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world hunger too is on the rise. Estimates say a billion people in the world go to bed hungry every night.

Drought threatens millions in Africa with starvation. In the early and mid-seventies severe drought in the Sahel region led to many

than how they can feed their people.

The issues of domestic and world hunger are linked in that humanitarian concerns are secondary in both instances.

Instead of pinching pennies on the backs of the poor, food stamp and

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thousands of deaths -- some estimates go as high as half a million deaths due to starvation and hunger-related disease.

Now even larger areas of Africa are in danger. In addition to the Sahel, severe hunger grips East Africa where crop failures in Ethiopia and Somalia imperil millions.

And the drought has affected southern Africa, as well. In Zimbabwe crops are down by half and reports say a third of the livestock herds have died. South Africa, which exported grain to black Africa will have to import grains itself this year.

All this adds up to a major food crisis in Africa and other nations in the Third World. But national policy here is directed to figuring out how those nations can pay off their loans rather

nutrition program budgets should be set by the level of need.

And instead of bribing our farmers not to plant crops, our food surplus ought to be loaded onto ships bound for nations where famine threatens.

This is an issue one would have thought would dominate the Williamsburg Conference of the West's leaders. But the agenda didn't have room for discussion about how the affluent nations could respond to the dangers of Third World Famine.

And our home-grown hunger gets as little sympathy from the agenda-makers in Washington. Compassion is a dirty word these days, but the cries of the hungry must be answered.

## Two Las Vegas women killed in stabbings

Two women apparently stabbed each other to death and a man suffered minor stab wounds Sunday when he tried to break up their argument on the lawn of their apartment complex, 900 W. Monroe Ave., Metro Police said.

Neither woman nor the man was identified after the 8:10 p.m. incident.

Just prior to the stabbing, the women were said to have argued over their respective children who had been quarreling among themselves while playing on the lawn of the apartment building.

When the argument

turned violent and the women went at each other with knives, the man attempted to intervene and was also stabbed, police said. They described his wounds as serious but not critical.

One woman was apparently killed instantly while the other died 30 minutes later at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

After an investigation at the scene, police arrested an unidentified person in connection with the case. It was unclear whether that person would be charged in the twin slayings.

## AIR CONDITIONERS ENERGY PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Nevada Power Company will be in control of nearly 18,000 home air conditioners this summer as part of a major conservation program to cut down on peak energy demands.

Earlier this year, customers signed up for radio controlled operation of 17,500 air conditioners located in all parts of the Las Vegas Valley. They'll be controlled by computer at the Nevada Power Company's dispatch office center on Desert Inn Road.

The units will be officially activated Wednesday, June 1st at 12 Noon and Chief Dispatcher Ray Brown will be there to begin the program.

Larry Tamashiro, supervisor of load management for Nevada Power said the company increased its customers in this, the fourth year of the program, from 9,700 in 1982 to 14,500 in 1983. He said he expects the program will result in an average reduction in participating customers' bills of \$60 for the four summer months.

A small FM radio receiver is used to control the on-off operations of the air conditioners. It's attached to the side

or top of the unit and is installed at no cost to the homeowner. Tamashiro said the entire project could reduce load by 22 megawatts this year. Last year's reduction was more than 13 megawatts.

The units respond to one of three different codes and it translates into the unit being turned off for 20 minutes each hour in 10 minute intervals. About one-third of the 17,500 units are cycled off at any given time during the peaking conditions which usually occur between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. during the hot summer months.

Tamashiro said all of the 17,500 units can be shut off at the same time, which will be done periodically to test the system throughout the summer months. The test will reveal the potential load available if needed during an emergency.



Since taking over the national cemeteries from the Army 10 years ago, the Veterans Administration has increased their number from 82 to 108. The latest, at Quantico, Va., opened in May 1983, and two more are in the design stage.

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## Vegan hurt when hit by auto

A 56-year-old Las Vegas man was injured Sunday when he was struck by a car while walking across Owens Avenue, Metropolitan Police said.

Police identified the victim as James Pearson of 1305 W. Adams Ave.

Pearson was listed in serious condition at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

Police said he received leg, facial and neck injuries when he was struck shortly before 4 p.m. while walking across Owens Avenue west of "H" Street.

He was not in a crosswalk and appeared to be drunk, police said.

Charges were not filed against the driver of the car, Linda Green, 26, of 1924 Allen Lane, Apt. 1.

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## A Kid's Opinion

By Che' Jones



I'd like to thank Soul Joe Miller of "Soul's Auto Body" for his donation of \$100.00. Thanks, Mr. Miller.

I'm sure you've all heard about the plane crash 2 weeks ago. Forty-six people involved - 23 dead and 18 injured. That's only 5 people safe!!! No cigarette could have caused that, unless.....someone did it on purpose, which I doubt. If you have seen the carpet on an airplane, you know that a cigarette wouldn't catch it on fire, because it's thin and probably flame resistant. If it dropped in the toilet, it would go out. So, my opinion is that it was an electrical shortage or the pilot's cigarette igniting in the cockpit. I don't think they tried hard enough to find out what really caused the fire.

Congratulations to my'cuz' Kevin Mason, who made the 1984 Junior Olympics basketball team in Seattle, Washington.

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