

Scientists upgrade Richter Scale

Tremors undergo new ratings

By RICHARD SALTUS
AP Science Writer
PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The 40-year-old Richter Scale that is used as a measurement of ground motion in an earthquake has been revised, changing the ratings of previous great earthquakes.

For example, the 1960 quake in Chile released 62 times as much energy as formerly believed. The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 has been scaled downward.

Modification of the Richter Scale was announced Monday and, for the first time, a few quakes now register above 9 on the scale.

California Institute of Technology struck an optimistic note about the effects of the so-called "great quakes."

The revision came because of new instruments and theories that more accurately record and explain energy released by the so-called great quakes.

Previously, no quake had been given a magnitude greater than 8.9 on the scale devised by Dr. Charles Richter in 1935. The new rating system does not replace the Richter Scale, but it changes how the higher magnitudes are computed.

The two weeks of schooling include courses in grain inspection, weighing services, and background on the Agriculture Department.

Under the new system, the 1906 San Francisco quake — previously estimated at 8.3 — was actually less powerful and has been assigned a magnitude of 7.9.

Kanamori said the magnitude, although showing the intensity of ground shaking, doesn't say much about a quake's destructiveness. There have been fewer large quakes in recent years, but many more deaths, indicating that such factors as building construction, location in populated areas, depth of the quake, and size of the quake fault zone are what really count, he said.

75 train as grain inspectors

HOUSTON (AP) — They are young, graduates of agricultural colleges throughout the nation, and now attending classes in a school born of scandal.

The 75 men and women are trainees for federal grain inspection jobs at ports and inland grain elevators where they will replace private inspectors who were the center of a congressional investigation last year.

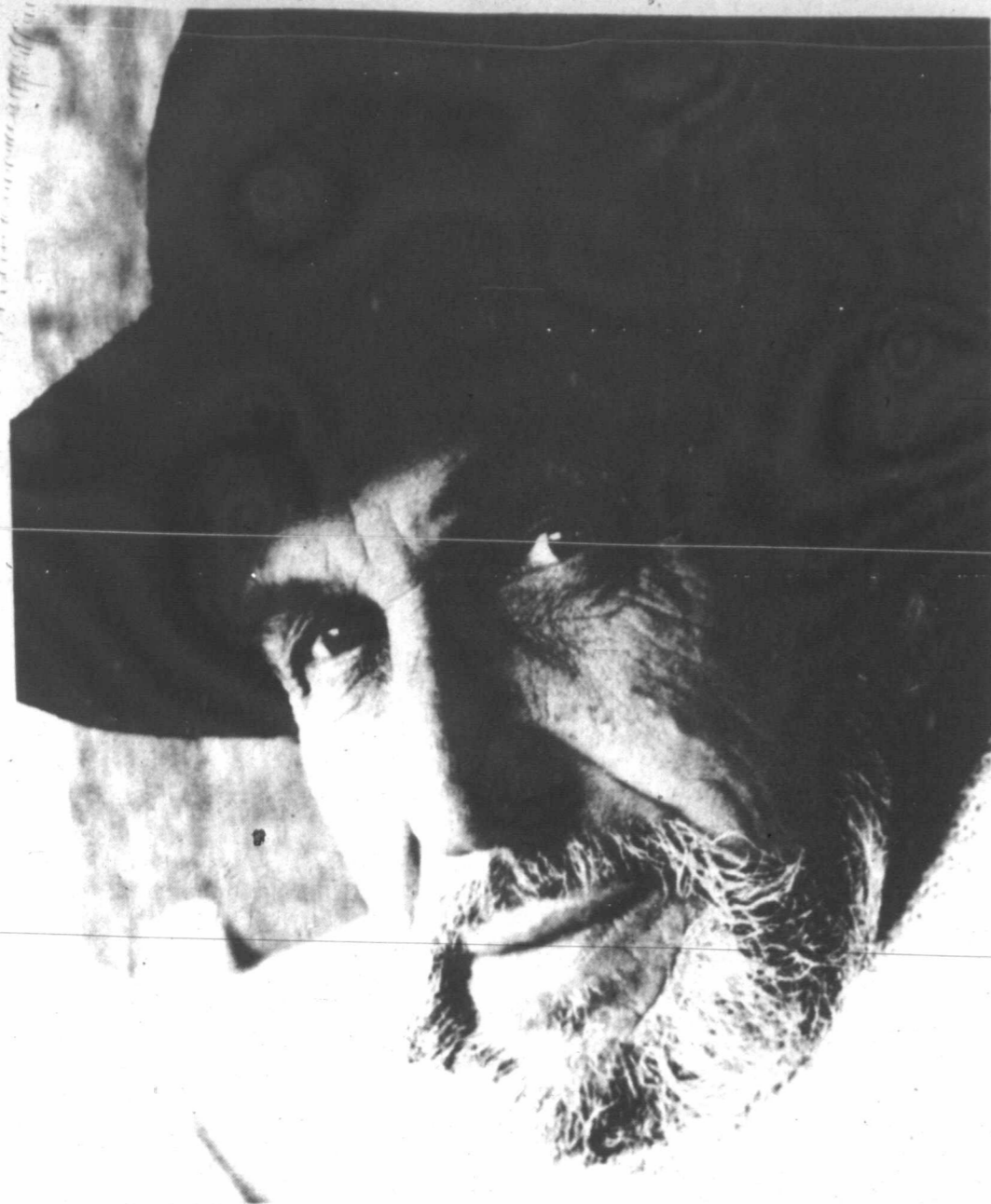
started and the latest is now underway in Houston. In years past, the grain inspectors were hired by private firms, boards of trade and state agencies. By law they couldn't be federal employees.

The probe revealed charges of bribes, cash kickbacks and the adding of dirt, dust and trash to grain shipped to overseas buyers. This resulted in creation of a federal grain inspection service under the wing of the U.S. Agriculture Department.

An inspector was required to make sure that anyone shipping grain overseas complied with the U.S. Grain Standard Act. But buyers began to complain that corn was being delivered with broken kernels and that dirt was finding its way into other grain shipments.

John Gibson, 24, with a master's degree from Rhode Island University, said the chance to become a grain inspector "was the best, most solid offer I have had since graduation. I think the opportunities for the future are unlimited as long as you do your job and you do it right."

In a recent session, the trainees were informed of some of the abuses of the past, including a shipment of grain to Russia that contained 18 per cent crushed seashells.



Actor to lecture here

Tickets are now on sale for an evening with Vincent Price and "The Villains Still Pursue Me" set for 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in M.K. Brown Auditorium. They are available, at a cost of \$4 each, from Pampa Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, Citizens Bank and Trust, Pampa High School choir members and Pampa Fine Arts Association board members. The association is sponsoring the program.

