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(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Kay Crouch, winner of the Advocate for the Gifted Award in Region XVI, looks over material received at a recent conference.

Kay Crouch

Teaching gifted students

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

Gifted and talented children in Pampa Independent School District have a devoted advocate in veteran teacher Kay Crouch.

Crouch, with 31 years of classroom experience, has spent the last 12 years as a teacher of children in Pampa ISD who have been identified as "gifted and talented."

She received her master's degree in education from the University of Texas at Austin in 1978. She has been a member of the National Association for Gifted Children since 1980. Most recently, she was honored with the Advocate for the Gifted Award in Region XVI, for her work with highly able children.

In a Saturday interview, Crouch visited about the struggles, the vision and the realities of working with children identified as "gifted."

The struggle lies in convincing the public about the need for appropriate levels of funding for gifted education. Most people think gifted education is unnecessary because "the cream rises to the top." But, as Crouch pointed out, cream rises to the top, too.

About those early days, Crouch said: "It was a challenge. I saw it as an opportunity to work one-on-one with these kids I'd had in my regular classroom who were so bright."

The tendency, Crouch said, is for the classroom teacher to spend time huddled in the corner with flash cards for the slower child, while the bright child, who absorbs quickly, is bored to tears.

The reality, she explained, is less individual variance in ability among the slower students than among the bright.

Another struggle lies in properly identifying the gifted child. Quiet children often are overlooked, while a "teacher pleaser" who can work the educa-

tional system is identified first.

Characteristics of gifted children include large vocabularies, early reading experiences, longer than age-appropriate attention span, ability to concentrate, a strong curiosity, a continuing quantity of questions, and a varied range of interests. Children to be identified as gifted should be put together in one way, too, she said.

Americans are ambivalent about exceptional intellectual abilities, Crouch said. There is a stigma attached to being an "egghead" and adolescent girls, who feel intense pressure toward social conformity, tend to suffer the most, especially if their forte is math or science.

"Kids are criticized for elitism," she said, "But (athletic) teams select the best."

On the other hand, children readily identify the bright among them.

The basics become redundant to the child who absorbs quickly. The gifted are not necessarily able in all areas, but maybe only in one or two. In other ways, the children may have the same curriculum needs of their peers.

"The truly gifted need to be challenged and let them test out of these things," she said.

Her vision for America and PISD are parallel.

She would like to see more teacher training and resources provided which are above and beyond usual curriculum offerings.

"It needs to be an ongoing every-day thing," Crouch said. "I would love to see us become leaders. I would love to see us get (gifted education) going K through 12. Bright minds may be lost if not challenged and directed."

An important part of gifted education is peer interaction, which is the strong point of pull-out programming for the gifted child.

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Clinton aides take Santa's tact

They're making 'promise' list and checking it twice

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Bill Clinton filled a book with his many campaign promises. Now, his strategists are trying to identify a handful of "signature ideas" — apart from economic and health proposals — that he'll promote quickly after becoming president Jan. 20.

One leading candidate is a voluntary national-service program offering college students federal aid that could be repaid later by community service as a teacher, law enforcement officer, health-care worker or school counselor.

Other front-burner ideas are campaign finance reform, welfare reform and shaking up the bureaucracy to make it smaller and more accountable.

Clinton campaigned on the theme he's "a different kind of Democrat."

The task now is to identify "what are the ideas that can really give definition to your administration, that can reinforce the effort to make

change," said Al From, Clinton's assistant director for domestic policy.

Those programs are known in Clinton's transition headquarters as the "signature ideas."

In an interview, From said the "signature ideas" will proceed on a parallel track with other key elements of Clinton's agenda: reviving the economy and creating jobs, and putting in place a comprehensive health-care system.

Each of Clinton's campaign promises has a political constituency that wants the new president to put its priorities first. It is inevitable that some interest groups will be disappointed.

"In 10 weeks (before Clinton takes office) you can do a few initiatives," From said. "You can't do the world. I'm not going to every group and asking, 'What do you want?'"

From said the 121 new members of Congress — 110 of them in the House — will be important allies for

Clinton in the push to get his program approved.

"They're going to look for new approaches," he said.

Traditionally, a president's political clout is strongest when he first takes office. Washington gives him a honeymoon. But in six months or a year, the interest groups try to start flexing their muscles.

From said Clinton has only "a little bit of time to get his programs through." And yet, he said, "I think people are hungry for a lot of change."

Republicans say Clinton's getting a free ride now — but that it won't last.

"This is the meet-and-greet time," said Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas. "If you don't fall out of the car or if you can shake hands, then you're doing a great job."

