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- The Pals Program which provides big brothers and big sisters as companions to go on outings with and entertain underprivileged children.
- The Atascadero Interpersonal Development Skills Project. AIDS deals with inmates who are nearing the ends of their sentences.
- The Avila School for Mentally Retarded. Volunteers are needed to talk to the children when they are depressed, tutor them and "just be their friends."
- The United Church Care Center. Volunteers in this program work with multiple handicapped children teaching them how to dress and take care of themselves. Generally, says Anderson, "We just make their day a little brighter."
- Disabled Students Services. Oriented towards assisting handicapped students, this project is instrumental in providing access to rooms and buildings otherwise inaccessible to the handicapped.

Income tax cut asked by Ford

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford asked Congress Wednesday for income tax cuts to combat recession and for heavy taxes to make fuel costly - even at the risk of making inflation worse. "I must say to you that the state of the union is not good," Ford told a joint session of the House and Senate, speaking gloomily in the chamber where he served for a quarter of a century. He set aside his anti-inflation program to concentrate on ending the country's dependence on foreign oil by 1986 and to cope with the worst economic down turn since the Depression. He proposed $8 billion of new taxes on oil and natural gas and $22.5 billion of permanent cuts in income taxes paid by individuals and corporations. His advisers said the fuel tax would add substantially to inflation.

"I've got bad news and I don't expect much if any applause," Ford said.

The Democratic-controlled 94th Congress applauded little and Democrats attacked Ford's ideas as likely to enhance inflation and hurt the poor.

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**Weight program**

A weight reduction group for students will meet on a weekly basis beginning Jan. 21 at the Health Center.

The group, open to both men and women students, is coordinated by Joan Nelson, Jo Ann Sekreta, Linda Schub, and Robert Sorch, all nutrition majors.

Emphasis will be on good nutrition while losing weight through monitoring behavior and changing eating habits. Eating the right foods becomes a positive influence.

The group will meet on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and will have guest speakers from the Health Center and movies and will work on individual problems of the group members.

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**Bitterness fails to change lives**

**Editor**

I am sitting with both Dr. Rodin’s article and Steve Johnson’s reply spread out before me and I see the value of both sides’ opinions.

I am wondering why the need for such condemnation? Does it increase the validity or value of either opinion?

When I first read Dr. Rodin’s article I wondered in whom it was addressed: Certainly not to the homosexual who would at worst find it offensive and at best get a good laugh. Dr. Rodin isn’t expecting to convert the homosexual (or anyone else) with such condemnation anymore than he would be swayed from his lifestyle by an attack on Christianity (at least this particularly bitter brand) in a bit much to rally behind. No, at best I can see him speaking only to those who already believe he is right. And if this is the case, what is the point of such violent condemnation?

It is for this reason, Steve, that I can see no more threat in Dr. Rodin’s letter than in yours, mine or anyone else’s. We speak to those who agree with us.

Certainly the time has come to meet differences with an open mind and an open hand rather than a club. The world has grown too small for that—the time too short and growing tougher. We’ve got to pull it together somehow, sometime, somehow.

There were perhaps a few men in history who possessed the authority of offering condemnation: Moses, the Levitical Code, the great teachers, the Buddha, who offered the light of wisdom; Jesus, the Christ, who offered love; Mohammed, who synthesized religion; Bahaullah, who ushered in the New Age principles of brotherhood and equality and a few, very select, others. But these great souls also possessed the wisdom to see the futility of condemnation.

Would God, however you conceive Him, want this?

In the drawing, Dr. Rodin, I see two hands clamped, two people holding each other up. Can we be sure that is written on their clothing is what is written in their hearts?
All-day hike sponsored by Sienna Club

The Sierra Club is sponsoring a day hike to the Big Rock area on Saturday, January 18. Planned as a three-mile roundtrip excursion intended to view early blooming wild flowers in the area. Hikers should meet at 8 a.m. at the junction of highway 164 and route 166 just north of Santa Maria. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch, water, and a jacket. Binoculars and cameras may prove useful. Further information concerning the outing may be obtained by contacting hike leader Sandy Jones, 489-2074. Also, Lonnie Belden, a biology instructor at Oceola College, will present a two-part Sierra Club program on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include a presentation about Cuesta College's conservation curriculum and a slide show illustrating the four seasons in the High Sierras. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church at 1515 Fredericks St. in San Luis Obispo. Admission to the program is free to the public and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Belden at 128-1235.

