

# News Digest

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## In Brief

### NETV to fight illiteracy

OMAHA — The Nebraska ETV Network will join with public TV stations in four other regions and ABC next fall in a campaign aimed at combating illiteracy. The campaign, Project Literacy U.S., will include national broadcasts coupled with follow-up efforts in local communities.

ABC and the Public Broadcasting Service unveiled the plans at a news conference Tuesday at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

ABC News will run a documentary in September on the problems of the estimated 23 million functionally illiterate U.S. adults.

### Bankers: Threats on rise

The slaying of a Hills, Iowa, banker followed an increasing number of threats prompted by anxiety that "permeates the ag situation," banking officials in Iowa and Nebraska said.

John R. Hughes, president of the Hills Bank and Trust Co., was shot at his bank Monday by a farmer who killed two other people before committing suicide.

Nebraska Bankers Association President Mel Adams of Ogallala

and Stan Matzke of Lincoln, executive vice president of the association, said threats against bank presidents, loan officers and members of their families have increased along with the financial problems of farmers.

### More snow to blow

More snow will blow into Nebraska today with forecasts calling for up to 4 to 6 inches of snow across the southern part of the state. The weather service also is predicting another 2 to 3 inches of snow for the southwest part of Nebraska and the Panhandle, while eastern and central Nebraska could receive about 1 or more inches of snow.

Forecasters said winds from the north at 10 to 15 mph could combine with temperatures in the teens to produce wind chills well below zero.

### San Diego mayor resigns

SAN DIEGO — Mayor Roger Hedgecock, 39, resigned as head of the nation's eighth-largest city Tuesday following a judge's decision not to grant him a new trial on his conspiracy and perjury convictions.

Hedgecock told reporters in a hallway outside the courtroom that he had resigned effective 3 p.m., about an hour before he was to be sentenced on 13 felony charges.

Superior Court Judge William Todd said there was insufficient evidence to prove that a court bailiff interfered with jurors who found Hedgecock guilty Oct. 9.

### Texaco ordered to pay

HOUSTON — A judge accepted the largest civil damage award in U.S. history Tuesday, agreeing with a jury that Texaco should pay Pennzoil Co. \$10.53 billion for using unethical tactics to break up a merger between Pennzoil and Getty Oil Co.

Visiting State District Judge Solomon Casseb Jr. upheld the award after lawyers and officials for both oil companies huddled for more than three hours behind closed doors to work out an agreement that would keep the nation's third-largest oil company out of bankruptcy proceedings.

With interest payments since the time of the merger, the total award to date will be \$11.12 billion, Casseb said in his order.

### Colts stay in Indianapolis

BALTIMORE — A federal judge Tuesday permitted owner Robert Irsay to keep the Colts in Indianapolis, ruling that Baltimore officials did too little too late when they sued to retrieve the National Foot-

ball League franchise.

The decision by District Judge Walter E. Black Jr. upheld Irsay on every major argument regarding the city's legal attempt to condemn the team in the public interest and return it to Memorial Stadium as city-owned property.

Black threw out the lawsuit without holding a trial, rejecting the city's claim that major facts in the case were in dispute.

### Budget blues continue

WASHINGTON — A rambunctious Congress, prodded by President Reagan to do his bidding, labored Tuesday over a deficit-reduction plan and year-end spending legislation, and struggled to save the president's cherished tax overhaul proposal from oblivion.

"He told us to finish our work," Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas said after legislative leaders met with Reagan at the White House.

Negotiators for the House and Senate were near agreement on the deficit-reduction plan, designed to force a balanced budget by 1991 by triggering automatic cutbacks in defense and domestic programs if Congress does not gradually make the cuts on its own. But White House officials expressed continuing concern about the potential

impact on the administration's defense build-up.