And certainly Bill Clinton understands politics. He's very good at it," Dole said on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday." "But the hard part's

coming. That hard part is governing, being specific about your requests."

From is head of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, founded by Democrats who felt their party had wandered too far to the left. His mandate from Clinton, a former chairman of the Leadership Council, is to prepare a reform agenda.

The proposals for national service, campaign-finance reform and "a revolution in government" are the first ideas mentioned by From. Welfare reform — offering recipients two years of education, training and child-care assistance and then requiring them to work — also is high on the agenda.

Calling himself "a deficit hawk," From left open the possibility that Clinton's proposals could actually increase the budget deficit in the short term.

However, he said, "whatever happens in the short-term has to be coupled with long-term deficit reduction."

Marietta to buy GE's aerospace business

WASHINGTON (AP) — Martin Marietta Corp. said today it had agreed to buy General Electric Co.'s aerospace business for more than \$3 billion in cash and stock.

The companies are among the nation's leading aerospace research and development organizations.

"The defense budget is clearly declining and industry must consolidate," said Martin Marietta chief executive and chairman Norman R. Augustine. "The companies that do

consolidate early will be the survivors. There is room for strong survivors. There is no room for weak companies.

"I truly think this is good for the government," Augustine said. "It's my hope that the government will be supportive."

Under terms of the deal, GE will receive cash and \$1 billion in convertible preferred stock in Martin Marietta, based in Bethesda, Md. Martin Marietta will support GE's nomination of two members

to its expanded board of directors.

"This agreement brings together two outstanding organizations to create an even stronger one and will have both immediate and long-term value," said a joint release issued by Augustine and John F. Welch Jr., GE's chairman and chief executive.

"This merger will allow the new company to walk into the global arena as number-one in its industry, with twice the resources and a fraction of the overhead that the two

companies that created it," Augustine and Welch said.

With the addition of the GE operations, Martin Marietta's annual revenues will nearly double, approaching \$11 billion, including approximately \$3 billion in sales from commercial and civil government customers.

In early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, General Electric was the most active issue, rising \$1.25 a share to \$81.25. Martin Marietta was up \$1.12 1/2 a share at \$58.75.

Mr. Frosty



(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers)

Shannon Smith builds a snowman this weekend in Coronado Park. The first snowfall of the winter brought three to six inches of snow to Pampa and the surrounding area. The snow was preceded by more than a half inch of rain.



(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers)

American Medical Transport EMT Peggie Day, left, and Paramedic Tyson Powell prepare Viola Bullar, a resident of Pampa Nursing Center, for transport home. Frances Dorsey, a licensed vocational nurse, stands in the background overseeing the transport.

AMT to bring residents 'Home for the Holidays'

American Medical Transport is sponsoring a "Home for the Holidays" program by transporting nursing home patients who are non-ambulatory to see their families on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

"It is a community service to reunite nursing home patients with families who would not otherwise be able to see their relatives over the holidays," said Pampa AMT Paramedic James Shook.

The service is provided free of charge for patients of the Coronado Nursing Center and Pampa Nursing Center, he said.

"It is not for those who are bedridden or too weak to get up and around, but for the more healthy residents who are unable to be transported otherwise," Shook said.

He said the program also is taking place in Borger and starting up in Abilene.

"Memos have been sent to the nursing homes and they will send us a copy of who wants to take part in the program and we make up a schedule," he said. "They must have their doctor's approval before they can be transported."

AMT employees will begin trans-

porting residents to see their families at 9 a.m. and then pick them up at 5:30 p.m.

"They do it every year," said Coronado Nursing Center administrator, Chuck Laurent. "The patients love it."

— Angela Leggett

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Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 From — — Z
 - 4 Cook's measure
 - 8 Actress — Ariene —
 - 12 Cone-bearing tree
 - 13 Central American oil tree
 - 14 Phone part
 - 15 Non-professionals
 - 17 Group of three
 - 18 Cereal grain
 - 19 Assignment
 - 21 Actor Ron —
 - 22 Sand hills
 - 24 Ancient chariot
 - 26 Floor covering
 - 27 Venetian official
 - 29 Flee in panic, as cattle
 - 31 Lhasa —
- DOWN**
- 35 Bronte heroine Jane —
 - 36 Florida city
 - 38 Inquisitive
 - 40 Bodies of tradition
 - 41 Currency units
 - 44 Barbra Streisand movie
 - 45 Consumed food
 - 46 Grafted, in heraldry
 - 49 Additions to houses
 - 51 Sunrise
 - 53 Volcanic glass
 - 55 Small sword
 - 56 Scot
 - 57 WWII area
 - 58 T of TV
 - 59 Approximately (2 wds.)
 - 60 Confederate soldier

