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## Peet protests hiring firm for chief search

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

In spite of protests by Mayor Richard Peet, Pampa city commissioners voted Thursday night to hire a Maryland consulting firm to help choose the next chief of police.

The vote came after an executive session that began Tuesday night and was continued Thursday. Commissioners approved the measure 3-1, with Peet voting "nay" and Robert Dixon absent.

"I just felt like we needed to get some professionalism and some objectivity back into the selection process," said Commissioner Gary Sutherland, who favored hiring the International Association of Police Officers as consultants. "(We need) professional people in the police business to help us decide exactly what it is we need in a chief of police."

"What we're hoping to be is more professional in this thing. Because of all the things that have gone on in the past, the last month and a half the thing has gotten out of hand and we feel like we've lost a little credibility."

Peet said bringing in consul-

ants to determine Pampa's needs is unnecessary because people who live here already know what the needs are.

"I have difficulty with bringing in people from the outside, whether it be Texas, Oklahoma, Chicago or wherever, because we have the resources right here available to go out and do our own assessment," Peet said. "I don't even know how much this is going to cost us."

City staff said it will cost \$6,000-plus for the firm to poll key area residents on their desires for a chief, develop a profile of the police department and the city and then recommend who would be best for the job.

Peet described the move as "shortchanging" commissioners of their responsibility and costing the taxpayers money unnecessarily.

Commissioner Jerry Wilson said it is important the selection of a chief be moved out of the realm of politics and into the professional business arena.

"The issue is so emotionally charged at this point that we're not going to be objective," Wilson said. "By bringing an outside



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party in, I feel we'll have very good results.

"This is something we need because I don't think we have a real good feel for what we are looking for in a police chief."

Wilson said the consultants will

take the 14 finalists selected by Interim City Manager Frank Smith and compare them with the needs of the city.

However, city officials emphasized the final selection may not come from the 14.

The city manager would still be responsible for the hiring of a chief, they said.

Commissioner Ray Hupp stated the commission had to concentrate on establishing credibility.

He said he was unswayed by a letter written to Smith by 22 members of the police department supporting the selection of one of the three local candidates.

"I don't think this is a situation where each department votes on a manager. It's incumbent on this commission to pick the best possible candidate," Hupp said.

The letter, written on Pampa Police Officers Association stationery, said in part, "We want to

make you aware that the employees of this department are emotionally exhausted with the constant ups and downs we have suffered in the past ... It is very apparent that these problems have affected the performance of employees ... resulting in unfavorable publicity toward the police department as well as the city of Pampa."

Peet said his decision to hire locally is not a political one.

"They (commissioners) are talking about the politics of knowledge of who the candidates are," Peet explained. "Certainly I'm aware of who the candidates are. I know James Laramore, I know Ken Hall real well and we go to church together ... I've gotten to know Roy Denman in the last couple of years."

But, he said, his commitment to hire the best qualified local person had not been affected by any of those friendships.

## Attorney suggests combining law agencies

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Could the absorption of the Pampa Police Department into the Gray County Sheriff's Office eliminate a duplication of police services and save local taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars?

That's the question being asked by a growing number of Pampans as the City Commission looks for ways to hold the line on taxes without jeopardizing services to citizens.

Two local elected officials, who asked not to be identified due to the initial sensitivity of the issue, said several county and city leaders have been unofficially approached and appear open to

at least discussing the matter. Local attorney Jean Martindale is one private citizen pondering the idea of combining the two agencies.

Martindale said, "Since (Sheriff) Jim Free has come in, he has done such an outstanding job that I got to looking at the pros and cons and the equity of what's going on."

"It appears we have two different policing bodies — the city and the county — with overlapping jurisdictions. If you have overlapping jurisdictions, it looks like we have a duplication of costs."

Martindale said both bodies are currently discussing the idea of a combination city/county jail, it only makes sense to also discuss

a county/city police force.

Such cooperative efforts currently exist in many cities around the nation, the nearest example being Donley County to the south of Pampa.

In California, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department currently has law enforcement contracts to provide service to a large number of towns, some of them even outside Los Angeles County.

From Woodland, Maine, to La Habra, Calif., there are literally hundreds of examples of cities where progressive officials have found they could save untold amounts of money by either combining police agencies or contracting the services out to private bidders.

"It appears to me the type of person and type of job we have coming out of Jim Free and the internal problems at the city (police department) and with the tax situation being what it is, it would save a tremendous cost to the people of this county if we only had one county-wide agency," Martindale said.

He added, "That's my personal opinion and it doesn't have anything to do with anyone feeding me an idea. I'm just looking at it from a very selfish trying-to-save-money-on-taxes point of view."

In spite of a natural city/county rivalry that has existed for years, Martindale said he would hope leaders from both bodies would

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## Gloria and friend



(Staff Photo by L.D. Strate)

Gloria Gilbert, Miss Texas of 1982, and her friend "Homer" perform for senior golfers and their wives at the annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association banquet Thursday night at M. K. Brown Auditorium. Gilbert has been on nationwide television with her ventriloquist. The Fort Worth native regularly appears on television commercials for a Clarendon car dealership. The Tri-State Tournament continues today through Friday at the Pampa Country Club course.

## Veterans out in force for White Deer Rodeo

By SONNY BOHANAN  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — Veterans of White Deer's Amateur Rodeo turned out in force for the opening night of the 30th annual show Thursday at the White Deer Rodeo Arena.

W. F. Mooney, president of the White Deer Riding Club at the time of the rodeo's conception 30 years ago, witnessed the competition from the stands, while some of last year's contestants returned to the ring for another shot at belt buckles and prize money.

But first, spectators feasted on free barbecue and looked to the skies as members of the Amarillo Skydiving Club set the pace for top-knotch competition with three pinpoint landings on the arena floor.

Bareback rider Kenny Smith of Portales was the star of Thursday's performance. He spurred bronc Dunn Gone to a crowd-pleasing score of 81 to take a commanding 13-point lead over his nearest competitors, Shawn Wright of Canadian and Jimmy Cleveland of Hollis, Okla.

Wright, last year's bareback champ, scored 68 points in his eight-second ride atop Gunsmoke, and Cleveland posted an

identical marker upon Tailor Made to move into a second-place tie.

Canadian's Wade King, the 1988 bareback runner-up, scored 66 points to finish the first night tied for third place with Kelly Hanks of Amarillo, another White Deer Rodeo veteran.

Wright later proved he could ride just as well with the saddle when he scored 66 points to take the lead in saddle broncs.

Most rodeo fans missed the best bull ride of the night. Jason Harris of Spearman took his turn on TLC just after the regular performance ended and topped all the other cowboys with a 78 marker.

Amarillo's Kenneth Artis and Craig Addy of Gilbert, Ariz., both trailed Harris by six points to check in at second place.

Only one breakaway roper, Leslie Ward of Snyder, competed Thursday night, but her 3.10-second finish will keep the nine other scheduled contestants on their toes.

Another Snyder cowgirl, Sherry Johnson, posted a time of 16.831 to capture the top barrel racing slot, while Kathy Hill of Wheeler was just over a second behind with 16.964.

Team ropers Jim Gatlin and

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(Staff Photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Wade King of Canadian finished the first night of competition tied for third place with a 66-point ride atop Painted Desert.

## Greene says he may sue authorities for false imprisonment

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — An Inola man free of a murder charge in the slaying of a local flower shop employee says he was shocked by his arrest and may sue Carter County authorities for false imprisonment.

"They had me guilty before I could prove I was innocent. I told them I didn't do it and told them where I was at the time. It was really hard on my family, and it ruined my name," Michael Frank Greene said Thursday.

Prosecutors decided Wednesday to drop the first-degree murder charge they had filed against Greene, 37, because of new evidence and records that showed he was in a hospital in Wichita Falls on the day Gwen Miller was killed at the flower shop.

"They walked into my room and told me I was under arrest. When they told me it was for capital murder, I like to have fell out of that bed," said Greene, who was arrested Sunday at a Lawton hospital.

Greene, who appeared in Carter County District Court on Thursday to waive extradition to Garden City, Kan., on a theft of services charge, said he knew all along he would be freed of the charges in Ardmore.

"About 3 a.m. that morning (Monday), they

(Ardmore police) got a flier that said they caught the guy who really did it out in New Mexico. They told me I would be released the next day, but nothing happened," Greene said. "They took their sweet time about it."

Ms. Miller was shot and killed and two other women were wounded Friday in an execution-style shooting at the flower shop. The slayings resemble shootings in Garden City, Kan., Pampa and Springer, N.M.

Prosecutors in New Mexico and Kansas have filed murder charges against Gregg Francis Braun, 28, of Garden City.