### Sakharov film denounced

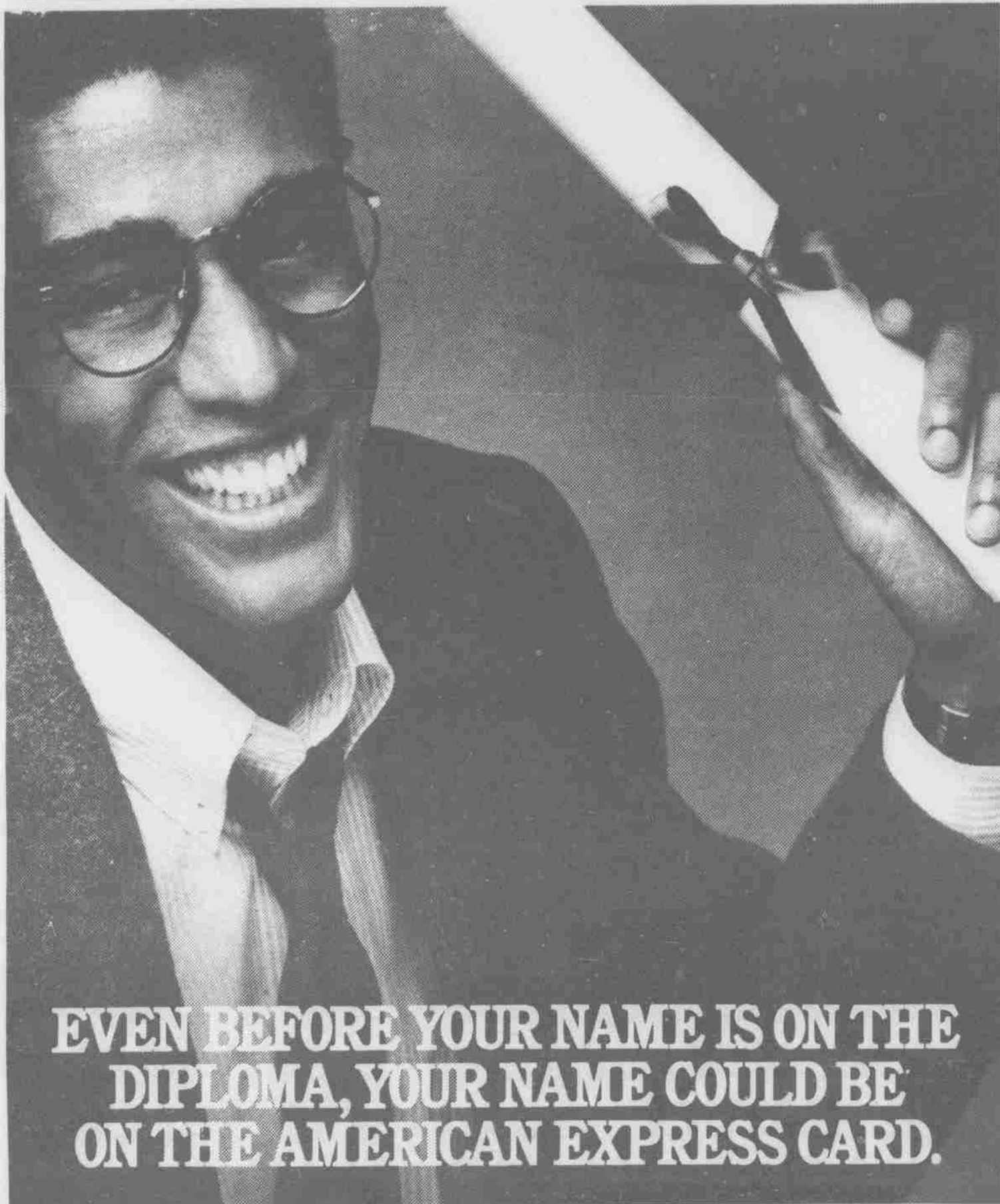
WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration charged Tuesday that the release of surreptitious films taken of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov are part of a Kremlin campaign to hide the maltreatment of the ailing physicist.

"The films are clearly designed to deflect attention from Soviet mistreatment of Dr. Sakharov. They do not provide credible information about his state of health," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

### Mandela visits husband

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Winnie Mandela paid an unannounced visit to her husband Nelson on Tuesday. The imprisoned black leader has become a symbol to many blacks fighting apartheid, the official race policy that preserves privilege for South Africa's 5 million whites and denies rights to the 24 million blacks.

Rumors abound that the government is trying to strike a deal with Mandela, 67, under which he will renounce violence in return for freedom. He rejected such an offer when President P. W. Botha made it last January.



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