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 2 Shyness
- 3 Prophetic
- 4 Actress Ruby
- 5 Is next to
- 6 Bird
- 7 Dame Myra
- 8 Insecticide
- 9 Buenos —
- 10 — Selassie
- 11 Sen. Bentsen
- 16 Slum dwelling
- 20 Small barrel
- 23 Sixth sense (abbr.)
- 25 Spiced
- 26 Mao — tung
- 27 1944 invasion date
- 28 Over (poet.)
- 30 Highway curve
- 32 Stoutier
- 33 Star-shaped
- 34 Western hemisphere
- 37 Bar item
- 39 Gravel ridge
- 41 Military student
- 42 Warehouse
- 43 Pillar of a staircase
- 44 Affirmations
- 47 Not functioning properly (sl.)
- 48 Construction beam
- 50 Haughty one
- 52 By birth
- 54 Workers' assn.

WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Andrew, I need you to go in for Trent.

He just ran the quarterback sneak.

Did he get hurt?

No, he got away. Climbed over the fence during the last timeout.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

I LIKE BILL CLINTON THIS! I LIKE BILL CLINTON THAT! (CLINTON, CLINTON, CLINTON)

I THOUGHT YOU HATED CLINTON!

NO! NO WAY!

YOU WERE FOR BUSH!

AH, HE'S NO FUN!

TO THE VICTOR GO THE SPOILED!

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

WELL, I'VE LEARNED ONE THING...

WE DON'T DECLARE ANOTHER 'YEAR OF THE WOMAN'...

WITHOUT A STIFF PRE-SEPARATION FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FIRST

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

NOW MEET ME RIGHT HERE AFTER SCHOOL.

OKAY, BILLY.

IT'S SO EMBARRASSING BEING SMALLER THAN MY YOUNGER BROTHER.

I DON'T SEE WHY.

OBVIOUSLY, YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO WEAR HAND-ME-UPS.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO!

AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO!

WHAT THE HECK BROUGHT THAT ON?!

SHIFF SHIFF

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Let's go home, provided you're finished communing with nature."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

EIUU! THAT'S THE WORST ICE CREAM I EVER TASTED!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

OKAY, AL, SHE OUGHT TO HOLD TOGETHER UNTIL THAT LINE'S REPLACED!

GOOD!

I'LL GET THIS WAGON OUTA TH' WAY!

LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND!

THE CAM TWO OWNERS SHOULD BE TOLD ABOUT THE ATTEMPT TO BURN MY PLANE!

CAM TWO...??

IT'S SHORT FOR 'CONTRACT AIR MAIL, ROUTE NUMBER TWO!' OH!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

IT'S GETTING AWFULLY LATE... I'D BETTER BE HEADING HOME.

I DON'T LIKE TO BE OUT AFTER DARK...

PEOPLE KEEP TRIPPING OVER ME.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

MONSTER'S LAIR CAVE

"He doesn't want to take the tour till he sees a few people come out!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"He's wide asleep!"

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

CAN I LEARN TO PARACHUTE OUT OF AN AIRPLANE?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST PLAY 'CHICKEN' ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS? IT WOULD BE A CHEAPER WAY TO TOY WITH DEATH, I'M SURE.

MOM'S SO PRACTICAL.

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SOME FANCY FOOTWORK --- I'M YOUR COURT-APPOINTED CHOREOGRAPHER.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO SPARE, THORNAPPLE?

WHY SURE, CHIEF...

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

THEN GET TO WORK!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

OH, WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH... WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH...

OH, WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH...

BEEEEEEEE

Astro-Graph

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Developments of an unusual nature might transpire today and give you access to something you've been hoping for. You'll instinctively know how to capitalize on your opportunities. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are now in a cycle where you could be extremely lucky in an area where things have not worked out too well for you. Objectives and goals look like they will be achieved finally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Two friendships that you're presently involved in could take on greater significance over the coming weeks. Each one will play a constructive role in the other's affairs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be open-minded today, because you might receive a valuable tip from a least expected source. It may come from a person who has previously never helped you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a good day for a status meeting regarding an endeavor you're involved in with several others. Each could make constructive contributions to the project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're well-equipped today to handle situations where you can transform the unproductive into something productive and more useful. Utilize this gift in as many ways as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually it's unsound to take gambles in areas over which you exert little control, but today you might be lucky with something that is governed by another.

