

Course combats math anxieties

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DENVER — For people who have such a dread of math they would rather pick up the whole tab at lunch rather than try to divide up the cost, Nancy Angle thinks she has an answer.

The math teacher at the University of Colorado's Denver campus is offering a special course for people frightened of math. She calls it "Combating Math Anxiety."

Most people aren't aware of the problem of mathematics anxiety, but Angle says it is widespread and affects millions of Americans. There

is no known cure, but Angle says her course provides a treatment.

According to her figures, two-thirds of America's college-educated adults, many of them women, suffer from some form of anxiety about addition, subtraction and related functions.

"This might simply be embarrassment about using a pen and pad to divide a luncheon ticket, or it might be real terror about using math on the job," the university professor said.

Angle, who has been a math teacher for 13 years, became in-

terested in the problems of math anxiety two years ago after teaching special math courses for low achievers. She said in order to teach students, they had to change their attitude toward the whole subject.

"Math really has a bad image in people's minds," she explained. "When someone finds out I'm a math teacher, he'll say: 'Oh, yuk. I can't even balance my checkbook' or 'It was my worst subject in school.'"

Angle said the attitude usually is rooted in a person's earliest experience with math. She said the problem stemmed from the fact many teachers failed to make math relevant to their students.

"Math is an abstraction and, at the high school level, it is taught as if everyone were used to thinking in abstractions, when in reality, they are not," she said.

She also notes that two-thirds of her students are women. They seem to have a special problem with math

and she believes a large part of that is cultural.

Angle said she somewhat understands their fear because even she suffered from a mild form of math anxiety during her graduate school days.

"Here I was working on my Ph.D. and teaching math and I had his course that was really hard," she said. "It had me worried. I'd go home at night and cry my eyes out."

She said she believes it is necessary to make mathematics relevant to the students and therefore concentrates more on problem-solving than on rote memorization. She said there seems to be a disturbing current trend to "rote learning."

"This whole back-to-basics movement is creating individuals who are whizzes when it comes to formula math, but absolutely terrible when it comes to problem-solving," she said. "This, to me, is what math is all about."

Gas talks find U.S. diplomats Mexico-bound

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WASHINGTON — Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher plans to return to Mexico for another round of negotiations on the deadlocked issue of natural gas sales to the United States, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The officials indicated Christopher probably will visit Mexico City sometime before a third meeting between President Carter and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, which is scheduled Sept. 28-29 in Washington.

This would be Christopher's

second trip to Mexico in less than a month. He made a trip there in late August to talk with Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda, but that meeting ended in a deadlock as far as the natural gas negotiations were concerned.

The key issue in the natural gas talks is price. Mexico wants to tie its current gas price to that of other fuels the gas would replace, such as heating oil.

An earlier agreement between the two American neighbors was vetoed by former Energy Secretary James Schlesinger because the Mexicans were asking for \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet.

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Chrysler chief resigns amid aid controversy

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DETROIT — Chrysler Corp. Chairman John J. Riccardo, who has labored for months to win government aid for the struggling company, has taken the ultimate step in that quest by announcing his retirement.

Riccardo, 55, said Monday he will ask Chrysler directors to approve his early retirement Thursday. The move clears the way for the appointment of Chrysler President Lee A. Iacocca, hired by Riccardo last year, to take the chief executive post.

Like his predecessor, Lynn Townsend, Riccardo is stepping down at a time of Chrysler crisis, but Riccardo said government support for the firm now seems likely.

His retirement, he said, could help silence critics who have attributed the company's problems to mismanagement.

It also will satisfy his physicians, who Riccardo said recommended he retire after he was hospitalized this summer for treatment of a heart ailment.

Tri-nation Mideast talks begin in Washington

WASHINGTON — Egyptian, Israeli and American negotiators are beginning a series of talks aimed at assembling a mutually acceptable force to supervise the final stages of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Desert.

Tuesday's talks, beginning a day after the first anniversary of the Camp David accords, took place against a rising level of discord between U.S. and Israeli officials over a series of issues, including economic assistance and the Israeli bombing of southern Lebanon.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was to preside over the first session of the talks, which will include Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weisman, and Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

Executive returns to job after three-year Venezuelan ordeal

TOLEDO, Ohio — Dressed in a fashionable, gray pin-striped suit, William F. Niehaus strolled into his new office at Owens-Illinois Inc. Monday and plopped down in a high-backed black leather chair.

The etched nameplate outside his office said simply: "W.F. Niehaus." Only the flock of photographers peeking in the doorway hinted there was something different about this working Monday.

For Niehaus, the Owens-Illinois executive held captive by terrorists in the steamy jungles of Venezuela for more than three years, his first day back at work was "an enjoyable return to reality."

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