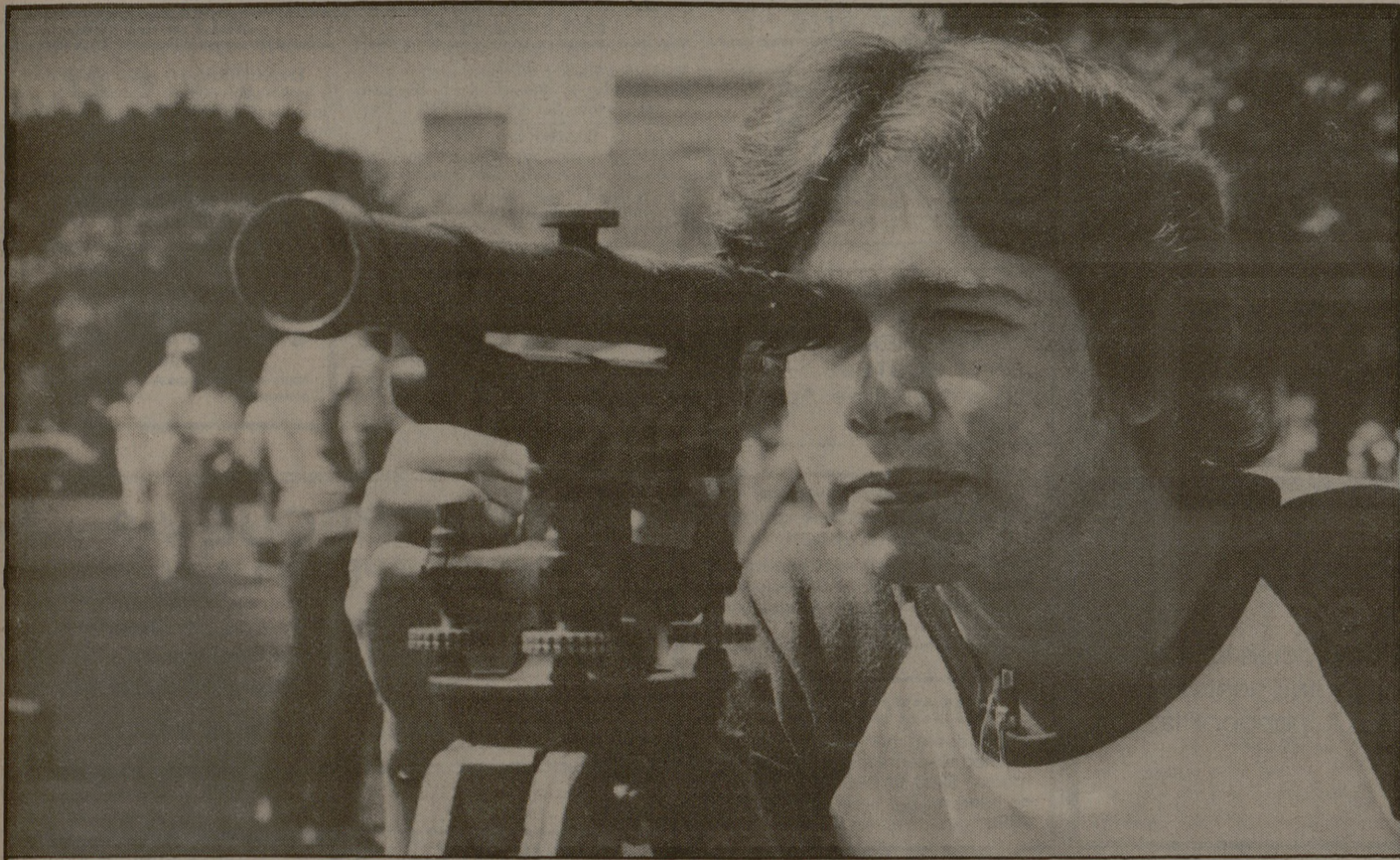


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Through the looking glass

David Yeaman, a sophomore civil engineering student from Houston, takes a look through a Dumpy Level during his surveying class Monday. The level measures changes in ground elevation.

Man locked in library charged with trespass

United Press International
PHILADELPHIA — A man mistakenly locked inside the public library because he was reading a Bible spent 13 days in jail until a social worker rescued him, a newspaper reports.

The Bulletin said Sunday library officials claim the police insisted on prosecuting Carlos Sanchez, 30, of Philadelphia.

Sanchez, who speaks little English, was sitting on a stool, blocked from view by library stacks and reading a Spanish-language Bible on Aug. 21 when librarians locked up Philadelphia's Free Library and went home.

He said he managed to attract the attention of a passerby after he realized his plight and watched as she called police.

Police, however, told The Bulletin they received no call from a woman and spotted Sanchez inside the library while on routine patrol.