Pampa women elected TPMS board members

Mrs. J.R. Holloway of 2200 Aspen and Mrs. D.D. Payne of 1616 Christine recently were elected to two-year terms as board members of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation.

Area board members now beginning the second year of their terms include Mrs. W. Calvin Jones, 2201 Charles, Mrs. W.R. Brown of Wheeler and Mrs. Roy Simmons of White Deer.

The group produces the musical "Texas," presented annually in Palo Duro Canyon. During a Feb. 9 meeting held at the Amarillo Country Club, the organization reported plans for new construction at the theatre including an additional exit; permanent seats in a section now with temporary boxes; new, improved lamps; buildings instead of single walls behind the side stages; and a cast building for use at times the cast is off-stage.

Lady marines train

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — A group of female Marine 2nd lieutenants are making history by undergoing field training alongside their male colleagues.

For the first time, a platoon of 22 women officers has been integrated into a regular company for the 21-week field course at Quantico Marine Base.

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Advice

Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I see so many letters in your column from women who are in love with married men and are waiting for them to get a divorce. Take it from a woman who wasted nine years on a married man. No matter how much he loves you and how little feeling he has for his wife, one thing will always hold them together: money!

My married lover begged me to be patient until he could work it out so we could marry. Of course, he was never able to work it out.

Married men will still because their children "need" them, or their wives are "emotionally unstable" or "physically ill." But if they told the truth, they would admit that they stay married because divorce is too expensive.

Abby, why do these men lie through their teeth?
NINE YEARS WASTED

DEAR WASTED: Not all men lie through their teeth. Many have paid through the nose.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother died recently and left me her collection of antique clocks from all over the world. Most of them are in working order.

I hate to appear ungrateful, but I don't have any special interest in clocks, and I have had several good offers from clock collectors. Some members of my family have told others that we should keep the collection in the family, but no one in the family has offered to buy it from me.

Any suggestions?
TICK TOCK

DEAR TICK: Tell your family that the collection is for sale, and offer it to them first. If you get no takers, sell the clocks to a dealer and tell your family that it took too long to wind up the estate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old unmarried woman and I'm not bad-looking. A delivery man for my office, who comes about once a week, has shown an interest in me. About two weeks ago he brought me a box of candy. I accepted it, but in a nice way tried to get it across to him that I wasn't romantically interested in him. It didn't seem to put him off because the next week he brought me some flowers!

I really enjoyed getting these presents, Abby, but I feel guilty—like maybe I owe him something. Do I?

Maybe I shouldn't have accepted the gifts in the first place, but I didn't want to hurt his feelings. He is really nice, but he's not my type, and I have no intention of going out with him. So what should I do if he asks me?

STUMPED

DEAR STUMPED: Turn him down diplomatically and don't feel guilty. When he gets the message that you aren't interested in him (and he will), he'll quit bringing you presents.

For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send \$1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212. Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (24¢) envelope.

Ask Dr. Lamb

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Does Ascriptin (aspirin with Maalox) have anything to do with minor strokes — speech mix-ups? After my first such attack, the doctor told me I was too old for a neurologist to accept. Then he gave me Ascriptin without changing the subject. After reading the Ascriptin label I assume it is to replace Tylenol for my arthritis.

My father's family died of major strokes. My mother had minor strokes, the year she died at nearly a hundred. So I may have years to go yet and wish to avoid crippling strokes and senility.

Too many doctors are too busy to bother with older people. Could you take time to help me avoid a crippling stroke? I do not recall reading about strokes in your column and would greatly appreciate any help you can give me. I am totally alone.

DEAR READER — I suspect that your doctor gave you Ascriptin because the aspirin in it helps prevent blood clotting. Some small strokes are caused by small parts of bloodclots breaking off of larger clots in arteries in the neck and seeding the brain. The aspirin helps to prevent the clots and may prevent strokes. A national study is under way on the benefits and dangers of using aspirin for this purpose and to prevent heart attacks.

Tylenol does not have this effect and is not used for that purpose. So I suspect your doctor was doing more than just replacing Tylenol with Ascriptin as a pain reliever.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 8-8, Aspirin and Related Medicines so you can learn more about the effects of these common medicines beyond simple pain relief. There is a limit to how many of these you or anyone should

Polly's pointers

By Polly Cramer

DEAR POLLY — Since one usually has a limited number of maternity garments a sleeveless blouse with an elastic waist and slit neck makes a nice vest to wear over a regular blouse with the last two or three buttons left unbuttoned. — PAULA

DEAR POLLY — You can make your own whipped soft margarine by whipping in the mixer until fluffy. Old panty hose are good to use for stuffing pillows. Cut off the elastic at the top (this will make waistbands for children's pants you may be making) as well as the seams and toes so there are no lumps in the pillows. Such pillows are washable and dry very fast. To keep your house dog from making a mess at night shut him in a small room as a dog will not use the bathroom where he has to sleep. — JEANINE

DEAR POLLY — Rather than have to find a remedy for discolored nylon garments I have found it is easier to prevent such discoloring. To avoid discoloring which occurs after frequent washings follow the following simple rule. "Keep the garments away from the heat." Wash in cold water and do not place such things in a hot dryer. Use the air dry cycle or let it drip dry away from the heat. I have several white nylon blouses that I have always laundered this way and they still look as white as when they were new and some are several years old.

When washing curtains I use vinegar in the rinse cycle as it removes the soap film but leaves the curtains crisp and fresh looking. Often conventional fabric rinses leave curtains limp and soft so I like the vinegar better. — P.M.L.

About books

More historical fiction on England

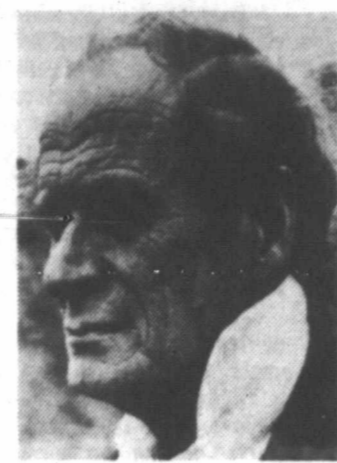
Capsule reviews prepared by the American Library Assn.

By Stephanie Zvirin

If the thought of another sentimental spin-off on R. F. Delderfield is enough to make you renounce historical fiction forever, you'll be pleasantly surprised by three new novels that nicely capture the spirit of England in an age gone by. Tim Jeal's "Until the Colors Fade" is an entertaining, intelligently-written and absorbing novel's the product of its author's knowledgeable and unique perspective on the 19th century.