District Attorney Fred Collins of Ardmore said he was awaiting a final ballistics and fingerprint report before deciding whether to file charges against Braun in the Ardmore case.

Greene waived extradition, but not before Collins deleted from the paperwork a statement that Greene would not hold anyone in Carter County liable for his arrest.

As he went to court on the extradition matter, Greene said he might get a lawyer and file a lawsuit against Carter County and the city of Ardmore.

Meanwhile, the judge who issued the arrest warrant for Greene on Sunday said if he were given the

same information again he would approve an arrest warrant.

"It sounded like a good circumstantial case, assuming all that was true," Judge Lee Card said. "Apparently it was not."

Card said the affidavit said officers could prove Greene was in Kansas and Texas at the time of the killings there and that he had spent some marked money associated with the Kansas killing.

Collins said information obtained from a Clarendon deputy about the marked money later was determined not to be true.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Harold Comer in Pampa said Thursday he is awaiting the results of tests comparing a bullet and shell casing found there with a test round from a gun recovered in New Mexico before deciding whether to drop the murder charge he filed against Greene. He said he may have those results by the end of the week.

Greene is accused there in last week's shooting death of Edley Perry Spurrier, a photo processing shop owner. Comer said Braun now is a suspect in that slaying.

Braun is being held on \$1 million bond in Raton, N.M., on an open charge of murder in the New Mexico slaying. He was charged Wednesday in

Garden City with two counts each of felony murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping in the July 19 slayings of Barbara Kochendorfer, 27, and Mary Rains, 28, who were working alone in the middle of the night at Garden City convenience stores.

New Mexico authorities recovered a .25-caliber handgun from Braun's car after his arrest Sunday night. The killings in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas were believed to have been carried out with the same weapon.

Greene said Thursday he didn't know Braun, although prosecutors have said it was thought the two men — who resemble each other — ran in the same circles.

"I believe I can place him in Ardmore last Friday. Maybe not at the time of the killing, but sometime prior to or afterward. I think there is some kind of connection between the two (Greene and Braun)," Collins said.

"You know they're running in the same circles because they went into the same bars. It's incredible to think here's a fellow that's going to these three places at the same time these homicides are taking place. It's such a coincidence ... almost unbelievable. It's almost more believable to think there is a connection."





# Viewpoints



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## Opinion

### We really don't require a nanny

The U.S. economy continues to teeter downward, perhaps toward a recession. This month the Association for Purchasing Management reported that all its indicators except production dropped in June. Its index stood at 48.8 percent for that month, down from 49.9 percent for May. A score above 50 means the economy rose; below 50 means it fell. June's 48.8 percent marked the lowest score since July 1986.

Of course, this may just be a slide downward, to be quickly followed by a recovery. Yet many observers are calling for a recession right now. In an article entitled "A good recession," the normally astute *Economist* magazine says, "Put starkly, (the central banks of the industrial countries) choice is this: to aim for a victory over inflation at the risk of a shallow economic recession now; or to accommodate a further spell of rapid growth and upward-creeping inflation, followed by a much deeper recession later."

But as Milton Friedman and other economists have noted, today's inflation results from the U.S. Federal Reserve Board printing too much money in 1985 and 1986 under then-chairman Paul Volcker. And since then, current Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan has been cutting back the printing presses and jacking up interest rates, though he recently cut interest rates a bit. In other words, we're already suffering through the correction the *Economist* insists we must have again.

Though the money supply influences economic growth, it isn't the sole factor. Other factors include the burden of taxation, the size of government spending, and such restrictions to trade as protectionism and regulation. President Bush should use the threat of a recession to initiate a four-part program to ward off economic decline:

- Eliminate the capital gains tax. Bush has proposed a reduction from 28 percent to 15 percent. But a cut to 0 percent would be even better. It would stimulate economic innovation and create thousands of new jobs.
- Cut government spending by 10 percent: \$120 billion. Bigger cuts would be better. But this would be a healthy start, and it could be easily done just by cutting government waste. It would give us a leaner, cost-effective government.
- End protectionism, such as the quotas on imports of autos, steel and microchips. This has cost consumers and businesses billions. But with a recession looming, we can't afford waste.
- End federal regulation of consumers and businesses; government never should have become our nanny.

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## Maybe the politicians want it

By CHARLES D. VAN EATON  
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There's no mystery about why federal spending for social services grows. It grows because politicians support laws which virtually guarantee that the number needing social services will grow. They may or may not intend it that way, but that's the way it works.

Two Michigan politicians, Reps. Sander Levin and Dale Kildee (both Democrats) and Rep. Don Pease, (D-Ohio), introduced legislation to revive a federal program which doubles the amount of time an unemployed individual can receive unemployment compensation.

Why? Because, as Rep. Levin says, "The bitter and ironic truth is that the longer one is unemployed, the less likely that person, and that person's family, is receiving benefits."

What's so ironic about that? It's perfectly obvious that the longer one is unemployed, the more likely it is that they have passed the amount of time one is eligible to receive unemployment benefits.

Unemployment benefits were never designed to last forever. Well, these gentlemen want it doubled from 13 weeks to 26 weeks and that is hardly "forever." But it's long enough to send a signal which says, "Stay where you are, don't move actively into the labor market, don't learn new skills, when you run out of benefits someone will find a way for you to keep receiving them."

The Washington-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities says that only 28.5 percent of the unemployed in Michigan receive unemployment compensation. Aside from the fact that this particular think-tank is now and has always been on the left side of the political spectrum, and could be expected to find the dark lining of every silver cloud in the economy, their data are

being used to tell a misleading story.

Given seven years of strong economic expansion with low inflation, it's perfectly natural to expect that the vast majority of the statistically defined unemployed would fall into one of the three out of four categories of "The Unemployed" which do not qualify for unemployment compensation.

These three ineligible categories are: 1) New Entrants into the labor force, 2) Reentrants into the labor force, and 3) Job Quitters. Even within the fourth category, Job Losers, only those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own are eligible for unemployment compensation.

The general economic expansion of the Reagan years, coupled with the strengthening of the dollar in foreign exchange markets, was good to Michigan. Even the needed restructuring of the auto industry was good for Michigan. Despite the fact that the auto industry employs fewer people now than it did in the 1970s, the higher productivity of those jobs which remain provide a far greater level of job security than before.

But the Center doesn't see it this way. They argue that in 1979, which was also the fifth year of an economic expansion, over half the unemployed in Michigan received unemployment compensation.

In truth they did. But they did for one reason which are not operative today. First, Congress had approved several extensions of eligibility so that, following the 1975 recession, one could remain on the compensation dole for as long as 65 weeks. Second, the auto industry was then enjoying its last really big year and yet people were being laid off as the industry was retooling to produce lighter, more fuel efficient front-wheel drive cars. And, thirdly, new entrants, reentrants and job quitters were a minority of the unemployed.

The character of the unemployed, combined with the lengthening of benefit eligibility, kept far too many people around waiting for the auto industry to return to a time which would never return. The result? A much larger proportion of the unemployed eligible for benefits than is true today.

What's wrong with extending the time during which one may continue to receive unemployment benefits? Isn't it the humane thing to do?

Unemployment compensation subsidizes unemployment. It reduces the need to look really hard for a job. It induces rejection of legitimate job offers if these jobs do not pay what the unemployed individual used to make and has come to believe he ought to make.

It tells a lie — it says that if you keep waiting where you are something good will happen. It says, don't bother to learn a new skill because your old skill will still, sooner or later, get you a job. In a word, it guarantees higher measured rates of unemployment and a longer duration of unemployment.

Eventually the truth will have its say and the individual who has been induced to believe a lie may very well become a candidate for full-blown welfare. What's humane about that?

There are plenty of jobs in Michigan and elsewhere in the country. But many of these jobs require skills different from what was demanded in the past. The whole idea behind unemployment compensation in the beginning was to give the unemployed time to evaluate the job market and make those adjustments needed to fit prevailing market conditions.

Unfortunately, the continued extension of benefits mutes that signal. The result? More and longer unemployment and more people who need the help of politicians. Maybe that's why the politicians want it.



## It wasn't just a local rip-off

Maybe I should have blown the whistle. From sources inside Chicago's Housing Authority I had testimony and evidence 20 years ago of fraud, bribery and thievery within HUD.

But because my broadcast and newspaper columns are national I was disinclined to narrow the focus to what seemed a purely local rip-off.

Now it's obvious that it was not purely local. When President Reagan appointed Sam Pierce to head HUD, a polished, experienced attorney with a passion for civil rights in general and fair housing in particular, I relaxed. Now things would be cleaned up.

Instead, things got worse. In the first place, Mr. Pierce did not want the job; he would have preferred appointment to the Supreme Court.

As HUD secretary he was bored; he worked only between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., spending some of that time watching soap operas on television. He spent a lot of time in New York. He took five trips to the Soviet Union (at your expense).