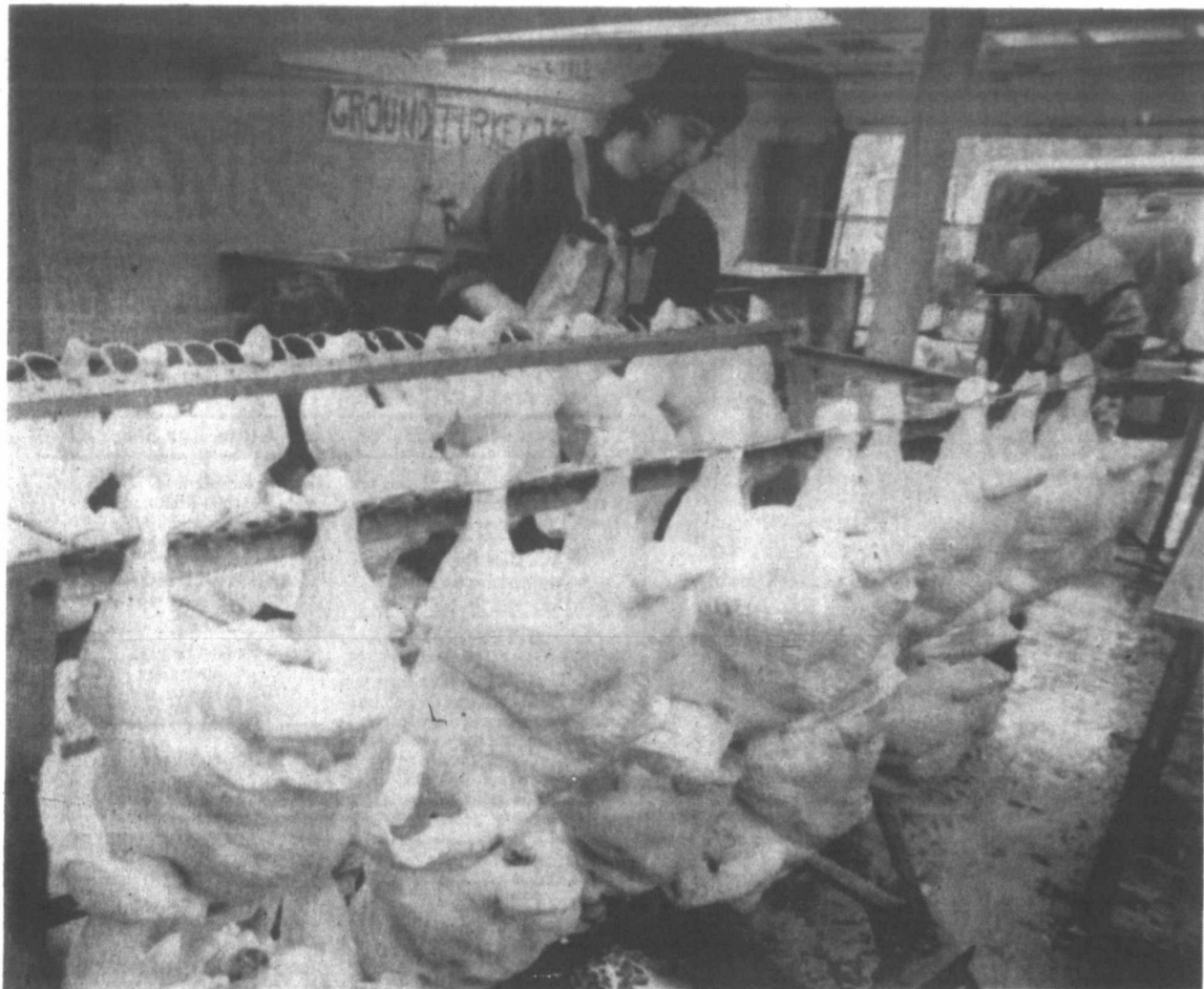
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert today for a situation where you might be able to get into an ongoing arrangement that could provide you with extra income. It pertains to something that you're already aware of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're not apt to be as lucky today in dealing with underlings as you will be in dealing with decision-makers. Focus on the guys/gals who can give you a definite yes or no.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your financial prospects look encouraging both today and tomorrow. Try to concentrate your efforts on things that could make or save you money. Your gains could be substantial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have a unique talent today for taking up causes that others can't quite get off the ground and making them work. You might get involved in something quite exciting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you may prefer to stay in the background today, another's success might be due to your guidance. You'll partake of the work, but not the applause.



