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Nuke waste dump halt discouraged

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A nuclear industry official urged the government Wednesday not to delay the planned completion by 1998 of the nation's first nuclear waste dump, but state officials said federal guidelines for the facility are flawed.

William Berry of the American Nuclear Energy Council told Congress an Energy Department plan to delay the president's recommendation of a site for the repository from March 31, 1987, to December 1990 was unnecessary.

The Energy Department recently announced it is falling behind schedule in plans to select a site for the country's first permanent storage facility for high-level radioactive waste produced by commercial atomic power reactors.

But Berry, president of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, told the House energy conservation and power subcommittee that while the process by which the site is chosen and the facility built is important, "the schedule must not be secondary."

"Having the first repository by 1998 is very important, and many intermediate steps must be achieved on a timely basis for this to happen," Berry said.

But state officials worried that the government, to make up for falling behind, will rush ahead in selecting a dump site and brush aside states' concerns that it be geologically sound.

Robert Loux, director of Nevada's nuclear waste project of-

vice, told the House panel that the Energy Department's site selection guidelines "are technically, procedurally, and legally flawed."

"It would be far better to take the time now to ensure that the guidelines ... can be applied in a meaningful, objective and understandable manner," Loux said.

Juline Christofferson, representing Utah Gov. Scott Matheson, said the Energy Department's "election to proceed at full throttle in order to meet its scheduling deadlines presents a grave risk of failure for the entire program ... The process must be stopped and changed."

Richard Paton, senior project director for the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, told the subcommittee, "It is clear that, in order to do a satisfactory job of locating and constructing a nuclear waste repository, it will be impossible to meet the 1998 deadline."

David Stevens, program director of Washington state's office of high-level nuclear waste management, said the "substance of the guidelines is infinitely more important than initial schedule achievement."

Steve Frishman, director of Texas' nuclear waste programs office, said the Energy Department's decision last spring to proceed with hearings on environmental assessment and site characterization "was made in blatant disregard for the public process."

Policeman suspended for handling of case

United Press International
SWEETWATER — New Police Chief James Kelley said he suspended a lieutenant for three days for his handling of an investigation of the December slaying of Lloyd Stephenson, 64.

The Sweetwater Civil Service Commission had investigated complaints about the investigation, but said it was up to Kelley to take disciplinary action.

Kelley refused to discuss his findings of a review of the investigation, saying only that he still was checking on some things. Kelley was named chief earlier this month after former Chief Gerald Byrd resigned.

Byrd, who also was a subject of the civil service commission investigation, said he left the police department to take a job as consultant for public safety management.

Stephenson's sister Francis Chapin complained because police at first classified the beating death as an accident. Stephenson was found beaten in his home in late December and later died in an Abilene hospital.

Court officials in Sweetwater report Ricky Wayne Williams pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison for the slaying.

Smith, who has been with the Sweetwater Police for 33 years, was expected to return to work Thursday. The suspension was ordered Monday. Smith has said he does not know if he will appeal the suspension to the Civil Service Commission.

Around town

Aggies to run for Village of Hope

Seventeen runners will run 110 miles from the Aggie Eternal Flame to the University of Texas Special Events Center to benefit the Texas A&M Village of Hope. The runners will leave Texas A&M at 3 a.m. and will arrive at the Special Events Center for the basketball game between the Aggies and the University of Texas Feb. 25. Each runner is signing up sponsors and all proceeds will benefit the Village of Hope project. Donations will also be accepted at the Memorial Student Center until Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also at the MSC table, students can register for the 50th Annual Run for the Arts March 3 at 9 a.m. at G. Ross White Coliseum. Entry fee for the five and 10K runs is \$5.

New finance scholarship available

The College of Business Administration recently received funds for a new scholarship. The First Bank and Trust Scholarship and Internship Program will give students practical experience through internship and financial aid in the form of a scholarship.

To qualify the student must be eligible for admission to the College of Business Administration and be a Texas resident with a demonstrable career interest in banking. Applications are available in the Finance Department, Block Building, Suite 340 or in the Student Financial Aid Office. Deadline for applications is March 1.