Meanwhile, those around him apparently were playing favorites with friends, securing



Paul Harvey

rent subsidies and other HUD funding, enriching old cronies.

Presently two committees of the Congress are hearing testimony from a parade of witnesses that they did, indeed, profit from what Wall Street would call "insider trading" at HUD.

The *Wall Street Journal* notes that Mr. Pierce's fingerprints on HUD matters are most often faint or disguised. He preferred to deal through young, trusted executive assistants.

His own former law partner, Theodore Kheel, calls it a "tragedy." He says, "Pierce was a lawyer, not an administrator. He was picked by

Reagan only because he was black and because he had good credentials."

While Congress is probing alleged hanky-panky in HUD's Washington office, I am remembering the early metastases of this sinister situation — symptoms pre dating Pierce.

I am remembering the favored Chicago contractors who got away with substandard work on HUD projects; overt stripping of public housing by delinquent occupants; honest inspectors frustrated by HUD officials who demanded that they look the other way.

I am remembering all the way back to the Nixon administration that HUD became more a social agency than a housing authority, placing minorities — qualified or not — in directional positions.

Developers paid kickbacks for contracts. The secretary's discretionary fund in Washington was used to circumvent regional HUD offices in doing favors for friends.

I should have blown the whistle way back then; I figure — from Jack Kemp's figures — that my procrastination probably cost you \$2 billion.

## Big farms slurping up subsidized water

By ROBERT WALTERS

FIVE POINTS, Calif. (NEA) — Once again, Washington insiders are being criticized for abusing the public trust, operating at the edges of the law and enriching themselves with public funds. In many cases, they deserve to be censured.

But little attention is ever paid to the conduct of the people elsewhere in the country who manipulate federal laws and squander government money for their own selfish purposes.

Nowhere is that more apparent than in California's Central Valley, a vast basin encompassing 17 million acres, where avaricious farmers have engaged in scandalous if not illegal behavior for decades.

When the Reclamation Act of 1902 was enacted, its clear intent was to provide federal financial assistance to families settling in the West and seeking to establish modest farms in arid areas where crops could not be produced without irrigation.

The federal law established the Bureau of Reclamation within the Interior

Department. Its first commissioner, F.H. Newell, explained the agency's mission:

"The object of the (law) is not so much to irrigate the land as it is to make homes... It is not to irrigate the lands which now belong to large corporations or to small ones. It is not to make these men wealthy. But it is to bring about a condition whereby that land shall be put into the hands of the smaller owner."

To achieve that goal, the law specified that irrigation water from reclamation projects would be provided only to farms no larger than 160 acres whose owners lived on or near the land. Although the beneficiaries would have to pay their share of building the reclamation projects, they received a substantial subsidy by having all interest charges waived.

But operators of large corporate farms promptly corrupted the law's intent by securing bureaucratic interpretations that allowed a maximum of 160 acres per owner rather than per farm. They then established trusts, part-

nerships and corporations in which various combinations of family members were able to retain ownership of tens of thousands of irrigated acres. In other cases, sales of land that exceeded the acreage limit, which is required by law, turned out to be fraudulent transactions.

Civil suits filed in federal courts by both farmers and land reformers blocked serious enforcement of the law throughout most of this century. The Interior Department further undermined the statute by providing interpretations of the law tailored to individual farms rather than establishing rules applicable to all.

The effects of the continuing scandal have been apparent throughout the 17 Western states where 9.9 million acres of land are irrigated by federal reclamation projects — but nowhere have they had more impact than on the 2.3 million acres served by the Central Valley Project in California.

The largest of the dozens of irrigation districts served by that project — indeed, the largest single recipient of

government-financed water in the country — is the Westlands Water District, whose more than 600,000 acres are almost all irrigated.

The Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 and Interior Department regulations issued in 1987 were supposed to finally end abuses on the part of corporate farms. While increasing the maximum size of farms benefiting from reclamation projects to 960 acres, the new law eliminated many earlier loopholes.

But a recent study conducted by the California Institute for Rural Studies, an independent agricultural research organization, showed that, in 1987, there were still 105 water-using farms in the Westlands bigger than the legal limit — including 28 farms of 1,921 acres or larger.

Almost 90 years after the original law was enacted, those farms are still receiving unjustified annual subsidies of almost \$100 per acre from the federal treasury. That is a scandal rivaling anything that has occurred in Washington in recent months.

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# Israelis capture Shiite leader linked to Higgins kidnapping

By MOHAMMED SALAM  
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli commandos today kidnapped a Shiite Moslem leader who is considered Iran's closest ally and whose sources say was linked to the abduction of U.S. Lt. Col. William R. Higgins.

Police said Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, 33, was kidnapped from his second-floor apartment in the village of Jibchit, 21 miles north of the border with Israel. A curious neighbor was killed by the commandos, police said.

Obeid is reputed to be the spiritual guide of Hezbollah, or Party of God, in south Lebanon.

However, he has repeatedly denied links with the pro-Iranian group, which is affiliated with factions holding most of the 17 foreign hostages in Lebanon. Nine Americans are among the hostages.

Security sources in south Lebanon, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Higgins was briefly held at Obeid's apartment after his abduction in south Lebanon on Feb. 17, 1988.

One source said the late leader of the mainstream Shiite Moslem Amal militia in south Lebanon, Daoud Daoud, sent "a group of his followers to obtain Higgins' release from Obeid's apartment, but the force was encircled by Hezbollah gunmen, stripped of its weapons and sent back."

The source said Higgins' kidnappers, the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, later took the American marine out of Jibchit to another village in south Lebanon and then to the slums of south Beirut.

Daoud and Mahmoud Faqih, another Amal leader, were assassinated by unknown gunmen in south Beirut's seaside suburb of Ouzai on Sept. 22, 1988. Amal blamed the killings on Hezbollah.

The two had led a four-day crackdown by Amal on Hezbollah in south Lebanon in April 1988.

On Feb. 21, 1988, Obeid was quoted by Beirut radio stations as saying he believed the kidnappers had managed to smuggle Higgins out of the south. Obeid, speaking to worshippers at a mosque in Jibchit, also claimed that Higgins was in charge of the U.N. peacekeeping forces' "spying operations."

Higgins, 44, of Danville, Ky., a decorated Vietnam veteran, headed an observer group attached to the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon at the time of his abduction. He was kidnapped near Daoud's base in the southern port of Tyre.

Obeid negotiated the safe withdrawal of Hezbollah gunmen and allied Iranian Revolutionary Guards from Jibchit, when the village of 18,000 residents was besieged by Amal after the kidnappers moved Higgins to another hideout.

Higgins' kidnapping was believed to be a major factor behind Amal's crackdown in the south, which left 62 dead and 150 wounded.

A police spokesman said an Israeli helicopter landed a commando force about two miles west of Jibchit at 1 a.m.

He said a force of about 12 commandos "walked into Jibchit, encircled Sheikh Obeid's three-story building on the eastern edge of the village."

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line

with police rules, said "someone with the Israelis spoke Arabic. They knocked on the door and someone from the Sheikh's family opened."

"The Israelis quickly moved in pointing silencer-equipped pistols at the sheik, his cousin Ahmed Obeid and Majid Fahs, a friend who was staying with them," the spokesman said.

"Sheikh Obeid's 25-year-old wife, Mona, was locked in one of the rooms, her hands tied up and

mouth plastered," the spokesman added.

As the Israeli force was leaving with the three men, a neighbor, Hussein Abu Zeid, "apparently heard some noise and opened his door to find out what was happening. They shot him in the head and he died instantly," the spokesman added.

He said the Israelis also "locked the room where Sheikh Obeid's three sons and two daughters were sleeping. They didn't hurt the children."

## Lucas denies new allegation that he discouraged lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — William Lucas, President Bush's embattled nominee to be the chief civil rights enforcer, is denying a new but unverified allegation that he once complained about a federal housing discrimination suit against a predominantly white Detroit suburb.

Justice Department spokesman David Runkel said late Thursday that Lucas, nominated as assistant attorney general for civil rights, denied urging the government to drop a housing discrimination suit against the city of Birmingham, Mich.

The allegation was contained in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee from Michael Sussman, a former Justice Department civil rights lawyer who now represents black plaintiffs in the landmark desegregation case against Yonkers, N.Y.

"This kind of a last-minute tactic is reprehensible from somebody who is certainly aware of the system to raise an issue without any substance at all at this point," Runkel said, calling Sussman "a disgruntled former employee of the department."

Civil rights organizations have questioned Lucas' qualifications to serve in the post. The 61-year-old black Republican from Detroit was sheriff and later chief executive of Wayne County, Mich. He is a lawyer who has never appeared in court.

