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, said the campaign, dubbed "Operation Open Door," will concentrate on Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina and Pennsylvania and will utilize telephone banks, direct mail appeals, television advertising and door-to-door canvassing.
 He said that while the program would not be limited to those four states, they were selected for the most intensive work because they are among those where voters declare

their party affiliation when they register.
 All four also have key 1986 races in the Republican effort to retain control of the Senate. Republican Sens. Paula Hawkins of Florida and John East of North Carolina are expected to face particularly tough reelection challenges.
 Edward J. Rollins, White House political adviser, said the GOP can offer "some role models that are out there, starting with the president himself." Reagan changed his party registration from Democrat to Republican in the 1960s.
 Other prominent converts to the GOP in more recent times include former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and former Texas Con-

Schroeder in critical but stable condition after brain hemorrhage

Associated Press
 LOUISVILLE, Ky. — William Schroeder was alert and responding to verbal commands Tuesday as doctors tried to pinpoint the extent of damage from a brain hemorrhage that ended the longest-living artificial heart recipient's 30-day liberty outside the hospital, officials said.
 Schroeder was in critical but stable condition at Humana Hospital Audubon, where computer-enhanced X-rays Monday showed bleeding in his brain, said Bob Irvine, Humana Inc. public relations director.
 Implant surgeon William C. DeVries and Schroeder's other doctors did not want to disclose details of Schroeder's condition, including where the bleeding occurred and the possible causes, Irvine said.
 He said they might be more willing to talk after viewing results of a second CAT scan, the computerized X-rays that last 45 to 60 minutes and allow doctors to view cross sections of the brain.
 The second scan, which would provide a comparison to the first, was scheduled for Tuesday.

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 Kirkpatrick has returned to teaching and lecturing and often is mentioned as a potential GOP vice presidential candidate in 1988.
 Hance is interested in running for governor of Texas next year. He gave up his House seat in 1984 to make an unsuccessful run for the Democratic nomination for the Senate.
 The GOP should pick up another convert today when William Lucas, the elected administrator of Wayne County, Mich., is expected to announce he is switching from the Democratic Party to the Republican.
 It was not known whether Schroeder suffered a stroke, which Salb said can be caused by a hemorrhage.
 A cerebral hemorrhage occurs when a blood vessel breaks or blood seeps out of its normal channels, resulting in too much blood washing over the brain. A stroke occurs when a clot blocks the flow of blood to the brain.
 Tuesday was Schroeder's 164th day with the Jarvik-7 heart, which was not affected by the hemorrhage, Irvine said.
 Schroeder, 53, the only artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital, had been living in a nearby apartment since April 6. He was readmitted after the initial CAT scan detected bleeding.
 Schroeder has been beset with setbacks since receiving the Jarvik-7 mechanical pump Nov. 25. He suffered a series of strokes Dec. 13, impairing his speech and memory and leaving him partially paralyzed for awhile. Early this year he suffered mild seizures, fever and a flu-like illness.

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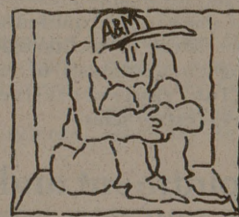
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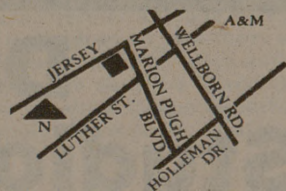
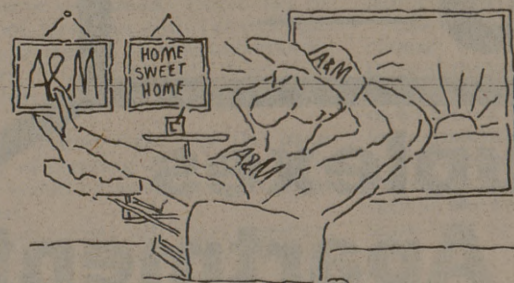


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