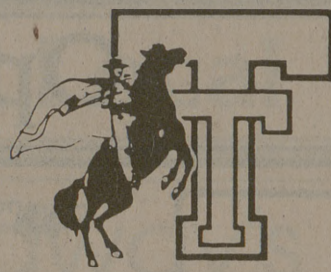




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Heckler to become ambassador to Ireland

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WASHINGTON — Margaret Heckler stepped down Tuesday as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to become ambassador to Ireland but President Reagan denounced reports that she was forced from the post as "malicious gossip" and "falsehood."

"I think Mrs. Heckler was justifiably upset by the kind of gossip that was going around," the president said as she stood at his side. "I

don't know where this was coming from. It was malicious, it was false. She executed the policies that I wanted for the agency."

There had been persistent reports that the White House staff, particularly chief of staff Donald Regan, had disapproved of Heckler's performance and had applied pressure to get her out.

"I've never been able to find the individual responsible for this," Reagan said of reports that the White House was displeased with her work.

"She has done a fine job at HHS," the president said, during a brief appearance in the White House press room. "As a matter of fact, if she hadn't done such a good job, I wouldn't have been so eager to seek her out to be the ambassador to Ireland."

White House deputy press secretary Albert Brashear said Heckler will remain at HHS until she is confirmed as ambassador by the Senate. "It shouldn't take long," Brashear said of the confirmation process,

noting that the Senate is in session.

Heckler fidgeted with her hands and appeared nervous as the president talked with reporters. She said Reagan had persuaded her to take the new post and that she considers it "an honor and an exciting challenge."

Heckler once described the Irish ambassadorship as "a lovely position — for someone else."

Asked about that, she said she "looked upon this assignment with new eyes having heard the presenta-

tion that he (Reagan) made and having also his assurance that it was my choice to stay on as secretary of HHS or become ambassador to Ireland."

Reagan was asked if she could have stayed on.

"Yes," he said.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., a Democrat from Heckler's home state of Massachusetts, said it was known that "they" have been trying to get rid of Heckler.

"It's regrettable that the ultra-

right wing group of the Republican Party wants to take control of the avenue she has been on," O'Neill said.

Before Heckler's departure from the Cabinet was announced, Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the Education and Labor subcommittee on health, said, "Clearly the ideologues of the administration do not want to work on health or human services. The White House staff looks at health care as only one more place to slash."



Photo by JAIMÉ LOPEZ

To The Rescue

Stanley Burton, a construction worker on Texas A&M's new chemistry building project, is being aided by medics from College Station and from A&M's A.P. Beutel Health Center. Burton was knocked

from a crane he was operating when a board he was lifting fell and struck him. A spokesperson at St. Joseph Hospital says he was treated and released with minor contusions.

Quake causes Mexicans to put tradition aside

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans are proud and prefer to solve their own problems, but after a great earthquake killed thousands and nearly demolished the heart of this huge city, they put aside tradition and accepted the world's help.

Aid began arriving hours after the first quake Sept. 19, which was followed the next day by a second that compounded the problem.

The first tremor registered 8.1 on the Richter scale, which put it in the category of a "great" quake, and the second was 7.5.

More than 4,600 people are known dead and 1,000 are missing. An estimated 18,000 were injured and 40,000 were left homeless.

Shortly after the second quake, President Miguel de la Madrid said on television that the tragedy was Mexico's worst. It came at a time of deep recession, when the economy is saddled with a foreign debt of \$96 billion.

"The truth is that in the face of an earthquake of this magnitude, we do not have the resources to confront the tragedy with speed and sufficiency," the president told the nation.

The government retained control of rescue efforts, but welcomed the aid from around the world.

The United States has been among the major contributors. The first installment was a check for \$1 million delivered by President Reagan's wife, Nancy, when she visited Mexico City four days after the first earthquake.

Hundreds of American volunteers helped search for survivors and plan the eventual demolition of badly damaged buildings.

Accompanying them were five helicopters, firefighting and demolition equipment, water storage tanks,

medical supplies and water purification kits.

De la Madrid's press office said the Soviet Union, which was among the first nations to fly aid to the city, contributed 52 tons of medical supplies and field tents.

It said Canada sent medical personnel, six portable operating rooms and surgical equipment along with demolition equipment and 14 explosives experts.

Much of the aid came from other Latin American countries. Colombia provided disaster experts and medical supplies, including 1.3 tons of general vaccines, 100,000 doses of tetanus vaccine and 100,000 bottles of blood-serum.

The Pan-American Health Organization donated \$1 million, Saudi Arabia \$822,000, Finland \$400,000 and Norway about \$250,000, the press office said.