Sussman's letter describing a 1980 telephone call by Lucas was circulated Thursday by congressional sources after the Judiciary Committee postponed a vote on the nomination until Tuesday at the

request of Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala.

Heflin, whose vote could decide whether the panel gives Lucas a favorable recommendation to the full Senate, said he wanted time to study the new information.

"I don't want to injure anybody — the allegations are not substantiated," Heflin told reporters.

Lawmakers, lobbyists and Justice Department officials professed ignorance about the new information to which Heflin referred. The Alabama senator told colleagues he would not necessarily support Lucas if forced to vote Thursday.

In the letter circulated later in the day, Sussman said he "was not personally the recipient of Mr. Lucas' call (but) I distinctly recall discussing it with my supervisor."

"It particularly struck me that Mr. Lucas — who then was sheriff of Wayne County and a political figure familiar to me from my frequent visits to the area — would attempt to intervene on behalf of the defendant white officeholders," Sussman said.

The Justice Department, which eventually won the suit, charged that the city of Birmingham violated the Fair Housing Act by preventing the construction of racially integrated low-income housing. Birmingham is in Oakland County.

Runkel said the lawyer who tried the case, Brian Heffernan, never heard of Lucas until his nomination this year.

But Sussman, reached by telephone at his home in suburban New York, said he clearly remembers a conversation with his supervisor, Joel Selig, after Lucas telephoned the department three to four weeks after the lawsuit was first filed.

## New drug offers hope for AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early tests of a new AIDS drug are so promising that federal scientists are expressing hope it may become a powerful new weapon against the epidemic that now numbers 100,000 cases.

Scientists say they hope to start an expanded second phase of tests this fall and perhaps have the drug available for wide use next year.

Phase I trials, described in a report published today in the journal Science, showed that the drug, called DDI, controlled the growth of the AIDS virus and enabled patients to gain weight, feel better and develop some resistance to infection.

"This is not a cure for AIDS," said Dr. Robert Yarchoan, a National Cancer Institute researcher who helped direct the Phase I trials. "But it appears to control the disease."

The number of AIDS cases reached the 100,000 mark in recent weeks, the Centers for Disease Control said, and 58,014 AIDS patients had died as of June 30. No one is known to have recovered from the disease.

DDI, laboratory shorthand for 2',3'-dideoxyinosine, combats

AIDS by blocking reproduction of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes the disease. This action is similar to AZT, or zidovudine, the only drug now approved to directly treat AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"Like AZT, it (DDI) appears to reduce the replication of the virus and controls the disease," Yarchoan said in an interview. "It can keep the virus from replicating, but it can't rid the body of the virus."

Yarchoan said NCI researchers hope to receive Food and Drug Administration approval by September to start Phase II clinical trials involving some 1,000 patients and 20 centers around the country.

He said these trials could last six months to a year, and, if they go well, could lead to FDA approval for wide use of DDI.

The journal Science said that after the new clinical trials are under way, DDI manufacturer Bristol-Myers hopes to distribute the drug without charge to patients who are in critical need. No agreement for this distribution has been reached with the FDA, however, the magazine said.

Yarchoan said DDI's action of blocking reproduction of the AIDS virus enables patients to recover some ability to fight infection. This could prolong life since most AIDS patients die because immune systems weakened by the HIV virus cannot combat infection.

DDI, said Yarchoan, has important advantages over AZT: it is less toxic, better tolerated by patients, and needs to be taken only two or three times a day. AZT must be taken six times daily without fail, which requires patients to awaken during the night.

Yarchoan said the clinical trials of DDI started 47 weeks ago for 26 patients. Five patients, who earlier were taking a closely related compound called DDA, were added later.

"We started at very low doses and as the patients tolerated each dose we worked our way up," Yarchoan said. "After the first four doses, we found hints of activity, but nothing that was too substantial."

"But in our fifth dose, we found very consistent improvement in immunologic function and at the same time evidence that the amount of virus in the people was going down," he added.

## Poll: Southerners oppose abortion ban

ATLANTA (AP) — A poll published today shows that few Southerners want a total ban on abortion but are divided on exactly when the procedure should be legal.

The poll, conducted by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, shows that 50 percent of the people polled in 12 Southern or border states think abortion should be legal under some circumstances. Another 27 percent said it should be legal on demand.

Only 18 percent of those responding said all abortions should be illegal, and 5 percent didn't know. The percentages held true for both men and women.

The random telephone survey was conducted from July 20 through Monday among 1,403 adults in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. It has a margin of error of 3 percent.

The poll was taken a few weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states should be allowed to impose limits on abortions, throwing the issue to the 50 state legislatures for the first time.

Here are some other major findings of the survey:

- If a woman's life is endangered, 93 percent said she should be entitled to an abortion, and 84 percent thought an abortion would be in order if her health might be severely damaged. But only 53 per-

cent said an abortion should be performed if the baby will be born deformed.

- Eighty-one percent favored abortions in cases of rape or incest. Only 23 percent believed a woman should have an abortion if she cannot afford to have the child.

- Respondents were asked if they favored a law requiring parental consent before a girl under 18 can have an abortion; 73 percent favored it and 22 percent were against.

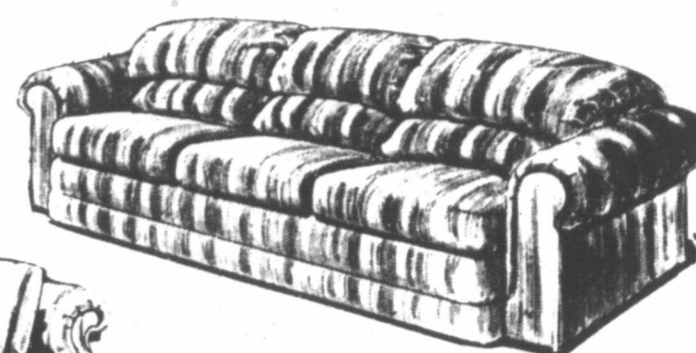
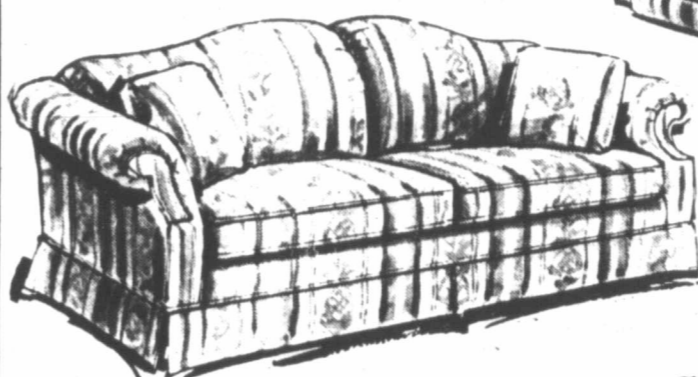


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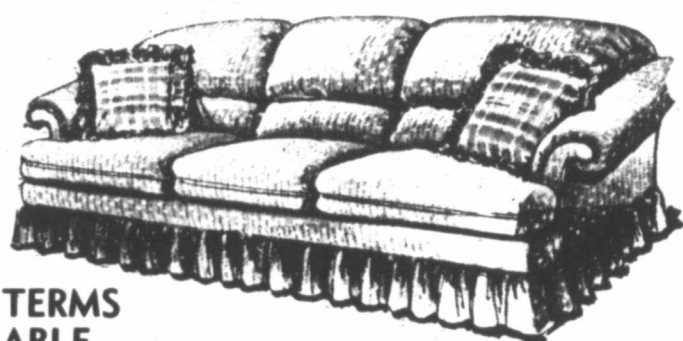
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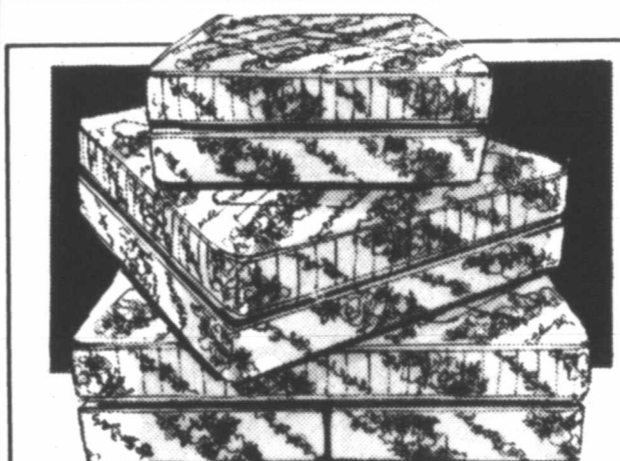
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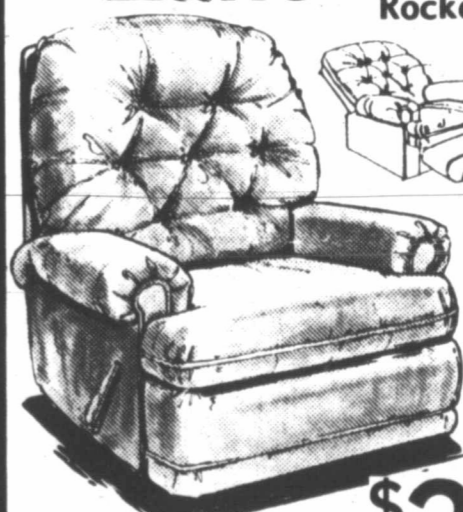