Jazz concert

Art Pepper, regarded as the foremost living jazz alto saxophonist, will be the guest soloist with the Cuesta College Jazz Ensemble-Friday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cuesta College Auditorium.

Pepper has been active in the jazz world since the age of 12. His bands have included such jazz greats as Louis Armstrong and Buddy Rich.

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The second major improvement is planned for musical programming. "We had a problem with the air quality last quarter," explained program director Ken Goto. "We have reduced the number of air shifts available and are more particular about who will get them."

As it has in the past KCPR will continue to maintain the Texaco Metropolitan Opera Live from New York on Saturday nights. Following the opera will be four hours of jazz with Jay Cervenka. Sunday afternoons will be filled with the sound of Big Bands and All That Jazz. KCPR's most popular program, Sunday By Request, will run from six to midnight with a special appearance by individuals who desire to upgrade their discharge, the newsletter explains.

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Tax cut

Many said rationing fuel would be less painful and more fair. Senate Democratic Whip Robert C. Byrd, W. Va., called Ford's plan a surrender to inflation. Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., said, "It won't work and it won't get the support of Congress."

Consumer groups said they were dismayed by Ford's estimate of a total $75 trillion deficit in the current and future fiscal years. There were reports that the departure of Treasury Secretary William Simon -a longtime advocate of driving down fuel consumption by driving up its price- was imminent, but Simon's office denied it. He wanted cuts in government spending even deeper than those Ford proposed.

Ford's economic coordinator, L. William Seidman, said the President's proposal for energy efficiency will require an increase of 15 percent to the consumer price index in the next two years, raising the prospect of a second consecutive year of double-digit inflation.

Ford said he intended to exercise existing authority to impose a tariff on imported oil of $1 a barrel Feb. 1, rising to $2 on March 1 and $3 on April 1. The current price is $5.50 per million barrels a day-37 percent of the oil it consumes.

House Democratic Whip John J. McMillan, Maryland, appealed to Ford to delay for 60 to 90 days so Congress could consider blocking his plan.

American government: Is it immoral?

The American government is a lousy landlord, as anyone who lives in government-owned or subsidized housing will tell you. It checks at least twice a year to make sure you mow the lawn, take out the garbage, and wash the windows. Sometimes in the back of my mind lurks the suspicion that more than a little hypocrisy in our landlord-tenant relationship exists. Especially the bit about moral character.

Local representatives of the federal government's subsidized housing program called some old friends of mine to inquire about my "moral character" before pestering me. I would like to point out that I have never sold an Indian a blanket contract on the promise that I have never dropped an atomic bomb on any large metropolitan area, nor have I contaminated any South Sea islander with radiative fallout, giving them leukemia.

I have never used napalm to burn up human beings in the jungles of Vietnam. I did not order the massacre at Attica State Prison. I have never sent government agencies to persecute members of the political opposition.

In short, when it comes to moral character, why should the Federal government ask any questions? My dear old Irish grandma used to say "Clean up your own backyard before you go criticizing your neighbor's."

The government's backyard is global, filled with poverty, misery and degradation. The government's solution to the world economic crisis so far has been to provide the poor with minimal nutritional requirements.

Yet we scream bloody murder when immigrants from some of the countries we have exploited enter the United States illegally in search of the work that means survival for themselves and their families. The government's solution to the world economic crisis so far has been to provide the poor with minimal nutritional requirements.

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Saxbe claims White House pressure to hamper probe

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Attorney General William B. Saxbe denied Thursday that the White House tried to pressure him a year ago to interfere with the Watergate investigation by suggesting that we interfere with the Watergate investigation without the House and Senate leadership directly.

"Nothing was suggested with anything but the most open and direct manner," Saxbe said.

"When we were advised of the Watergate investigation," Saxbe added, "we felt that was a very important fact that had occurred and would have felt themselves further discredited if this had not been investigated.

"And the Watergate investigation is in the nature of going to hamper and it would be a new concept for us to go around," Saxbe said, "whether we do this or not."

Wrexham, a University of Southern California Eagle, said, "I think in light of what has happened since then, the Nixon resignation and everything that has been accomplished, that there had been wrong had I done it."