Essayist E.B. White dies at 86

Associated Press

BROOKLIN, Maine — E.B. White, the graceful essayist of The New Yorker magazine's brilliant beginnings, died Tuesday at age 86, leaving behind timeless works of humor, literary good sense and whimsy, including the beloved children's book, "Charlotte's Web."

White, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease and whose health declined steadily in the last year, died at his home. The family said plans for a memorial service would be announced.

"A few months ago, he said he had so much to tell and so little time to tell it," said J. Russell Wiggins, publisher of the weekly Ellsworth American and a friend of White since the late 1940s.

The feeling had been with White nearly all his life. "I liked to write," he once said, "and there seemed to be plenty to write about."

White was a private man who fled New York for a sheep farmer's life in Maine nearly a half-century ago. He was a precise writer with a Yankee's horror of the unnecessary word.

Though not part of The New Yorker's original cast, White was heavily recruited, married one of the chief editors and set the bemused, detached tone of the magazine's "Talk of the Town" column.

"It is not too much to say that Andy White was the most valuable person on the magazine," his friend and colleague James Thurber wrote in 1938. "His delicate tinkering with the works of The New Yorker caused it to move with a new ease and grace."

He was born Elwyn Brooks White on July 11, 1899, in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

In 1917, he enrolled in Cornell

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Reagan: Israeli attack justified

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan suggested Tuesday that Israel was justified in raiding the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunisia in retaliation for the killing last week of three Israelis in Cyprus.

Asked whether Israel was entitled to retaliate, the president replied,

"As long as you pick out the people responsible."

Before Reagan spoke at the White House, State Department spokesman Charles E. Redman had told reporters that "as a matter of principle, it is our view that it is legitimate self-defense to respond appropriately to acts of terrorism."

However, Redman said the ad-

ministration did not yet have all the facts.

As to whether U.S. planes were involved in the air raid, Reagan refused to comment. "I don't know the facts," he said.

Redman said it was the department's understanding that the raid "was not intended as an offensive act against Tunisia," and he refused to say whether the administration con-

sidered the raid a violation of Tunisia's sovereignty.

"We deeply deplore the rising pattern of violence, of which this latest incident is part," Redman said. "It underscores the need to work on the peace process."

While acknowledging that U.S.-supplied equipment was used by the Israelis, Redman said the administration was not informed in advance.

CS will initiate energy conservation program

By JENS B. KOEPKE

Staff Writer

An innovative energy conservation program for apartments — believed to be the first of its kind in the nation — will start this fall in College Station.

Initially, workers will be researching the billing histories and square footage of all the apartments in College Station, preparing for the energy audits and thermographic scans in the spring, Charlie Shear says, the city's energy specialist.

The voluntary program, approved Sept. 12, by the College Station City Council, has three phases.

Starting in December, apartment owners and managers will be contacted by the city. Those choosing to participate will be provided a free, in-depth energy analysis, Shear says.

The analysis measures air leakage through doors and windows by calculating the amount of Btu (British thermal unit) produced and lost by the heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) system, he says. Ten to 25 percent of the units in each com-

"It (the energy plan) will make students more aware that they are energy consumers."

— Kristin Sayre, Off-Campus Housing Center.

plex will be tested.

The energy audits will be conducted by Texas A&M graduate engineering students, he says, because hiring a professional mechanical engineer would be too expensive.

Shear says that the program also will be a learning experience for the students. The students will be supervised by the city, an A&M engineering professor and a representative from the Texas Engineering Extension Service, he says.

Along with the analysis, a mobile thermographic scan will be used to measure the amount of heat loss through the walls and ceiling, he says. The scan will be conducted by

an outside firm in January or February because outside temperatures must be below 40 F. A thermographic scan has never been used for this purpose, Shear says.

The city then will recommend improvements to the apartment owners, he says. These recommendations could range from better maintenance to the replacement of water heating or HVAC systems.

Improved landscaping also could cut utility costs by 20 percent, Shear says.

Shirley O'Brien, president of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Association, says, "Some of the older complexes will get so many recommendations that the program will be too cost prohibitive."

O'Brien adds that most apartments in College Station were built 10-12 years ago.

The recommendations will concentrate most heavily on stopping air infiltration, Shear says. This can be achieved through better insulation and caulking and through the installation of wall outlet gaskets, he says.

"You could make most apart-

ments more airtight for \$50 to \$60," Shear says.

O'Brien says the city's recommendations are open records available to all prospective residents. She believes those recommendations could be misleading if not carefully worded.

The apartment complexes will then be given time to implement the suggested changes. Because of the time needed to approve and contract out building improvements, the

"Air leakage is the No. 1 culprit in an energy-inefficient home." — Charlie Shear, city energy specialist.

apartment owners will have four to seven months to make the changes, Shear says.

After the improvements have been re-evaluated, a three-tier rating system will be set up. The ratings will