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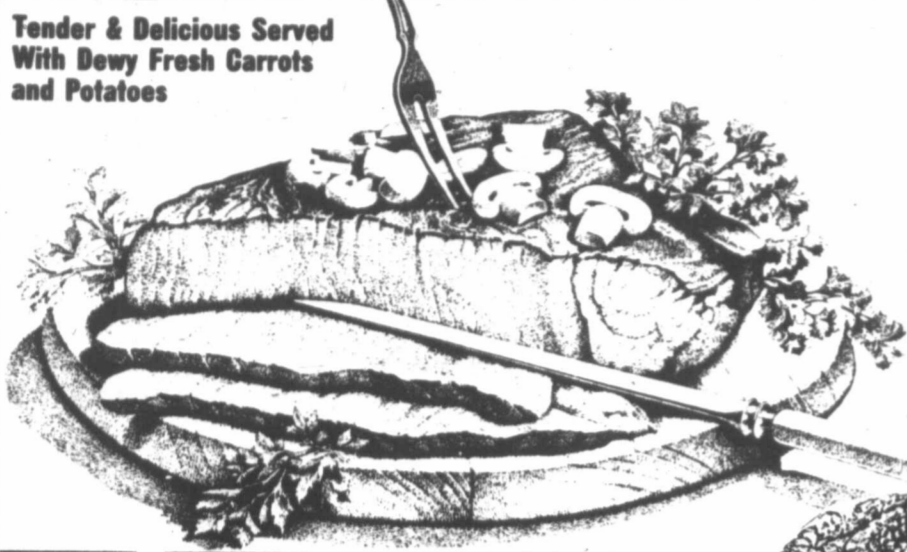
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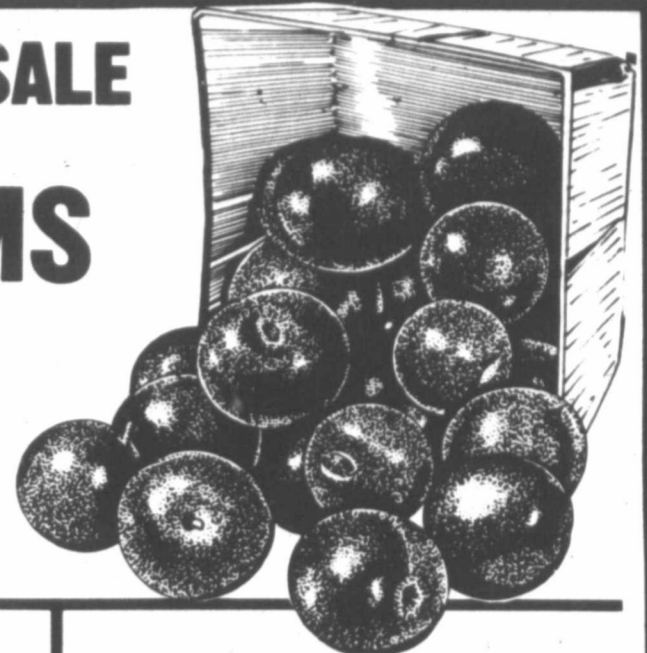
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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## New fellowship center to open Sunday morning

The Carpenter's House, a new interdenominational Christian Fellowship, will begin its regular meetings this Sunday at 938 E. Frederic in Pampa.

Sunday services will include Bible Study at 9:45 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m., Youth Fellowship at 6 p.m. and Prayer, Praise and The Word service at 7 p.m.

Mid-week services on Bible teaching will be held Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Representatives say the fellowship will emphasize the New Testament, with denominationally unrelated, Bible-centered, mission supporting and evangelistic stress on Christian topics.

The public is invited to attend the new services at The Carpenter's House.

## His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how."* (Mark 4:26-27 NIV)

Yard work has been a mite trying for me this year. In spite of an especially dry, breezy early spring, I attempted to plant shade grass in a bare spot in my back yard.

I tried to distribute the tiny seeds as evenly as possible, but the wind caught many of them and jet propelled them north. I knew the seeds that managed to actually land in my yard needed to be kept wet.

Of course, the rest of the grass was begging with lolling tongues for water anyway, so I made a valiant effort to water the yard. The water also blew away. (I hear Liberal, Kansas, is particularly lush this year. It should be; I seeded and watered it well!)

Just as I was about to give the seeds up for dead, a gully washer came and washed all the seeds into puddles where they sprouted and thrived. Now I have random splotches of thick grass and bare dirt.

When face-to-face with a witnessing opportunity, we Christians often approach it with fear, insecure in our testimony and intensely aware of our powerlessness to enforce God's message on another's soul. Because of our human limitations, we tend to identify our evangelistic influence within the confines of those limitations.

As we reach out to share the plan of salvation, we look into unresponsive eyes and are fearful of missing our heart mark. We are too easily discouraged and spurned.

What we lack in power and vision, the Holy Spirit possesses in infinite measure. He is the force behind our words. He scatters our "seeds" in divine design and nurtures them with holy persuasion until they sprout and grow in rich profusion, often where we least expect results.

From sincere Christian intent the Spirit grows rich faith in mighty multiples.

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## Religion roundup

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Anti-war and anti-abortion activists are working together in some cases.

That was so in recent demonstrations at the Seneca Army Depot and at a Highland Hospital abortion clinic, reports Religious News Service.

It said most of the activists at the Army depot were anti-abortion protest veterans and most of the protesters at the abortion clinic were veteran anti-war protesters.

The Rev. Daniel Berrigan, a Jesuit priest and leading figure in the anti-war movement, helped coordinate both protests. A 10-foot-long banner proclaimed the linkage this way: "War is abortion, abortion is war."

Organizations combining protests against war and abortion include Plowshares, which organized the demonstrations here, an evangelical group called Just-Life and the group Pro-Lifers for Survival.

NEW YORK (AP) — Because of China's harsh suppression of democracy students, the American Jewish Committee has canceled plans for sending a delegation there this summer "in the interest of deepening relationships between the American Jewish community and Chinese people."



# Religion

## Rooftop preacher gives congregation the word from on high

By SCOTT HALLMAN  
*Beaumont Enterprise*

VIDOR, Texas (AP) — Members of Northwest Baptist Church received the word from on high one recent Sunday morning. Their pastor, the Rev. Joe Constantine, preached from the roof of the church. His rooftop sermon grew out of a challenge he made half in jest to one of the church deacons, who was helping him repair the roof of the church parsonage soon after he became pastor, Constantine said. Constantine told the deacon it would be nice if the parsonage had a patio and then issued the deacon a challenge. "If we get 150 people in Sunday school will you give me a patio?" he asked the deacon. The deacon agreed, and when Constantine told the congregation about the bet, someone asked what the church

would get out of the bargain. So Constantine offered to preach from the roof if the church met its Sunday school membership goal. But prospects for getting 150 people to attend Sunday school weren't good. For the past 20 years, attendance in the classes and worship services steadily had dropped. When he became pastor in October 1987, about 20 people attended Sunday school, he said. "When the church called me it was at a crossroads," he said. "They had to decide between hiring a full-time pastor or a bi-vocational pastor (a pastor who works a full-time job outside the church)." Deciding to become pastor was a difficult decision for him and his wife Janice, Constantine said. Although he wanted to become a pastor, he was

very comfortable in his job as youth director at First Baptist Church of Stowell and his full-time job at Mobil Chemical Co. in Beaumont, he said. When he first visited the church, he found the parsonage in need of major repairs and a nearly empty church in an economically depressed neighborhood, he said. "Janice didn't say much and I didn't either, but I knew what she was thinking. I wasn't so sure if this was the right place for us," he said. He preached at the church, and his mind was made up. "That Sunday when I stepped in the foyer I knew that this is where I should be. I didn't hear any voices, I just knew in my heart." Credit for the church's turn-around should go to its members, who worked hard to get their friends and family out

to the church and give him the support that he needed, Constantine said. Last month, Sunday school attendance reached 154 and it was time for Constantine to keep his promise. Because he had done carpentry work in the past, he said he was not afraid to walk on the roof. The piano was moved outside and chairs arranged on the church's west side so that the congregation could be shaded by pine trees on the church lawn. Instead of merely preaching from the roof, he got an idea that made his sermon more meaningful, Constantine said. As he preached, Constantine walked the routes outlined on the map. He talked about how God had met the needs of his people then and how he had done the same thing for their church now.

