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Space Mirrors Giant Night Light Would Orbit Earth

By WALTER SULLIVAN
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NEW YORK — Krafft A. Ehrlicke, a rocket engineer and proponent of ambitious space ventures, has proposed that giant orbiting mirrors be used to reflect sunlight onto the night side of the earth, preventing crop freezes and, perhaps, the

climate's deterioration into a new ice age.

As an initial step a less elaborate system would provide nighttime illumination, allowing farmers to conduct round-the-clock planting or harvesting when conditions are ideal or bad weather threatens. Disaster areas, such as currently snow-bound

Buffalo or an earthquake scene, could be lighted to permit all-night rescue operations.

The aim of the mirrors would be adjustable so that the beams of light could be delivered on demand. Sunlight could be marketed much as

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15th Assault

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East Area Rapist Attacks?

A housewife was attacked and raped early today at her home near Crestview Drive and Madison Avenue in what authorities say could be the 15th assault in the past 15 months by the east area rapist.

"The method of operation is similar to the east area rapist," said sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller. However, Miller said that because of the continuing investigation into the rash of attacks no other possible evidence linking the east area rapist to the latest incident would be released.

The woman, in her early 30s, told police a man entered her home shortly after her husband left for work at 6:45 a.m. He bound her hands and feet with strips of cloth and raped her, officers said. He left the house at about 8 a.m.

The woman was alone at the time. Authorities said the man wore a mask and gloves. In the 14 attacks attributed to the east area rapist, the man wore a mask and gloves.

Officers said the woman, still bound, was able to crawl out of the house. Her screams were heard by neighbors who found her at about 8:30 a.m.

The man was described as white, 5-foot-8 to 6-foot and about 150 pounds — the same general description of the east area rapist.

Last Thursday officers arrested William Paul Boren, 24, of Fair Oaks in what they earlier called the 15th attack by the east area rapist. However, authorities later said that alleged attack apparently was a "copy cat."

In that incident, a woman in her 20s was assaulted in her home in Orangevale last Monday.

The attacks attributed to the east

area rapist have occurred in Del Prado, Carmichael, Rancho Cordova and Citrus Heights. The victims have ranged in age from 16 to the late 30s.

In this morning's attack, officers said the man entered the woman's home through an apparently unlocked sliding glass door.

Light Rain Expected, But It Little Help To Drought-Stric

By TOM ARDEN
Bee Staff Writer

Rain will fall in Northern California tonight or Tuesday, the National Weather Service in Sacramento reported today.

But, said forecaster Warren Winden, it is expected to be light and virtually meaningless as far as drought relief is concerned.

Winden reported there is a 30 per cent chance of rain in Sacramento but the probability is much greater for the north California coast and inland northern mountain regions.

"I'm pretty sure we will be getting something out of it," he stated.

But because of mild temperatures the snow line, it is predicted, will be around 7,000 feet.

The storm approaching the northern part of the state, Winden said, was 300 miles out in the Pacific this morning, and its chances of giving rain to parched California land were increased by a weakening of the strong high pressure responsible for the drought.

Sacramento has had no rain since Jan. 12, and the seasonal precipitation total of 3.98 inches is 7.56 inches below normal for this date.

The Sierra Nevada is almost barren of snow. At Norden, near Donner

Oblado Announces Health Facilities Probe

By JAMES LEWIS
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The Brown administration, in a highly visible move to encourage nursing homes and other health providers to clean up their operations, today announced an investigation of 53 facilities around the state.

Twelve teams of doctors, nurses, auditors and health fraud specialists from the Department of Health and Benefit Payments plan to probe about 53 facilities, according to Health and Welfare Secretary Mario Oblado.

Benefit Payments, said the 75 members of the investigatory teams will take about six weeks to examine 49 nursing homes, six regional centers for the developmentally disabled (retarded) and seven homemaker chore providers.

Asked why the administration chose to publicly announce the investigation instead of first completing it, Oblado said he "would hope that if there were some problems (in the facilities) that people would start cleaning them up."
However, Oblado said he does not

Leave Tanzania

NAIROBI Kenya (UPI) — More than 150 North American tourists trapped for three days in Tanzania by a border shutdown were evacuated Sunday but hundreds of other foreigners remain stranded in the East African nation. U.S. Embassy

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