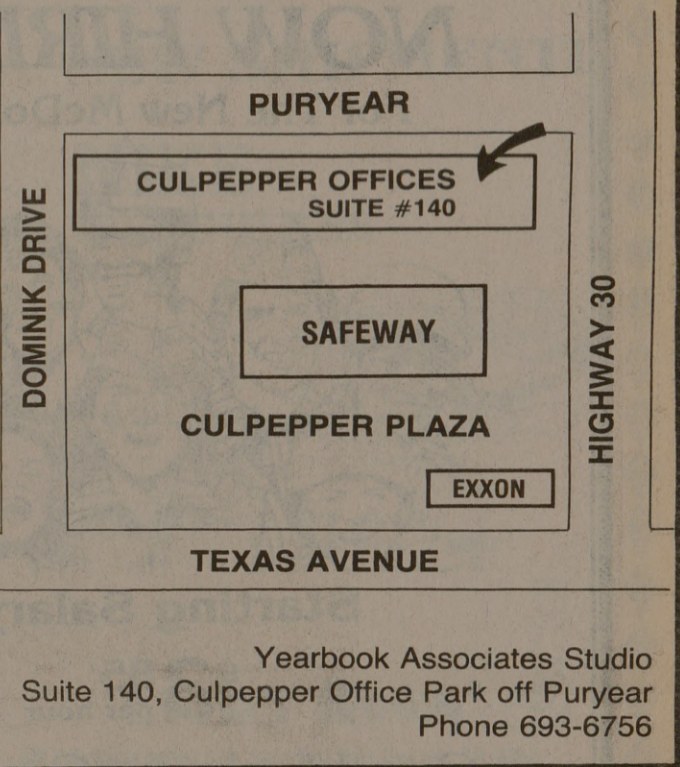
Two hours later, librarian Michelle Gendrom, who recognized Sanchez as a regular, arrived to free him, the newspaper said.

Police and Gendrom agreed nothing was stolen, but Sanchez was taken handcuffed from the library

and charged with criminal trespass, the newspaper said. Unable to meet bail, Sanchez was jailed. Prison social worker Emily De-Mayo finally heard Sanchez' story and arranged for him to be released on his own recognizance. He has since been placed on probation.

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Texas nuclear project ranked below average

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in its first comprehensive performance assessment of nuclear plants, has rated seven of 42 reactor construction sites below average and none above average.

The still unpublished NRC report rated as "below average" the Catawba site in South Carolina, Marble Hill in Indiana, Midland in Michigan, South Texas Project, Watts Bar in Tennessee, Washington Nuclear Project and Zimmer in Ohio.

Two reactors are being built at each of the "below average" sites except for the single-reactor projects in Washington and Ohio. A rating of average was assigned to all the remaining 35 construction sites. None fell into the "above average" classification.

"A finding of below average does not imply that a facility must be shut down or that construction of a facility must be interrupted," the report cautioned. "These ratings are only relative."

"Simply stated, a below average facility displays negative characteristics or undesirable qualities that are not typical of a majority of facilities," it said.

A below average facility shows evidence of "significant administrative, managerial or material problems in several activity areas."

The unpublished "report card" also assessed operating reactor sites, rating only nine above average, 26 average and 15 below average.

Weaknesses associated with below average facilities occurred in radiation protection, plant security,

radioactive waste management, fire protection and emergency preparedness.

Critical Mass, an arm of Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, called for a congressional probe of the ratings in letters to Senators James McClure, R-Idaho; Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.; Gary Hart, D-Colo., and Representatives Morris Udall, D-Ariz.; John Dingell, D-Mich.; Edward Markey, D-Mass., and Toby Moffett, D-Conn.

"We already know that there are crippling safety and management deficiencies at functioning reactors," said Critical Mass Director Anna Gyorgy. "But plants under construction are experiencing equally dangerous problems making them potential time bombs."

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Iran revolt predicted

United Press International
HOUSTON — A spokesman for the University of Houston's Muslim Student Society predicted the regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini soon will be overthrown in a revolution similar to the one that toppled the Shah of Iran.

Khomeini forces now avoid many streets in Tehran for fear of being killed by opposition forces

of the Mojahedin movement, Hahmed Nura told radio station KULF.

The opposing group has more than 100,000 members ready to overthrow Khomeini and install exiled president Bani Sadr, said Nura, an engineering student.

He said the longest the current government can last is two years, but he expects it to crumble in a

matter of months.

Nura, who said he gets his information from family members in Iran, predicted the revolution would start with worker strikes as did the overthrow of the Shah. But this time, Nura said, the dissidents will be armed.

He estimated that only 10 to 15 percent of the Iranian's people in Tehran support the Ayatollah.

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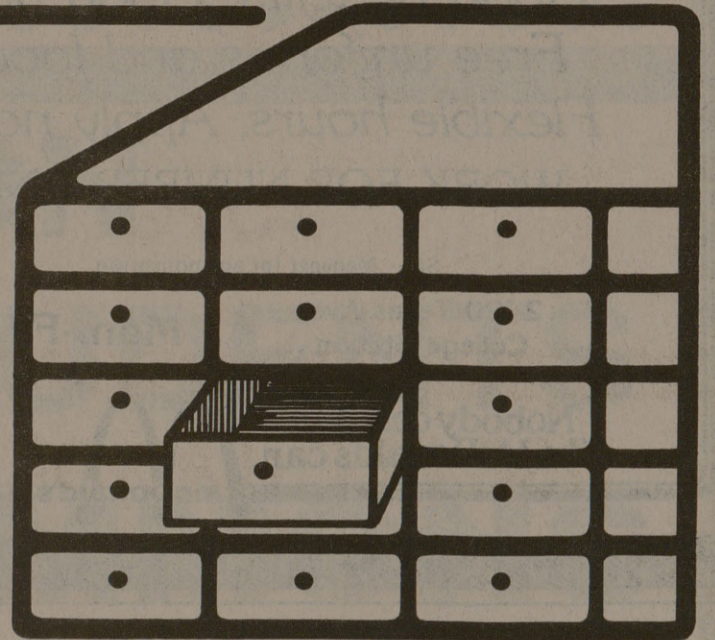
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