

Do you know these faces?



Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association (NEA), spoke out in support of big changes in our educational system at the NEA's convention. The NEA has 1.9 million members.



Olan Ellis of the Warren (Michigan) Panthers, played catcher in the Senior World Softball Championships in Clinton Township, Michigan. Ellis, 80, played in the class "B" division.



Janet Fisher of La Jolla, California, became the one millionth visitor to the Pentagon in July. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger gave a plaque to Janet as a prize.



Dan Wolfman of Brooklyn, New York, won the Coney Island hot dog-eating contest after downing 13½ hot dogs in 10 minutes. Wolfman also consumed a little mustard and a lot of water.



Meghan Gruebner, 5, originally from Korea, is one of the United State's newest citizens. Secretary of State George Shultz took part in the ceremony in which 223 people became new citizens.

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Rear Admiral John M. Poindexter listens to his lawyer's advice at the Iran-contra hearing. UPI PHOTO

Hearings keep heating up

WASHINGTON, DC — These days a group of senators and representatives can be seen on television daily, questioning witnesses about the Iran-contra affair.

The congressmen are trying to find the answers to a number of important questions. Did some members of the U.S. government break a congressional ruling against supplying weapons to the Nicaraguan contras? If the rule was broken, did President Reagan know about it? And, did President Reagan allow the United States to sell weapons to Iran in exchange for U.S. hostages?

Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North made headlines with his testimony. North was very active in all of the United States' dealings

with Iran and Nicaragua's contras. Some people thought he may have created some of the policies himself. North said he only followed orders. He did not come up with his own plans. North also said he assumed President Reagan approved of his actions. But he never actually talked to the president about the things he was doing.

After North's testimony, former National Security Advisor Robert C. McFarlane asked to speak to the committee for a second time. McFarlane said he did not know about or approve of all of North's actions, even though he had been North's boss.

Rear Admiral John M. Poindexter was the next big witness to testify. Poindexter replaced

McFarlane as National Security Advisor. He said President Reagan signed a document which described the arms-for-hostages deal. He believes that proves the president approved of the plan.

But Poindexter also said the president did not know about the plan to give money from the sale of weapons to Iran to the Nicaraguan contras. Poindexter wanted to protect Reagan so he didn't tell the president about the plan to aid the contras. Poindexter believes Reagan would have approved the plan if he had known of it.

The White House, however, said President Reagan would not have approved the plan. When told about the denial, Poindexter said that's what he expected and even wanted the president to say.

AT ISSUE

What rules would you like to change?



Sherry Roedel, 12
Caldwell, Idaho

The only rule I'd really want to change is I wouldn't put animals to sleep. I feel it's not very nice to do that, and we shouldn't do it. I like some rules, like no smoking in public places. I would like to talk more in school. I would want to make more money when I clean the house. There are a lot of rules, but I don't feel like I have too many rules. It's a good balance, I think.



Greg Justice, 11
Pinole, California

I would want everybody to be free and no one to be poor. My government would hand out money and food to poor people. The Air Force pilots would have more practice, just in case of World War III. I would raise my allowance to \$10 a week. I wouldn't have to clean up after the dog. Cleaning out my room is a good rule because it gets real messy in there.



Cam Zickrick, 12
Portland, Oregon

I like the people at school, but if we could have the choice, I would want to stay at home and learn through a computer. I would want to teach myself how to read. I want to learn more about biology because my mom says it is fun. I would want to change the rule to no nuclear weapons. And I would stop all the jokes that make fun of people, especially Ronald Reagan.



Chris LaPlante, 13
Seattle, Washington

I'd like to leave the house whenever I want to. I'd like to make more decisions about what our family does. There are rules I don't mind, like taking out the garbage and feeding the dog. My parents make me read a lot. I don't always like what I have to read, so I'd like to choose my own books. I would make the government be more open and not have secret deals like the Iran scandal.



Wendy Rydman, 9
Portland, Oregon

I want to be able to chew gum in my school. I like the rule that we can't jump on the beds in our house. We would ruin them if we did. I like playing the piano but not for an hour every day, maybe just 45 minutes. We need rules because people just can't run into the school and bother people in the classrooms, for example. We need lots of rules for cars and traffic.