## Minister rescues teen from street life

By KAREN HARRIS  
*Dallas Morning News*

DALLAS (AP) — All eyes focus on the petite woman sitting in the middle of a circle of about 30 teen-agers. Her voice combines a native Puerto Rican accent with slang from the New York streets where she grew up. The words are direct and intimidating to some of the students fidgeting in their seats. The woman is talking about a wayward kid, what used to be called a juvenile delinquent. "Bill has the baddest mouth in East Dallas," Irma "Cookie" Rodriguez yells. "But the baddest person here is me." Cookie Rodriguez is just doing what she does. After spending years on the streets herself, she has become a tireless campaigner for getting children off that same treadmill of desperation and misery. For the mostly minority kids she works with, she often has been the difference between hope and despair. "I wish we had more like her," says Judge Hal Gaither, a Dallas County juvenile court judge, who often sees Mrs. Rodriguez in his court pleading the cases of the children under her care. "She provides a very necessary service to these kids. She helps get their train on the right track." Today Mrs. Rodriguez has called an emergency meeting at the Church Street Academy on Urban Avenue, where she counsels troubled youths and teaches them about Christ.

documentary on gang violence, she began her outreach ministry for teens. Teen-agers came to the Church Street Academy from all over Dallas County, Mrs. Rodriguez says. Some are referrals from the Dallas County Juvenile Department and probation officers; others hear about the program on the streets.

"The kids sell the program," she says. "My commitment is to work with kids the rest of my life. Some of the kids have been almost destroyed. I could never give this up. To me, it is a lifetime commitment." Irma Rivera grew up in Puerto Rico, in a neighborhood so poor most homes had no electricity and sometimes no food. She never knew her teen-age father, who committed suicide by drinking Lysol after she was born. Her 14-year-old mother, too young to support a child, gave the infant to her husband's mother, who worked for wealthy families by day and operated a gambling house at night. "One night during a raid, a pregnant woman who'd been gambling tried to get away," she writes in *Cookie*. "She fell, and both she and her baby died. That's what I remember most clearly about the raids — that woman falling, dying."

The family eventually moved to New York for economic reasons and that's when the trouble began for young Irma. She was a good student academically, she says. But the pressure to fit in at Booker T. Washington Junior High School led her to a Puerto Rican gang called the Diamonds. She became a member of the Debs, the female counterpart of the Diamonds.

To show her toughness, Mrs. Rodriguez began drinking and using heroin. Once, when she was suspended for fighting with another student, Cookie attempted suicide and was admitted to a mental hospital. It was the first of what would be many trips. Before she was 16, she was sexually molested by a 24-year-old soldier.

By the time Irma — 17 and unmarried — became pregnant with her first child, Dondi, her heroin habit had become so expensive she turned to prostitution — introduced to the business by an uncle. Soon after, her grandmother kicked her out of the house.

At one point, the drug-addicted teen-ager slashed a police officer and was charged with felonious assault, she says. She almost received a jail sentence, but then the charges were mysteriously dropped.

Mrs. Rodriguez says she knows that the Lord was watching over her.

"Very few survived from my neighborhood," she says. "If I'd take you to the South Bronx, you'll find that most of my friends are doing life (in prison) or are dead."

But she had no epiphany that caused her to immediately change her life. That took a lot of persistence by One-Eyed-Dutch, a drug addict who lost his eye after he'd tried to mug a man armed with a metal-tipped umbrella. He found her sleeping on the streets and brought her to Teen Challenge, a street ministry.

There she found self-respect, Christ and a man named Demi Rodriguez, who had been hooked on heroin for 14 years. She left the streets and gave her life over to Christ in 1965. One year later, she married Demi.

The care and attention she received at the street ministry convinced her that she had a

responsibility to help teens in a similar plight. Today, as a reminder of her dark days, she often raises her sleeves and shows teens the network of needle tracks.

After moving to Dallas, Mrs. Rodriguez wanted to do more than just proselytize. In 1983, she borrowed \$10,000 to get the Church Street Academy started. The ministry still has no permanent home, operating out of a former church in East Dallas. Rooms where classes are held for students who aren't in regular school are small, crowded and hot in the summer. Classes are taught by volunteers and Mrs. Rodriguez's son, Danny, 21 one of her five children.

Mrs. Rodriguez says she uses donations and money from speaking engagements to pay for the \$13,000 monthly expenses, which include \$3,000 monthly rent.

Dallas County pays her about \$6,000 a month for expenses of the kids coming off the streets.

She says her program has a waiting list and that the ministry is in the process of renovating a new, larger location on Lawnview Avenue in East Dallas.

Money hasn't been the only drawback in finding a permanent home. Not many neighborhoods are inclined to welcome troubled, minority teen-agers, Mrs. Rodriguez says.

"Neighbors would come in and harass some of the kids," she says. "One of the neighbors pulled a gun on two of the kids. People would pass by and give obscene gestures.

"I was always on edge. It has just exhausted me."

One group of residents, who live near the academy's current home, wrote to County Judge Lee Jackson complaining about the students.

In a detailed letter, Jackson explained to the neighborhood group that the teen-agers are not allowed to run loose in the streets and are at the church to learn. Since then, Mrs. Rodriguez has received no more complaints from the neighbors, she says.

But these are minor obstacles. Mrs. Rodriguez's main concern is the children.

Three years ago, A.G. Gaston was on his way to being incarcerated in a Texas Youth Commission facility for burglary and grand theft auto. After his 18th birthday, he was to be transferred to prison.

His probation officer told him about Cookie and the Church Street Academy.

"I was a very bitter 16-year-old," says Gaston, 19. "I wasn't a social person and I didn't feel good toward other people. I wanted just to pass the time away and not get involved, and do what I was supposed to, to get off probation.

"But I felt she cared, was loving and God in her heart. Her son started inviting me to church, and I gave my life to the Lord."

Gaston now teaches at the Street Academy. And Mrs. Rodriguez can remember them all.

"It makes me believe more and more in miracles," she says. "It has encouraged me to go on."

"If I didn't see miracles, I wouldn't make it."

## March of Dimes

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### Saints and Sinners

George Plagenz

## Character building better than concern for ethics

Old-fashioned ethics is all the rage these days. I am hoping it will lead to a revival of interest in his kisser cousin, character building.

Although there is a family resemblance between the two, they are not the same. Ethics has to do with right and wrong — knowing the difference and then doing right.

Character building is more concerned with developing your finer powers. It goes beyond refusing to shred evidence or to put your wife on the payroll. It has more to do with personal virtue than social conduct.

Character building went out of fashion in the 1960s and '70s. With the entire system needing overhauling, it was considered immoral to concentrate on improving your own self. What did traits like clean speech and self-control have to do with correcting the inequities of society? Sometimes that took rage and a longshoreman's vocabulary.

It is time to bring back character building. For years I wrote regularly on the subject. I would also give talks to all kinds of groups based on a list of character traits Charles Lindbergh was supposed to have drawn up as a young man.

I told how Lindy would go down the list every night before bed and grade himself on each trait — no fault-finding, calmness in temper, economy, punctuality, readiness to compromise, perseverance, politeness, tact, moderation, etc. There were 59 of them.

Then the idea came to me to write Lindbergh, asking him questions such as how he happened to compile the list and how long he had stuck to it. It would make a nice sequel to the story.

Well, I got my sequel. But it was not what I had expected. Reading Lindbergh's letter, I couldn't have been more surprised if I had asked Moses to tell me the full story of how he got

his hands on the Ten Commandments and he had stared at me blankly and said, "Ten Commandments? What Ten Commandments?"

"The character list is pure bunk," the letter said, "one of those numberless concoctions by the press that have no basis in fact whatsoever — like the cat I was supposed to have carried with me in 'The Spirit of St. Louis' to Paris.

"Actually I had no such list and had no interest in this kind of thing."

I wrote the story which appeared in newspapers all across the country. "Lindy Debunks Character-Building Myth."

Nevertheless, today's self-indulgent, materialistic generation is paying the price for its lack of interest in character development. The price is boredom and dissatisfaction.

Even if nobody notices the difference in you, a character-building regimen will do wonders to lift your sense of self-esteem. If Robert Schuller is right that poor self-esteem is responsible for much of our unhappiness, here is help for us.

We may no longer have "Lindy's 59" to guide us. But we have Marcus Aurelius' Meditations. He was emperor of Rome in the second century — an age of decadence like our own. Here is some of his Stoic philosophy:

• Pain is not intolerable if you bear it in mind that it is not everlasting, and if you add nothing to it in imagination.

