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Yet such restrictions are typical of a new breed of alternative dental plan popping up around the country. These programs go by different names and impose different limits. But they all share one thing in common: the focus is on money, not health. Remember this: No plan that restricts your family's access to the dental care they need is likely to be in your best interest. Something to consider before you surrender your freedom of choice.

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# Reagan says U.S. should risk trusting Gorbachev

LONDON (AP) — Ronald Reagan said Tuesday that Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is possibly his country's only hope for change, and "we should take the risk" of believing he is serious about arms control.

Of China, the former president said, "The Chinese government hasn't learned something very elementary: you can't massacre an idea. You cannot run tanks over hope."

Reagan was addressing The English Speaking Union

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— Ronald Reagan

"It is true that the West could stand pat while this is happening. We are not the ones who must change. It is not our people who're isolated from the information that allows them to be creative and productive," he said.

"But it is exactly when you are strong and comfortable that you should take risks."

He said, "I believe we should take the risk that the Soviets are serious in their efforts to reach genuine arms reductions with the West. I support President Bush's proposal to keep pressure on the Soviets to make good on their calls to reduce arms."

"The biggest of Big Brothers is increasingly helping against communications technology," he said.

"Information is the oxygen of the modern age... it seeps through the walls topped with barbed wire. It wafts across the electrified booby-trapped borders. Breezes of electronic beams blow through the Iron Curtain as if it was lace."

He said that as long as the Soviets restricted the flow by such measures as banning the unauthorized use of photocopyers, the West should go on authorizing to sell the Soviets modern computers.

"Amazing things are afoot in the world this spring," he said.

Poland had held its first semi-free election in 40 years; Hungary was moving to multiparty democracy; and Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov sat in Parliament, Reagan said.

# U.S.S.R., West Germany join to 'heal wounds' from division

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl endorsed a joint strategy Tuesday to "heal the wounds" of European division, which their nations helped inflict half a century ago.

They assured the world their partnership poses no threat this time, as it did when Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin divided Poland in their 1939 non-aggression pact.

Both nations want "a common European home in which the United States and Canada have their place" and all nations exist in "peaceful competition with one another," the joint declaration says.

A tidal wave of goodwill toward Gorbachev on the second day of his state visit appeared to wash away fears rooted in the collusion of the dictators and the destruction of World War II.

At least 3,000 people, many waving Soviet flags and hand-painted banners with greetings in Russian, welcomed Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa, in sunny, cobblestoned Market Square.

Chants of "Gorby! Gorby!" arose when he ventured into the crowd to shake hands, as he so often does on visits abroad.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov said the crowd "made a strong emotional impression" on Gorbachev, and "he said he felt as if he were on Red Square among his own people."

On the steps of City Hall, Raisa Gorbachev beckoned a flower-waving child.

Her husband held up Heinrich-

Sebastian Schilling, 4, in front of photographers and a cheering crowd.

At a state banquet at Augustusburg Castle, Gorbachev declared "Our cooperation can serve as a catalyst for new relations between the whole of East and West."

Also on Tuesday, he used a speech at the Cologne stock exchange to outline economic reforms intended to encourage joint ventures with West German businesses. He appealed for integration of the economies to make relations "more quake-resistant."

Gorbachev's four-day visit, which began Monday, has been marked by a clear desire on both sides for a new start in Soviet-German relations and the cooperative pursuit of European unity by historic adversaries.

# Government reports S&Ls lost \$3.4 million in '89's first quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's beleaguered savings institutions lost \$3.4 billion in the first three months of this year, in sharp contrast with commercial banks which enjoyed record profits of \$7.3 billion, the government reported Tuesday.

As in the past, Texas S&Ls, suffering from a depressed regional economy, contributed the bulk of the savings industry's losses. Texas thrifts lost \$2.2 billion, although that was a 38 percent improvement over the same period in 1988.

Seventy-three percent of S&Ls nationally earned a profit — \$1.3 billion. But that was swamped by \$4.7 billion in losses at the 27 percent that lost money.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board reported that losses by the 2,938 S&Ls worsened from the revised \$3.2 billion in the final three months of 1988.

Meanwhile, profits at the 13,001 commercial banks hit a record level for the third straight quarter, up

from \$6.7 billion in the final three months of last year.

The bank board revised its previously reported S&L loss total for all of last year, adding \$900 million to bring 1988 red ink to a post-depression record of \$13 billion.

James R. Barth, chief economist of the bank board, said heavy S&L losses would continue until Congress enacts President Bush's bailout bill.

HONOLULU (AP) — The wreckage of a sightseeing airplane that had disappeared with 11 people aboard was found Tuesday strewn over a rugged cliffside in a remote valley on Hawaii Island, authorities said.

There was no immediate sign of survivors.

The crew of a Hawaii County Fire Department helicopter sighted the Scenic Air Tours Hawaii plane above Waipio Valley on the island's northeast coast, according to Hawaii County Fire Battalion Chief James Higashida.

The twin-engine Beechcraft II appeared without indication of trouble Sunday afternoon during planned hour-long flight from Hahaione Airport on Hawaii to Kahului Airport on Maui.

A Marine Corps reconnaissance team equipped with mountaineering equipment was lowered onto a plateau at the 2,000-foot elevation, 700 feet above the crash site, and rappelled down ropes to the wreckage, Hawaii County Civil Defense spokesman Bruce Butts said.

# Fire extinguished on Soviet oil rig after 3 weeks

MOSCOW (AP) — Authorities used water cannons to extinguish a fire that blazed for three weeks on an offshore oil and gas platform in the Caspian Sea, Tass reported Tuesday.

The fire began May 26 and affected six wells on a platform 86 miles off Baku, the capital of the republic of Azerbaijan, the official news agency said.

The entire firefighting fleet of Azerbaijan converged on the platform with portable and stationary water cannons to unleash the jet of water that experts said was needed to put out the fire, according to Tass. Earlier efforts using water and foam had failed, it added.

The Soviet Union's top experts were called into to help douse the fire, and U.S. firefighters also provided assistance, the news agency said.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, Tass said.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest oil producer and Azerbaijan, 1,200 miles southeast of Moscow, is the country's fourth-largest oil producing region.

**What's Up**

**Wednesday**

**MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a general meeting in 510 Puder at 7 p.m.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

**Thursday**

**AGGIES FOR MOTHER EARTH:** will have a membership drive with Dan Rush of KTSR FM radio station at 3 p.m. in the MSC parking lot. For more information contact Dan Rush at 846-0011 after 11 p.m.

**KSRC & AVS HELP DESK:** will have a short course on MACSYMA at 10 a.m. For more information contact John McClain at 845-8415 or Walter Daugherty at 845-1308.

**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:** will meet at 6 p.m. For more information contact the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280.

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