The novel's subject is the social and political turmoil of Victorian England as revealed in the entwining relationships of three English families. The Braithwaites, a powerful manufacturing family, typify the 19th century's rising industrial class. Their all-consuming concern for profit and their ruthless exploitation of labor have caused unrest in Ripton Bridge, a small subur-

UNTIL THE COLORS FADE by Tim Jeal (Delacorte, 497 pages, \$10.00.) APPLE TREE LEAN DOWN by Mary E. Pearce (St. Martin's, 494 pages, \$10.00.) HARDACRE by C. L. Skelton (Dial, 352 pages, \$8.95.)



IN "Hardacre", C. L. Skelton tells the tale of an uneducated wharf worker who turns bad luck into money.

ban London community. Their thirst for political power has caused bloodshed.

Bitterly opposed to Fraithwaite big business politics is Magnus Crawford, member of a family of renowned military heroes. His sister is engaged to the Braithwaite's eldest son, a match Magnus considers unacceptable.

The Goodchilds, third in the family triumvirate, represent the waning British gentility. Related to the Crawfords and the Braithwaites through influential political connections and past amours, the Goodchilds' situation is an uncomfortable, compromising one.

Character relationships and plot unfold smoothly, culminating finally on the Crimean War front, where selfish desires are sacrificed to support a changing British empire.

Although the relentless

march of English history also affects the lives of Mary Pearce's characters in "Apple Tree Lean Down," history is decidedly a less important influence than country folkways and strong personalities.

Again, the narrative focuses on families; this time those of tough-minded country folk, living in rural England during the 19th and early 20th century.

Growing up in her grandfather's house had never been easy for Beth, but when the old man presumes to choose her husband, she rebels, marrying instead sensitive, unassuming Jesse Izzard. Their lot is one of poverty, but Pearce fills their lives with children, warm family relationships and rich detail.

The Izzards' eldest child Betony embodies her parents' personalities. From Beth she inherits a quick temper and a clever industriousness. From Jesse, a sensitivity and insight that set her apart from her many brothers and sisters. Intent on becoming a teacher, Betony is the first to leave the

family hearth. Saddened by her experiences in London, she is also the first to return.

Although Pearce's characters are no more than slightly rounded prototypes, the gentle but inexorable flow of their daily lives seems vividly real. Those who like old-fashioned stories with joys and sorrows liberally strewn across lifetimes and pages, will love "Apple Tree Lean Down."

While Tim Jeal addressed the subject of a rising mercantile class in "Until the Colors Fade," C. L. Skelton makes this phenomenon the theme of "Hardacre," the story of an uneducated but self-reliant wharf worker who turns bad luck into money.

When Sam Hardacre cuts his finger on a fish gutting knife, the injury forces him to pack up his family and look for new work. A chance meeting with a tea vendor convinces Sam that operating his own business is the surest means of guaranteeing his family's security. So, with the

help of his wife and two sons, he opens a vending business of his own.

Fate proves kind, especially to those with keen business sense. Sam soon finds himself a legitimate, if unprepared, member of the nouveau riche.

With money comes responsibility, and Sam is well able to cope. Although the dichotomy between his sudden wealth and lack of education constantly plagues him, Sam is a strong-willed discerning individualist whose inherent understanding of human nature ultimately surpasses that of all his children and grandchildren.

True to the tradition of the family saga, the author follows the Hardacres through successive generations spanning an economic depression, to say nothing of assorted births, deaths, and marriages.

Nothing new, to be sure, but Skelton manages the fine details with an expert touch, making "Hardacre" the perfect filler for one of those long, slow Sunday afternoons.

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What Americans are reading

Based on most requested books from the shelves of libraries in 150 cities around the country, compiled by the American Library Association. (Distributed by Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

Fiction

Table with 3 columns: This Week, Last Week, Weeks On List. Lists books like TRINITY, TOUCH NOT THE CAT, CEREMONY OF THE INNOCENT, etc.

Non-Fiction

Table with 3 columns: This Week, Last Week, Weeks On List. Lists books like ROOTS, PASSAGES, BLIND AMBITION, etc.

New at the Library

Fiction: Tony Kenrick's 'The seven day soldiers'; Bill Pronzini's 'Games'; Georges Simenon's 'The hatter's phantoms'; Barbara Michaels' 'Patriot's dream'; Richard Brautigan's 'Sombbrero fallout'; Jean DeWeese's 'The doll with opal eyes'; Ruth R. Goldstein's 'The...'

Non-fiction: Joyce Stephens' 'Lovers, losers and lovers'; Bruce Henderson's 'The super sleuths'; Tony Martin's 'The two of us'; Michael Hervey's 'UFO's: the American scene'; Kathrene Pinkerton's 'A home in the wilderness'; Hal Borland's 'Hal Borland's book of days'; Jay Robert Nash's 'Hustlers and connem'; Dean Krakel II's 'Season of the elk'; Mary Kathleen Benet's 'The politics of adoption'; Juvenile: Barbara Wolff's 'Evening gray, morning red'; Ruth Manning-Saunders' 'A book of monsters'; Robert B. Jackson's 'Antique cars'; Howard Liss' 'They changed the game'; Linda Glovach's 'Little witch's Halloween book'; Laura Ross' 'Mask making with pantomime & stories'; Stanley L. Englehardt's 'Getting in shape for sports'.

'Starving artist' probed

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi Atty. Gen. A. F. Summer is seeking an injunction against a Texas-based organization that is trying to sell paintings in the state under the name "Southwest Starving Artist Art Sale." The injunction was requested Monday in Hinds County Court under the state's Consumer Protection Act and charged the company used misleading advertising.

OSAGA advertisement for shoes, featuring 'Kyles' shoes and 'The New Shoe Place'.

Anthony's advertisement for boys' knit shirts and denim jeans, including prices and store information.

Fisher Studios advertisement for stained glass classes and workshops.

Pyramidologists extol the powers



Pro pyramids

John Tobin, Miami hypnotist and self-proclaimed "pyramidologist" poses with the confident air of a true believer over one of the sources of the new fad: pyramid power. Tobin's use of pyramids ranges from sharpening razor blades to working with athletes. He's one of a proliferating cult. And, although the scientific community doesn't accept pyramid salesmen's claims, the marketplace is replete with pyramids.

(AP Newsfeatures photo)

Win ballgames, boost business, cure ails

EDITOR'S NOTE — If you are to believe the believers, a pyramid in your home, your office, or even over your hospital bed will do wonders for you. Scientists may scoff, but pyramidologists carry on, and for some there's real gold in it.