(AP Photo) Michael Pacciao of Seven Acres Farm in Reading, Mass. handles fresh turkeys in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. The farm expects to offer more than 1,600 freshly killed birds for the holiday feast.

Turkey bargains: Big supplies benefit consumers

By the Associated Press

Americans sitting down to a traditional Thanksgiving feast can be thankful this year for cheap turkeys. Consumers are benefiting from a record abundance at a time of reduced consumption of the big birds.

Lee Christensen, leader of the poultry group in the U.S. Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service, says there will be an estimated 1.27 billion pounds of turkey ready for the oven during the final quarter of this year. That's a record, up from 1.25 billion pounds in the fourth quarter last year.

This year's consumption probably won't exceed the 18 pounds of turkey eaten per person last year, Christensen says. Still, it will be significantly higher than about a decade ago; each American man, woman and child ate 10 1/2 pounds of turkey in 1980, said the National Turkey Federation in Reston, Va.

Once served almost exclusively on holidays, mainly Thanksgiving,

turkey turns up a lot now, in ersatz hotdogs and frozen enchiladas, as well as at the sandwich counter.

Historically derided as a dry, stringy fowl best served drenched in cranberry sauce, turkey has improved dramatically in image over the years. Health-minded Americans who prefer low-fat meats rely on turkey as a protein source.

Food retailers, from supermarket chains to neighborhood grocers, usually offer discounts on turkeys around Thanksgiving to attract customers. A typical deal rewards shoppers who spend a certain minimum amount with a turkey coupon for a cut rate.

Another common marketing tactic is to hand out free turkeys to ham buyers.

Many retailers actually lose money on turkeys because they sell them at less than what they pay suppliers. The strategy is to use cheap turkeys as a hook to lure shoppers who then buy cranberries, yams and pumpkin pies.

"Turkeys are the loss leader for Thanksgiving," said Jo Natale, a spokeswoman for the Wegmans supermarket chain based in Rochester, N.Y.

Retail prices around the country generally are ranging between 30 cents and 70 cents a pound for frozen birds, depending on specials featured at individual stores. Kosher frozen turkeys are running closer to \$1 a pound.

Fresh turkeys — the choice of many fanciers — sell at a premium to their frozen counterparts. A random, unscientific survey of food retailers found fresh birds priced at roughly 75 cents a pound to \$1.75 a pound.

What's good news for turkey buyers isn't so good for the turkey business.

Recent years of steadily rising demand led to widespread overproduction, which depressed prices and forced some major turkey-producing states such as California to curb output.

University, college leaders say teacher education must change

WASHINGTON (AP) — A committee of college and university presidents today called for tougher admission standards and a stronger liberal education for teachers who will enter classrooms in the 21st century.

"Many characteristics of learners who report to school in the year 2000 will be very different from students for whom today's schools were originally developed," the panel said.

"There have been many calls for reform in teacher education," said the Presidents' Commission on Teacher Education of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "Little reform has actually occurred."

Spelling out the changes it thinks are needed, the commission said:

"Professional schools of education will review student admission standards and procedures to ensure that only students with outstanding personal qualities and high academic qualifications will be admitted."

In addition, it said, "a strong liberal arts core will be required for both elementary and secondary teachers with rigorous requirements

in language arts, fine arts, mathematics, science, social sciences and humanities."

The commission said many of the expected changes in school student bodies are already beginning to take place. It said one California school, for example, has students representing 76 nationalities.

"A diversity of cultural backgrounds will be the norm and not the exception," said the presidents. "For many students, English may be a second language, if it is spoken at all."

To deal with such changes, the report said, schools "will likely be community service centers serving the entire community."

"Governments and other funding sources will be required to ensure the preparation of the very best teachers who will have access to the most current resources," the commission said.

"The stakes are high and the magnitude of required change will not occur easily; however, the alternatives are unacceptable."

James Appleberry, president of the association, said the commission was

appointed 18 months ago and would continue its work for another year and a half, studying 35 campuses.

"Our institutions prepare more than half of the teachers that are prepared each year," Appleberry said. "We have a major role in helping the nation come to grips with teacher preparation."

The association opened its 32nd annual meeting Sunday with a report from a committee looking at ways to deal with the prospect of continuing tight budgets.

Robert Shirley, president of the University of Southern Colorado and chairman of the committee, said schools are faced with "what are being seen as permanent shifts in economic conditions that are not going to have a temporary kind of solution."

He said many schools, rather than making across-the-board cuts, are finding new revenues from such sources as land or off-campus teaching, and are revising their curricula to concentrate on the most needed courses.

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