After Hours offers driving course

The After Hours Program is sponsoring a defensive driving course Friday and Saturday and also March 2 and 3. The course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on car insurance. Registration is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Memorial Student Center. For more information call 845-1514.

Patients, families form group

I Can Cope is a support group for cancer patients and family members. The main focus of the group is to provide professional and non-professional help and support to those living with cancer.

The group, sponsored by Humana Hospital Bryan-College Station and The American Cancer Society will have their first meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Bryan Professional Building at 101 Memorial Drive. The group will meet once a month on Thursday evenings. For more information contact the American Cancer Society at 846-3797 or Naam Roux, director of education, Humana Hospital Bryan-College Station at 775-4200, ext. 232.

Volunteers to give free tax help

Free tax return help is offered through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Licoln Center, 1000 Eleanor, in College Station. Volunteers are trained by the Internal Revenue Service in the preparation of 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 forms.

The VITA program is designed to help those individuals who cannot afford professional tax help. The volunteers will assist people with simple tax returns particularly low income elderly, non-English speaking and handicapped taxpayers. Those interested should bring the tax package sent by the IRS and all records and documents, including the W-2 forms, needed to prepare the return. The last day for the service will be April 13.

Group to discuss current issues

"Weapons, Welfare and Wealth. The Federal Deficit: How Should It Be Handled?" is the first topic of discussion this semester for INSIGHT. INSIGHT was organized this semester to promote student and faculty relations by sponsoring discussions about current topics. The first discussion will be today at 12:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. All students and faculty are invited.

New York prof to speak about film

Professor Joseph Cuneen of Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry New York will speak on "Film as Sacred" today at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder. The talk is sponsored by the Philosophy department, and the public is welcome.

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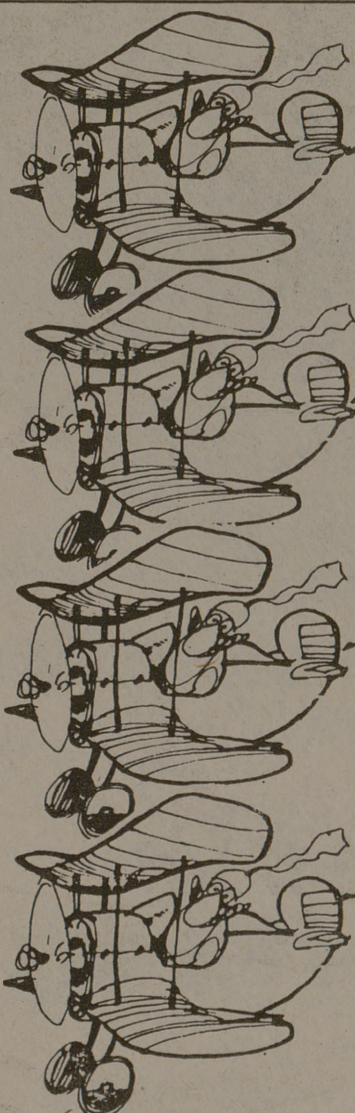
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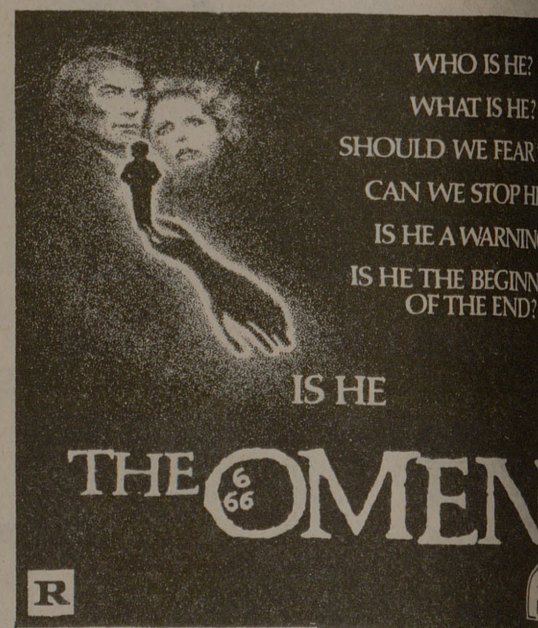
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