By **CINDY ROSE**
Associated Press Writer

According to a widening circle of devotees, pyramids provide new power for the people. They can sharpen razor blades, sweeten wine, cure sick plants, lessen pain, improve sex life and boost psychic energy.

The lack of scientific evidence to support such claims hasn't daunted the legion of believers: housewives, athletes, gardeners — and pyramid salesmen.

"It seems so funny. Who wouldn't laugh? It seems like a big hoax, like a pet rock, until you try a pyramid yourself and see that it really does do some things people claim it does," says Rick Tiller, a 26-year-old pyramid proponent from Pittsfield, Mass.

It all works, if you believe the faithful, by putting yourself or whatever you want treated under or directly over the apex of a precisely positioned scale model of the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt.

The scientific community has greeted such notions with resounding skepticism. "I never saw the energy," says Dr. George Alexandrakis, head of the physics department at the University of Miami. "I think physicists just dismiss this pyramid thing completely. It has nothing to do with reality."

But the scientists' frowns haven't stopped the pyramidologists.

The Toronto Maple Leafs started Stanley Cup hockey playoffs with a single pyramid under the bench but soon had multi-colored ones scattered in strategic positions around the rink.

"They send a vibration, a wonderful vibration," Coach Red Kelly said after a winning game. He wasn't so enthusiastic when Toronto lost the series 3-4.

—When Ted Sizemore played for the Los Angeles Dodgers last year he put a foot-square pyramid in his locker and said the team lost most road games when he didn't have the pyramid along.

"There's gotta be something to it," he says.

—A Winter Garden, Fla., car dealership opened three showrooms under pyramids. Owner Al Ewing got into it unwittingly and laughed when he discovered he had joined a fad. "But I started asking the salesmen, and they say cars really do sell better under the pyramid," he says.

—A slew of razor blades are reposing inside scale-model pyramids in bathrooms in Europe, Canada, the United States and behind the Iron Curtain. Users claim the pyramids keep the blades sharp.

—Drs. Leonard Linkow of New York and Paris Garefis of Los Angeles, both dentists, are experimenting with pyramids to determine if the geometric shape improves a patient's ability to accept dental implants. Garefis has 72 pyramids hanging in two rows from an operating room ceiling. "We haven't stopped any conventional dental methods, so there is no way I can tell you whether the pyramid really works," he says. "But a lot of people think it helps. Maybe it's just psychological."

—A colony of believers has started construction on a dozen pyramid-shaped homes on 110 acres near the Central Florida community of Bell.

—An eight-page newsletter published bimonthly in Santa Barbara, Calif., claims circulation of 6,000. Subscribers pay \$6 a year.

Nobody's gathered figures on the number of pyramid power devotees, but through advertisements and word-of-mouth support the fad has become widely visible.

"It's blowing my mind," says Shelly Seigel, production manager of a Santa Monica, Calif., wholesale firm that supplies pyramids. "There are always the fanatics who say their fingers work better under a pyramid — a segment of the population is always a little screwy. But then there are people who just say it works."

Seigel got into it solely as a business. "It's just a fact to me whether they're selling or not selling. And they're selling."

Seigel says sales records for his firm show that more than 100,000 people have bought six-foot pyramids at \$89.95 retail in the past five years. He figures a recent order for 25,000 boxes of 9- and 12-inch pyramids, selling upwards from \$6.95, will be gone within a month.

"What's important, though, is that for every person who buys a pyramid, there's at least an equal number building their own," he says.

Tobin says anybody can try it simply by cutting four isosceles triangles with two equal sides 11.4 inches and base 12 inches square, taping them together, making sure the angles of the base are exactly 90 degrees, and aligning any side of the pyramid with a compass along the earth's magnetic north.

"I've used pyramids to sharpen razor blades, help sick plants get healthy, sweeten wine. I use the pyramid in meditation and in my work in hypnosis with athletes," Tobin says.

While pyramids have long fascinated dabblers in the occult, the current craze seems to have its inception in a book called "Psychic Discoveries Behind the

Iron Curtain." The book, published in 1970, told about a Czech, Karel Drbal, who may have been the first to claim the razor blade affinity for the pyramids. He patented the shape in 1959 and soon produced miniature cardboard pyramids for the bathroom.

Pyramidologists like to point to G. Patrick Flanagan as a scientist who takes the pyramid seriously. Flanagan, 32, was listed in "Who's Who in American Science" at 15 because of his work with lasers, microwaves and other energy forms.

He became interested in pyramids in 1970, proclaiming his enthusiasm for pyramids as powerful receptacles for a form of energy he called "biocosmic." Since then, dozens of companies have become involved in pyramid promotion and sales, as has Flanagan himself.

Flanagan likens the pyramid to a directional antenna. "The energy is already there, and the pyramid just transmits it," he says. "There's phenomenon connected with the pyramid."

What about those ancient originals, the pyramids of the pharaohs? Most scholars consider them tombs — elaborate, majestic, built in conformity with Egyptian religion and ritual, but just tombs. Today's pyramidologists believe the Egyptians knew all about pyramid power.

Researchers who take the time to experiment with pyramids tend to be people who want them to work. Dr. Marshall Gilula, a Miami psychiatrist, says. He suggests the pyramid might work like a placebo — medicine without effectiveness in itself but which the patient thinks helps him — and which therefore does help in a way.

New on menu: alligator

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — If they can ever get alligator tails untangled from government red tape, there'll be a new kind of meat in grocery stores.

"It's real tasty," said Burton Angelle, head of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Department. "It's flaky, white meat, something like fish or chicken."

An economist sent here to figure out a way to market alligator meat compared the taste to lobster. He described it as boneless, chewy and with no fishy taste.

But what's most mouth-watering for local officials is the possibility that alligator meat could develop into a multimillion-dollar industry. So far, though, it's been left to decay in the swamps because of federal regulations.

Angelle said he thinks customers would be willing to pay \$2 a pound, once they get over the idea of eating gator.

In parts of Europe, alligator meat is considered a delicacy," he said. "It goes for \$6 a pound."

At that price, almost \$1 million worth of alligator meat

was wasted last year when the carcasses of some 5,000 Louisiana gators were stripped and left to rot.

"It seems ridiculous to kill an animal and only sell a portion of it," said Ted Joenen, a biologist who manages the Rockefeller Wild Life Refuge, the largest known alligator colony in the country.

He has been working with federal agencies in an effort to change the law which prohibits the sale of every alligator part except the hide, and that only recently and under certain conditions.

The law was the government's effort to keep poachers from dealing on the black market, Angelle said, and to save gators from extinction.