• When thou hast done a good act and another has received it, why dost thou still look for a third thing beside these, as fools do, either to have the reputation of having done a good act or to obtain a return?

• Practice thyself even in the things thou despaisest of accomplishing.

• The best way of avenging the wrong-doer is not to become like him.

## Calvary Baptist schedules its Vacation Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd Ave., will conduct its annual Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, July 31 - Aug. 4.

The school will be in the evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Classes will be provided for everyone ages 2 years through Senior Adults.

The curriculum for children and youth will be "God Shows His Love," and the adults will be studying "The Parables of Jesus."

Besides the Bible studies, there will be mission stories, games, handwork and refreshments.

Those who need transportation may call 665-0842 daytime or 669-7988 evenings.

Parents night will be Sunday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. with a program given by the children, followed by fellowship with refreshments.

Church members said all are welcome to attend the Vacation Bible School.

## Hymnal respects both races

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
*AP Religion Writer*

NEW YORK (AP) — Blacks pay respects to whites and whites pay respects to blacks in a new United Methodist hymnal being distributed to congregations across the country.

The mutual consideration is reflected in the lyrics as well as in the broad range of selections, from European-derived classics to slave spirituals.

Female also gets included along with male in the language about people, such as substituting "all" for "men." But references to God and Jesus remain mostly male.

"There were trade-offs," says the Rev. Carlton R. Young, editor of the hymnal, whose repertoire of 625 numbers includes 300 new ones. Many are evangelical-style gospel songs and black spirituals.

"It was a process of give-and-take, which is how Methodists have stayed Methodists all these years," he said in a telephone interview from his Nashville, Tenn., office.

For example, in the newly included black spiritual "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," the ethnic pronunciation is "Ever Time Ah Fil de Spirit," but the book puts the song in standard English.

"To put it in dialect would have been very ill advised," said the

Rev. William Farley Smith, a Harlem pastor and member of the hymn committee that compiled the new book, replacing a 1966 version.

"That would have turned off whites and made it so only ethnics would sing it. This would detract from the original intent and be discrimination in reverse. It would have left out all the Anglos.

"They're not used to the ethnic pronunciations. But blacks know it already and sing it. In the book, we put the words in proper English so as to accommodate whites."

On the other hand, several hymns were modified to eliminate anti-black implications, such as getting rid of metaphors equating "white" with purity or godliness.

However, the big change is the inclusion of 122 revival-style gospel songs and black spirituals, many of them widely popular but new to the book, and also 17 Hispanic hymns, 14 of Asian origin and seven from American Indians.

About 4 million copies of the new hymnal are expected to be in hands of most of the 38,000 congregations of the 9 million-member denomination by October.

It's the first time for Spanish-

language hymns to be included, songs such as "Camina, Pueblo de Dios" (Walk On, O People of God,) and "Mantos ye Palmas" (Filled with Excitement). Lyrics also are given in English.

Smith, pastor of Harlem's St. Mark's United Methodist Church, said the book's emphasis on spirituals and gospel hymns will help regain the evangelistic fire marking Methodism's origins.

"We started out as a tent-revival church but have tended to become cathedrals of liturgical formality," he said. "Now we're going to recapture our old spirit and the book will help do that."

Among familiar but newly included gospel songs are "I Surrender All," "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," "In the Garden," "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour" and "Shall We Gather At the River."

Among newly included spirituals are "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Go Down, Moses," "This Little Light of Mine," "It's Me, It's Me O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer" and "Oh Mary Don't You Weep."

However, the book retains traditional favorites, including 60 by Methodist founder John Wesley and his brother, Charles.

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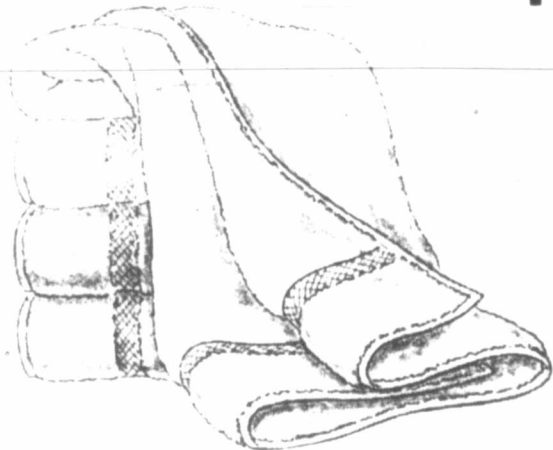
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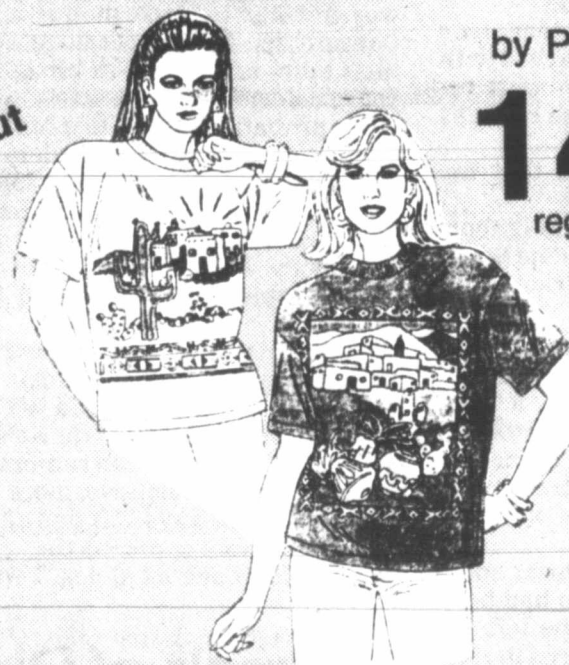


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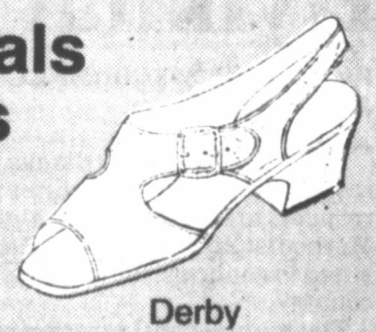
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- 15 Cowgirl Evans
- 16 Require
- 17 Experienced person
- 18 Acting a role (2 wds.)
- 20 Profundity
- 22 Secret agent
- 23 Poet singer McKuen
- 24 Mists
- 27 Stared
- 31 Uncle
- 32 God of love
- 34 Simple
- 35 Emerald Isle
- 37 Besides
- 39 Compass point
- 40 Dazed
- 42 Leg joints
- 44 Wiggly fish
- 45 Dakota Indian
- 46 Bristles
- 49 Windier
- 53 Printer's measures
- 54 Set up (golf ball)
- 56 Raised
- 57 Reagan's son
- 58 River in Ireland
- 59 Rams' mates
- 60 Landing boat
- 61 Rip
- 62 Declam violently

**DOWN**

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- 3 Elec. units
- 4 fly

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It's best to avoid groups or cliques today that contain people who make you feel uncomfortable. You could have even less tolerance for these individuals than usual.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You could find yourself in hot water with an authority figure today if you're not on the level about a potential crisis. Don't withhold any facts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Let others have their full say today instead of trying to complete sentences or ideas for them. Your mind will be working very fast, but your assumptions could be inaccurate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** If you think you can justify your extravagant inclinations today, you'll only be kidding yourself. All the rationalizing in the world won't refill an empty wallet.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you expect others to be cooperative with you today, it's imperative that you first set the proper example. The way you behave will have a direct effect upon the way they'll respond.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You must organize your time methodically today or else you may not get around to taking care of several critical tasks that need immediate attention.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** It could turn out to be a mistake today to challenge a pal whose views conflict with yours. You might feel the group's sympathy is with you, but it's likely to be with your opponent.

