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word has an intricate
er surrounding it. This
er provides subtle nu-
es of flavor to the differ-
his sense there are not
X+Y=Z phrases wholly
ertain word. Each word
contrasts and mental
hat make it different
ls. Although one word in
akes no sense, the sys-
ad uses we call language
ord its own identity.
language with a wealth
should be relished and
owing us to give vent to
on in a way no other term
Words are a wonder and
ects to be enjoyed.

and have never claimed,
ith. I am shamed by the
es I don't reach for the
en I should. The refusal
art is a perverse will to
in spite of my lapses, I'm
sing the wealth of words
disposal as best I can,
ate authors who search
at better communicates
and who, in their search,
h my thought and capa-
ve treated my readers
ey be) in any other way
three years than in the
o be treated, is to have
scorned them. I refused

economics graduate stu-
ent and Daily Nebraskan
editor.

o blame

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nd usually determinable
red pilot). Why then do
ome in clusters? Because
they would be evenly
en spacing is mathemat-
probable. (Consider five
ve years. If they were
they would occur on the
ch year. Not very likely.)
ns call this apparent
andom events a Poisson

scandals. There is, after
erribly new here. Some
ide or other is usually
on or indictment. (Eisen-
ury secretary pleaded
nth to felonious tax eva-
please?) Wall Street has
swindlers. Tent evange-
ly as clean as it has ever
ed with Aimee Semple
who disappeared for a
st, then reappeared with
and the retained loyalty
m Bakker's 15 minutes of
ne with Jessica Hahn is
y small-time. And spies
een with us.

ing that deserves to be
the feet of Reagan and
the Iran scandal. Beyond
ieve what you read. The
lence. Clustering. Until
se, I stand with Poisson.
If Mondale had won,
Levine have said no to
Bakker to Hahn? Would
arine have turned down
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