But Angelle never believed alligators would disappear.

"The year they were put on the endangered species list, we pulled 10 to 15 alligators out of a public swimming pool in Lake Charles," he said. "They wandered about 25 miles outside the swamp and that was probably the first body of water they could find."

"There's money to be made on those monsters of the coast," Angelle said. And there's more than enough of them to make a profit on.

In three Louisiana parishes, there is one gator for every two persons. That's about 100,000 alligators to 197,000 humans.

Federal officials have given special permission for annual alligator hunts in Cameron, Calcasieu and Vermilion parishes. In the rest of the state, as well as every place else except Florida, gators are on the endangered species list.

Louisiana alligator hides brought the highest market price ever last year — about \$16 per foot. But the meat and the hides aren't the only assets.

At Xavier University in New Orleans, researchers are hoping to find a treatment for arth-

ritis from a pile of gator tongues.

There also is talk of using alligator toenails for buttons.

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Non-lawyer take seat

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee now has a non-lawyer member, Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming. With minor exceptions, it is the first time in the committee's history.

Wallop, a rancher, wound up on the Judiciary Committee not because he sought the assignment but because his name begins with a "W."

One of 18 freshmen senators, he is at the bottom of the heap in seniority and the Republicans, unlike the Democrats, adhere strictly to seniority in making their committee assignments.

In filling the places allotted to them by the Democratic majority, the Republicans finally had only one slot left. It was on the Judiciary Committee. And Wallop, because of his low seniority standing, was the only one left for the assignment.

Of the eight GOP newcomers

Knitting to be offered to 4-H members

Three home demonstration club members are offering knitting and crocheting classes to interested 4-H members, according to Marilyn Tate, assistant Gray County Extension agent.

The classes meet from 4-5 p.m. each Friday in the Pioneer Natural Gas Company Flame Room, 220 N. Ballard. Students are asked to bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles, size G crochet needles and yarn, Tate said.

The classes are taught by Lazetta Grant, Peble Revard and Jessie Johnson.

Steel to participate in workshop

Gene Steel of Pampa, plant manager at Celanese Corp., will participate in the program planned for a Chamber of Commerce seminar set for Friday at West Texas State University, Canyon.

The one-day workshop, with registration at 10 a.m., will be presented by the Local Action Committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Topics to be discussed in three panel sessions include present day problems: "Who Does the Work: Volunteers"; and "Who Does the Work: Professionals."

Reservations for the workshop may be made through any area Chamber of Commerce, or by contacting the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, 915-677-4325.

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Market co-owners

Ray's and Bill's Grocery and Market, 915 W. Wilkes, opened Jan. 31 and the store's owners, Bill Calloway, left, and Ray Williams, said they will specialize in meat and custom butchering. "We will process beef for home freezers and offer meat packs," Williams said. In addition to the fresh meat market under Calloway's direction, the store offers a produce department and drug department. The store is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and is a member of Affiliated Foods. "We're not a convenience store," Williams said. "We're a place where prices are good enough for a family to shop." The co-owners are Pampa natives and each has over 30 years in the grocery business. They were employed by Fite's Food Market for 21 years, before deciding to 'do something on our own.' (Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

Arabia may aid Alaska tribes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Saudi Arabia is talking about getting a stake in Alaska's offshore oil by putting its money behind a company which the United States set up to aid Alaska's native tribes.

The Associated Press has learned that Koniag Inc., a corporation set up under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, is seeking Saudi Arabian backing for an effort to bid for Alaskan offshore oil leases.

Harry Carter, Koniag vice president, confirmed that the company wants to qualify to bid for offshore oil leases, and that the Saudis have given Koniag "some feedback that they are interested in resource development in this area."

Carter also said Tuesday that "at least one of our board members is trying to make arrangements to go over there (Saudi Arabia) and talk to those people."

Reports of Arab interest in Alaskan offshore oil have been circulating within the oil industry.

Foreign nations and corporations are not allowed to bid directly for these oil and gas

leases. But a legal specialist with the Outer Continental Shelf, a federal agency concerned with developing the offshore resources, said that "there's nothing in our regulations" to prevent Koniag from bidding with Arab financial backing.

A spokeswoman also said that foreign-controlled corporations have sometimes set up American corporations, who then bid for leases. She said OCS rules do not prohibit such maneuvers either.

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, passed in 1971,

was intended to compensate native tribes for land taken over for oil, mineral and other economic development.

Koniag was one of 12 regional native corporations set up to manage the money Alaska's natives received under the act. Carter says Koniag's share of that settlement will total about \$38 million.

Connie Wasink, spokeswoman for the Anchorage OCS office, said Koniag has asked for information on how to become qualified to bid for leases that are scheduled to be offered in November.

These leases are for tracts in the Kodiak Island area. Most of the Koniag's 3,400 members live on Kodiak Island.

The state has estimated there are 2.4 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 17.5 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas in the Kodiak area — 200 miles southwest of Anchorage in the Gulf of Alaska.

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Gasoline prices increase

NEW YORK (AP) — Gasoline prices started rising late last month and will probably continue to rise through the summer, oil industry experts say.

Last year at this time, prices were falling, as they often do once the summer vacation driving peak is past.

But crude oil and refinery labor costs have gone up this winter, and the Federal Energy Administration has relaxed its regulation on passing on the costs to consumers.

In the past two weeks, retail prices of regular and premium grades containing lead have risen just under a half-cent a gallon on average nationwide, according to the Lundberg Survey Inc., which monitors prices at about 20,000 service stations across the country.

And Lundberg says the nationwide average retail price of unleaded gasoline has risen more than six-tenths of a cent per gallon.

Industry analysts think gaso-

line prices will rise another 3 cents this year on average. The increase will be greatest for unleaded fuel, which costs more to make and for which demand is growing.

Each penny per gallon increase costs motorists about \$1 billion a year.

The retail increases so far reflect wholesale price hikes on all major brands of leaded gasoline of about 1 cent a gallon since Feb. 1, the Lundberg firm says.

The hike in the wholesale price of unleaded has been higher — between 1.5 cents and 3 cents a gallon — depending on the brand.

Oil companies can raise prices only if their costs go up. Last November, the FEA says, the oil industry had accumulated some \$763 million in costs that hadn't been passed on in higher prices.

Since then, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has raised the price of its crude oil, and this high-priced

oil is now moving through U.S. refineries.

In addition, higher wages have been granted refinery workers under labor contracts signed in January.

The increases for unleaded gasoline can be traced to a change in price regulations by the FEA on Feb. 1.