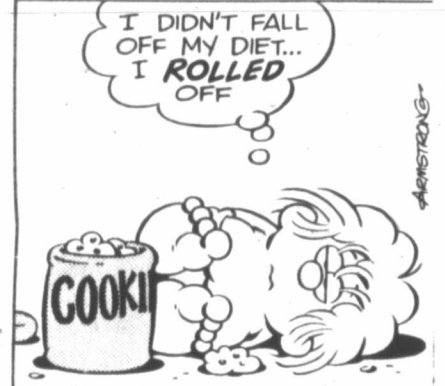
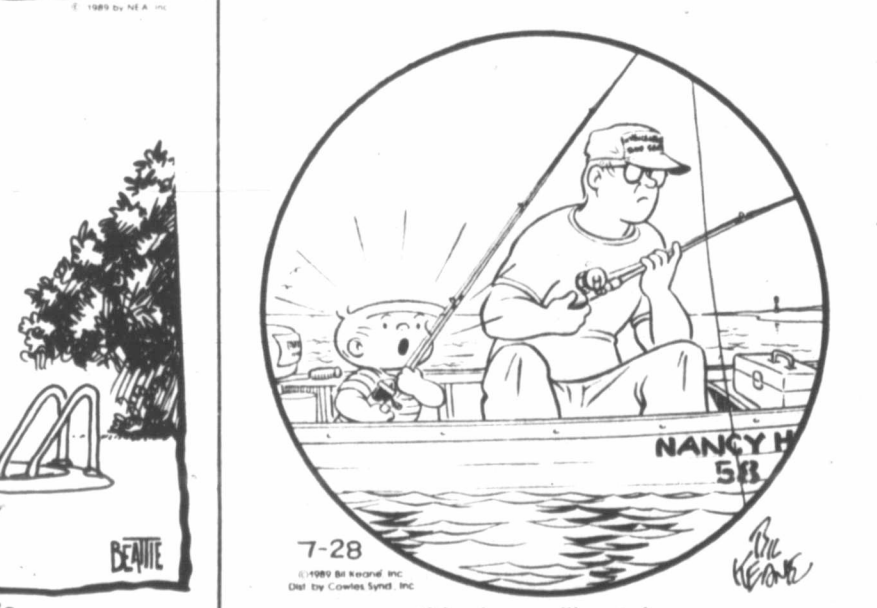
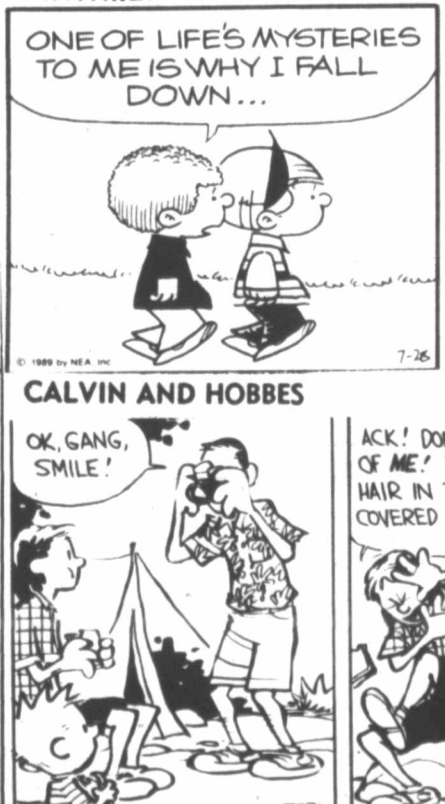
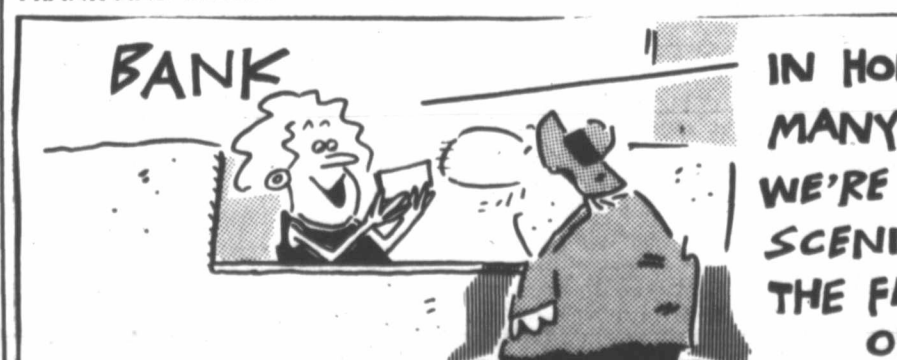
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** The same authoritarian tactics you use when dealing with outsiders won't be applicable for family members today. Don't throw your weight around.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** People not directly involved in a project you're working on today should be kept at arms length. Their suggestions could create confusion and cause you to move off in the wrong direction.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Financial arrangements should work out to your satisfaction today if the control is left in your hands. However, you are not likely to fair as well if someone else is calling the shots.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If something tests your devotion today between a recently acquired acquaintance and an old friend, be very careful where you place your allegiance. The wrong move could cost you a loyal pal.

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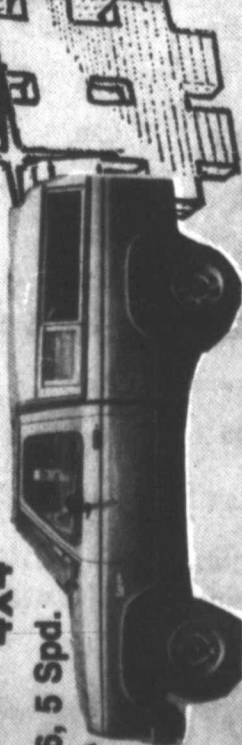
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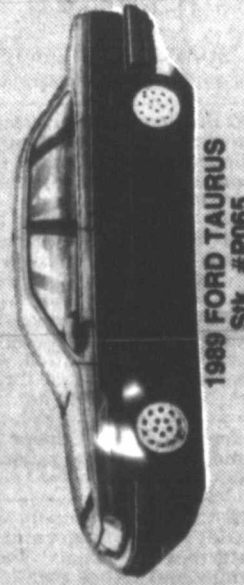
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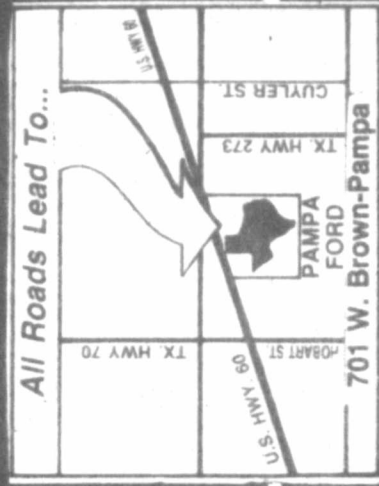
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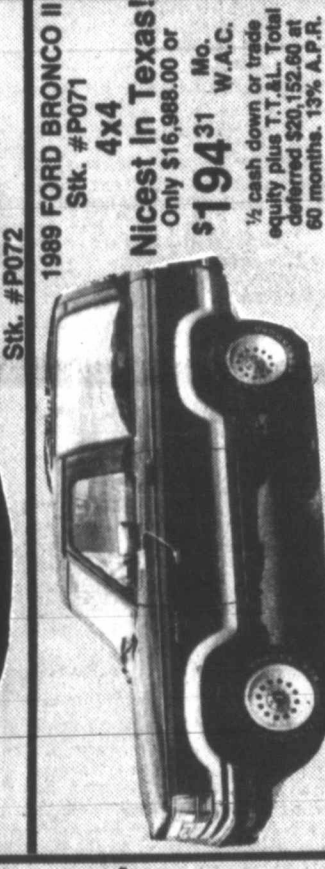
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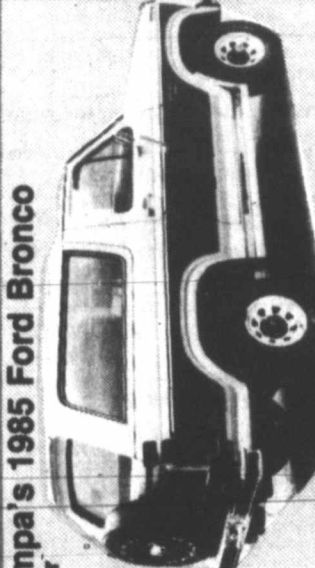
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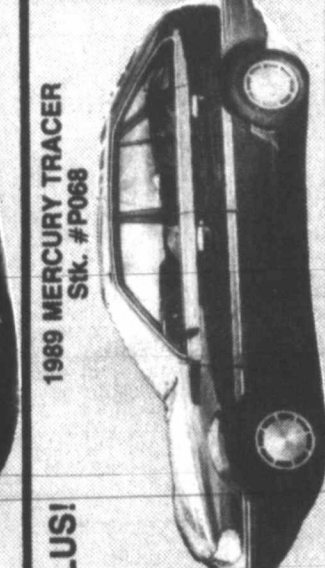
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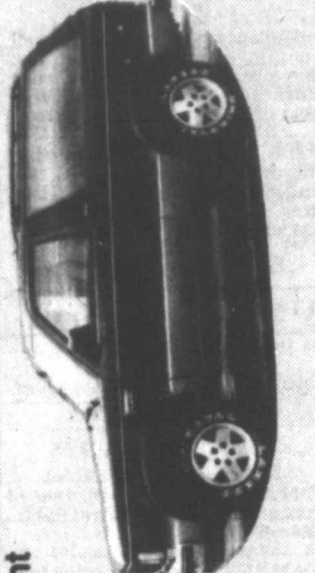
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