Oil companies had been required to spread price hikes evenly over all grades of gasoline. Now they can pass on costs by raising prices on individual grades.

Unleaded gasoline is more costly because additional refining is needed and more of the raw product naphtha is used in the process.

Wisdom jailed for murder

AMARILLO — Daniel Wisdom, 36, was in jail here today on a charge of murder in the beating death of Terry Dean Hull, 29, of Amarillo.

Wisdom had been sought for more than six months in connection with an incident that occurred in July.

Hull's partially decomposed body was found July 26 in the 4700 block of NE 24th.

Officers reported that the search for Wisdom ranged from Amarillo to Kansas to Louisiana to Minnesota.

Military draws food stamps

WASHINGTON (AP) — As many as 38,000 hard-pressed members of the armed services are drawing food stamps and

thousands more would be eligible for the aid if they weren't moonlighting or didn't have working wives, a Pentagon

study says.

"The fact that military members are eligible and use food stamps implies the current mil-

itary pay and allowances system may be inadequately compensating some of its members," the study says.

The study found that a total of 62,000 members of the military, or 3 per cent of all personnel, potentially would be eligible for food stamps based on the present system of pay and allowances.

However, the study said that figure "would be significantly reduced since some members receive special or incentive pay, some moonlight and some have working wives."

About 32 per cent of service men have wives who hold jobs in an effort to make ends meet, the study calculated.

The percentage of eligible military recipients is much lower than the 17 to 26 per cent of all U.S. households that the Pentagon analysts estimated are eligible.

But the military study also noted that "some otherwise eligible members are prevented from participation in the program because they are stationed overseas."

Under present law, servicemen and others can draw food stamps if they live in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

Some 17.4 million persons received food stamps in December, according to the Agriculture Department. USDA determines eligibility for food stamps primarily on family size and monthly net income.

The analysis of food stamp usage by military personnel was conducted by staff specialists working on a review of the entire service compensation structure.

Attacks arms slowdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dale Milford has raised a lone voice against the thrust of a major Carter administration foreign policy goal, a quick reduction of American arms sales to foreign nations.

Milford thinks the administration's directions thus far could be disastrous for the American aviation industry, while producing nothing but a satisfying moral gesture in return.

He wrote Carter a four-page letter to that effect and inserted it into the Congressional record today.

Milford's letter comes at a time when he has a highly personal concern in mind: the continued production of A7E fighter planes by the LTV Corp. in his district. The administration is presently deciding whether to scrap the A7E program.

And Milford does not bother to conceal his own personal

bias in favor of the aviation industry, in which he made his living until he was elected to Congress in 1972.

Milford, in fact, is an airplane fanatic. He spent four years worth of spare time in his garage, building a unique small plane he calls the Milford I, and he still flies whenever he gets a chance.

But bias aside, Milford says he has logical arguments to support his position.

The Grand Prairie Democrat says the President appears not to care that other nations are competing with the United States to sell military aircraft.

To illustrate his point, Milford used a proposed sale by LTV Corp. of 110 A7 planes to Pakistan for about \$700 million.

That sale will not get administration approval until Pakistan agrees not to purchase a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant from France, which it has contracted to buy. Carter has said

he fears that such plants would enable countries like Pakistan to build atomic bombs.

Milford said the probable result of that policy will be Pakistan purchasing but the nuclear fuel plant and a fleet of Mirage jets from France.

He maintained that unless the administration gets France, Britain, the Soviet Union and other arms suppliers to agree to the same restraints it imposes on itself, it will have accomplished nothing.

And in the bargain, he said, the American civilian aircraft industry will be damaged.

He said that aviation companies support large portions of their basic engineering and manufacturing departments from foreign military sales revenues. If those revenues were taken away, domestic revenues would have to increase to take up the slack. Prices for non-military planes would increase.

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One doesn't like to make trouble among the sexes, but I firmly believe mothers of sons age faster.

That information comes right out of the aging mouths of mothers of sons. According to them, boy babies are born with an extra gene. You would recognize the technical name right away if I told you, but generically it's called the "Drive You Nuts!" gene (DYN).

The DYN gene is fully developed at birth, allowing a 50-pound toddler to pull over an entire bookcase, heave a bowl of cereal 500 feet and flush a pair of orthopedic shoes down the commode.

The DYN never stops working. One mother of 11 sons (a young woman — she looked like Jane Goodall left out in the sun for dead) said she never had a moment's peace from the time they rode a wagon down the front stairs and broke two steps to lifting the lid of the washer and discovering 27 soggy worms and one empty band-aid can. She confessed she kept a pint of bourbon in the trash compactor since she knew the boys would never discover it there.

Another mother of a 17-year-old with an overactive DYN gene said her son ran over a

teacher's car... with his feet.

One day the P.E. class had a race to the field. When he saw the top of the car (which was parked on a lower level) he used it as a shortcut and walked over the roof. Later, his 13½ shoe size and 157 pounds matched the \$257 worth of damages perfectly. If something like this could happen when he's on foot, she mused, think what will happen when he starts to drive the car.

And what mother of a son with a DYN gene has not cringed when her son was hired in a fancy restaurant as a bus boy. One reported the specialty of the restaurant that employed her son was fish, lobster, shrimp, crab, etc., all served in a bucket for two. He dropped it right in the lap of an elderly gentleman.

"The customer was great about it," she said. "Excused himself and came back 10 minutes later completely dressed in a change of clothes. It made me wonder how this man knew he was going to meet my son."

What these women are saying about sons is true. The aging process is stepped up when a boy child is born. If mothers of daughters want to challenge that statement, they're welcome.

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CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Police in southeastern New Mexico arrested five persons and confiscated more than 800 pounds of marijuana after they found an abandoned airplane loaded with the weed on N.M. 31.

Three persons were arraigned in magistrate court here Tuesday afternoon in connection with seizure, and two more were charged at Artesia.

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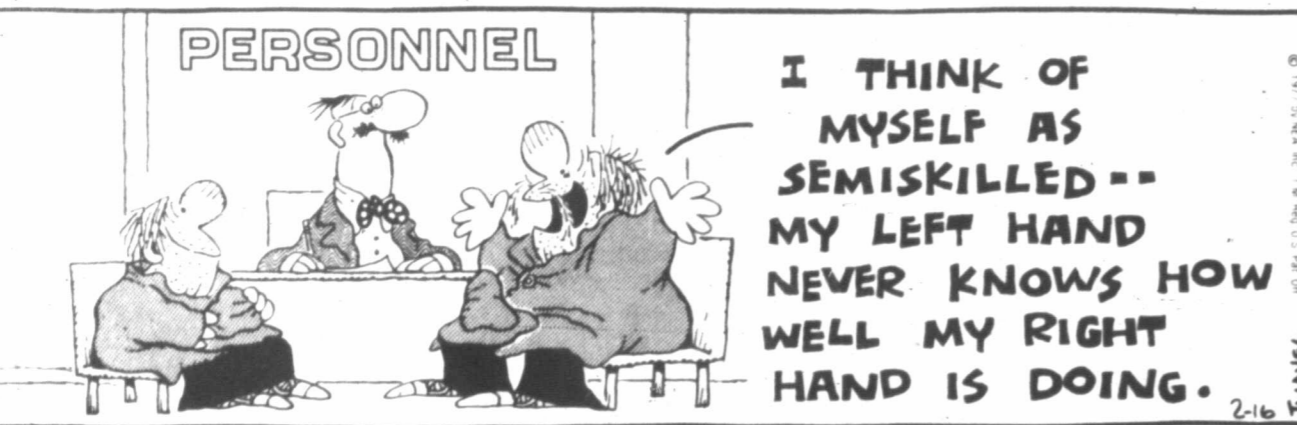
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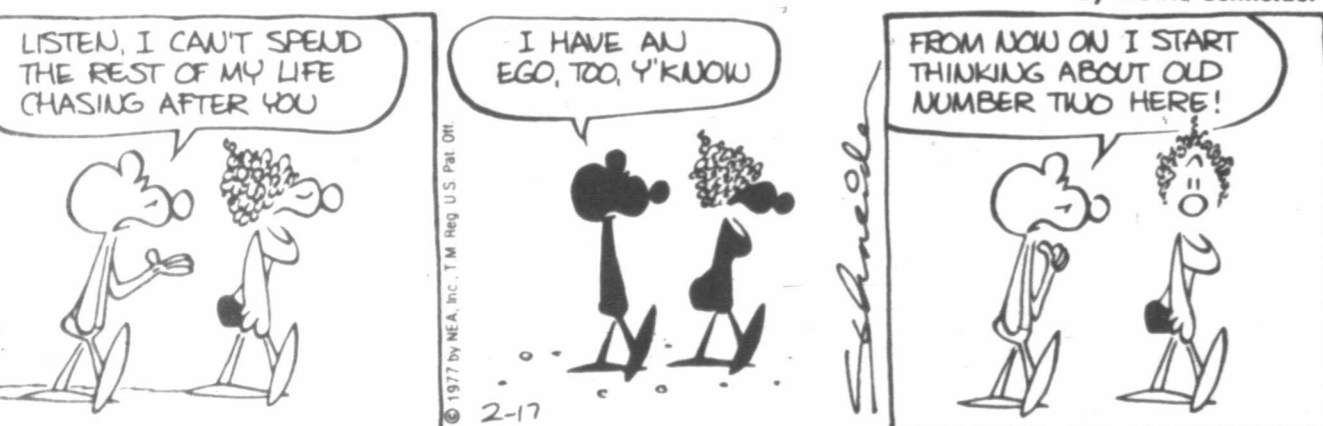
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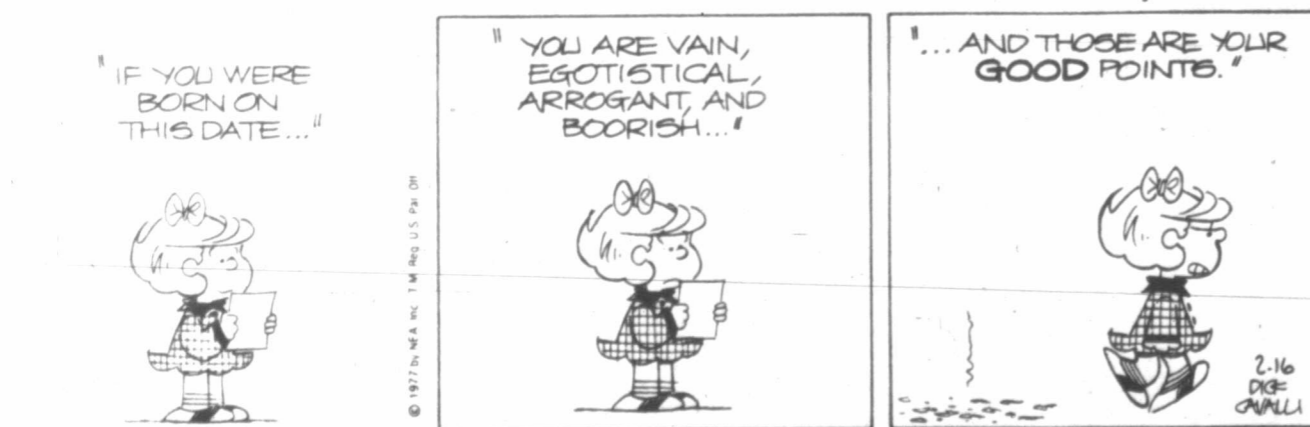
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True to her French heritage, Gigi the poodle wears a red stocking these days. The pet of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cates, 2233 Dogwood, Gigi recently sustained an injury to knee tendons — too many high kicks, perhaps? — and

will be in a cast for several weeks. According to Mrs. Cates, although Gigi was a bit perturbed about the whole thing at first, she has adapted quite well — and does indeed run in her stockings.

(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

Thespians set 1-act play

The Pampa High School drama department will present Friedrich Durrenmatt's one-act play, "The Visit," in UIL competition at Amarillo College March 30.

Rochelle Lacy, drama teacher, said the students would also present the 40-minute performance at the Eastern New Mexico University Drama Festival and Workshop in Portales, N.M., Feb. 24-25.

"The Visit" is the story of an attractive, but embittered billionaire who returns to her hometown after a 40 year absence.

The woman, Clair Zuchanassian (Gail Wilkins), was forced to leave the village when she was 17 after the father of her child (Anton Schill played Ben Wilson) denied the child was his and produced witnesses against her.

The vengeful woman offers the town one billion marks for Schill's life, and sets in motion events which lead the town to accept her terms.

Cast members will be Mike Gage as the pastor, Jimmy Jeffrey as the burgomaster, Cecilia Casey as the doctor and Ricky Welch as the teacher. The policeman will be portrayed by Dee Joiner and Kristy Carpenter will be Frau Schill and a citizen. Dale Ferris will play Bobby and others in the

cast will be Daria Welch, Jana Norwood, ReLinda Brewer, Kevin Taylor, Mike Martinez and Jack Redus.

Becci Rogers and Mike Martinez will act as sound crew and David Sadler and Mike Scoggin will work on the lighting

crew. Props will be by Daria Welch and Jana Norwood and Jack Redus will take charge of make-up. Costume workers will be ReLinda Brewer, Anne Kadingo, Mary Whinery, Jenny Fletcher and Brenda Burns.

Assistant director and stage

manager has not been named. Mrs. Lacy said the cast has tentatively scheduled a local performance of the contest entry on March 29. Also on the bill will be "The Bald Soprano," a one-act absurdist play by Eugene Ionesco.

'Friendly' rapist jailed

DALLAS (AP) — A public relations executive described by a friend as having a fear of turning 30 remained in jail today on three rape charges. Police say he might be responsible for as many as 75 sexual assaults.

Guy William Marble Jr., 29, was arrested early Monday in an apartment complex in a singles area of North Dallas where the rapes began about three years ago.

Officers were at the complex as a result of police research that indicated the area was a likely target for a man described by police and news accounts as the "friendly rapist."

The name came from victims' stories that their attacker was apologetic and polite while with them.

Marble, who is married and the father of a 7-year-old girl, was held in lieu of bonds totaling \$750,000.

Marble's friends and associates registered their shock over his arrest.

"I had no reason to expect anything like this on the basis of his behavior," said Richard Hanlon, vice president of Bloom Advertising Agency, where Marble was employed. "You tend to feel you know someone and then..."

Another friend of Marble said the former newspaper reporter dreaded his 30th birthday.

He played tennis, golfed, jogged—did all the things he could to keep fit and young," the friend said. "It depressed him to talk about the old magic 30..."

Police Capt. Don Milliken said Marble was charged with aggravated rape after investigators linked him to three assaults through fingerprints found at apartments where the rapes took place.

Arresting officer Barry Whitfield said he saw Marble peering into windows in apartments in a complex located about five minutes driving time from Marble's home.

Whitfield said Marble ran after being asked for identification. He was captured after a short chase.

Milliken said police efforts had been stymied by an inability to find any common denominator among the victims of the "friendly rapist."

Most of the victims, who police said suffered no other in-

juries, were single. They lived in an area inhabited by mostly single persons of both sexes.

Police said the rapist had the following method of operation:

The attacker, wearing a stocking over his head, would enter through an unlocked window or sliding door. He covered his victims' heads with pillow cases and tied them up with telephone cord cut in the apartment.

After the attack, the rapist would often drink a beverage from the victim's refrigerator and read a magazine for a few minutes before leaving.

Officers said they questioned

Marble about 43 other rapes.

"He acknowledged that he was there on all but two. He has a good memory."

From 1892 until 1954 the Plymouth Rock for at least half of the immigrants to the United States was Ellis Island in New York harbor. There the new arrivals were screened to determine whether they were entitled to land. Those who were too sick, too old or too weak to support themselves were turned back. In 1911, some 13,000, about two per cent, of the year's arrivals were turned away, according to "National Geographic."

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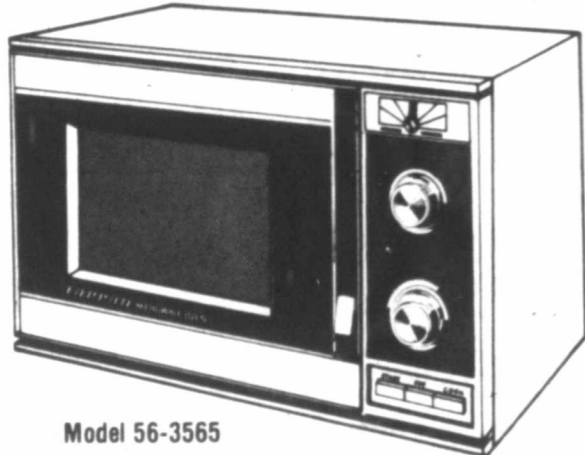
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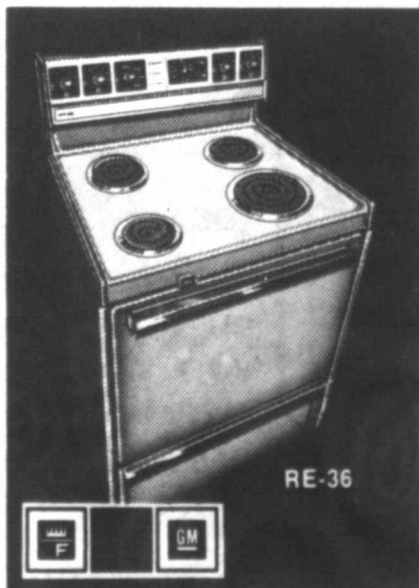
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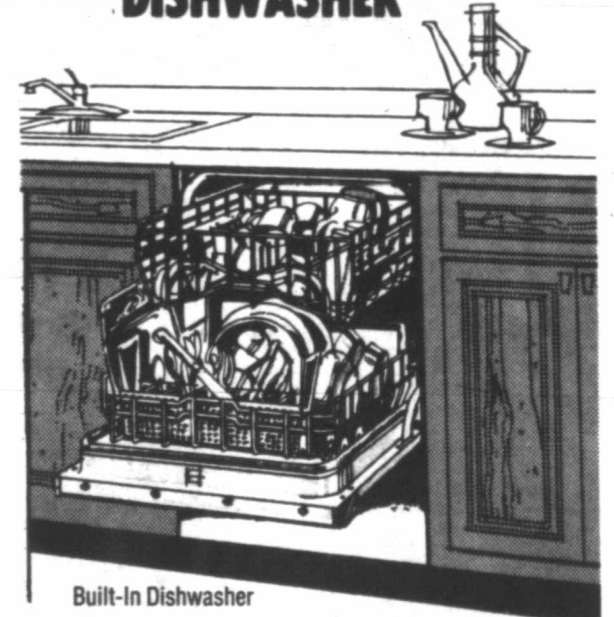
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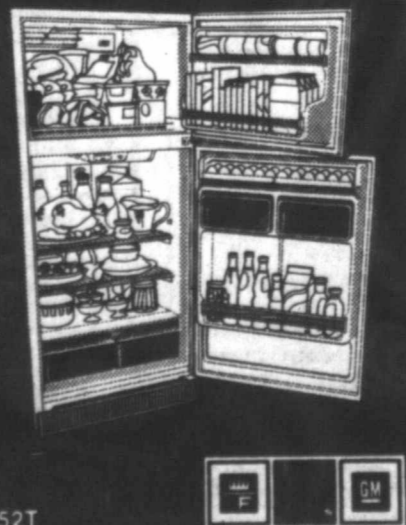
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