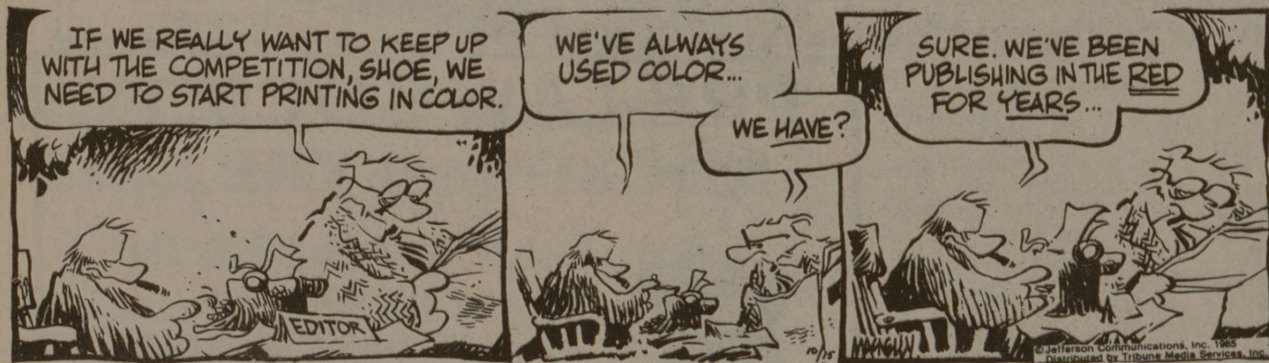


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Beirut's children have lost direction

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fashions, Hala Tawil, 22, an English-language student at the university, is more concerned with survival.

She has learned which corner of her house provides the best protection during shellings, how to study by candle light during the frequent power cuts, how to get through the often bewildering jigsaw puzzle of militia checkpoints, how to get by without the things that girls in other countries take for granted, like going dancing or to the movies, going out on a date.

"We've lost a lot of things because of this war," she said. "We've lost our

youth because what has gone will never come back. There is no purpose anymore, nothing to aim for."

Moslem Ghazi Sabbagh, 20, another university student, said, "I can't sleep unless I hear the sounds of shells."

On quiet nights he plays a tape he made of the shellfire, the mortars, the rocket-propelled grenades, the AK-47s, what Beirutis call "the symphony."

Michel Ayyoub, 21, was 11 years old when the war started. His family was shelled out of three homes between 1975 and 1983 and he now lives in Christian East Beirut.

He attended the university, which

is in Moslem West Beirut, until 1983 but had to give up his business studies when it became too dangerous to cross the Green Line. Now he's an artilleryman with the Lebanese Force militia.

"I had some sense in my mind when I was a kid," he said. "Now I'm a crazy man. Half my life's been spent in war."

"In other countries young men like me play tennis and chase girls. Here we're trained to kill people."

He said he wants to emigrate to the United States "because it's not getting any better here."

Rioters kill white soldier in Cape Town suburb

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Rioters killed a white soldier for the first time in 14 months of unrest, and mixed-race youths smashed shops and car windows in a white suburb of Cape Town, authorities said Monday.

The anti-apartheid rioting until recently was confined to black and mixed-race townships.

The African National Congress guerrilla movement, which is fighting from exile against white-minority rule, has called on blacks to carry the uprising against racial separation policies into white areas.

The soldier, army Cpl. Johan Schoeman, 19, was stabbed to death Sunday afternoon in the black district of Kwazakele, outside Port Elizabeth, when troops dashed through the township's alleys pursuing rock-throwers, the South African Defense Force said.

Three other soldiers have been killed in crashes of armored vehicles on riot duty in black townships, but this was the first time rioters attacked and killed an army man on riot patrol, the Defense Force said.

In Cape Town's Wynberg suburb, about 60 youths went on a rampage in a white shopping area after police used tear gas to break up a meeting of about 1,000 students at a school in an adjacent mixed-race neighborhood, witnesses said.

The mob broke the windows of cars and of at least four stores before police arrived, said reporters who witnessed the brief action.

The youths scattered before police could act.

At least 750 people, nearly all of them black, have died since August 1984 in almost daily unrest arising from apartheid, the nation's system of enforced racial segregation by which 5 million whites dominate 24 million blacks.

At least six whites, including Schoeman, have been killed after being caught in rioting in or near black townships.

The government says about a third of those killed have been blacks killed by other blacks, often those suspected of collaborating with white authorities.

The others have been killed by police. Mobs have killed more than a dozen black police.

In recent weeks, police reported fire bombings of white houses in districts east of Johannesburg, near Port Elizabeth and outside Cape Town, none resulting in death.

Police also increased patrols on major thoroughfares around Cape Town following an increase in random stonings and fire bombings of passing whites in cars.

A eight-year-old girl was burned in one such attack last week.

The End Conscription Campaign said Monday that Schoeman's death was another reason to pull the troops out of the townships.

The organization, made up largely of white foes of apartheid, opposes South Africa's draft of white men because conscripts are being used in township riot duty. It says the draft should be replaced by a volunteer military, to give young men "the choice as to whether they want to fight and die for apartheid."

White urges improvement

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to do to build a world-class system of higher education."

To illustrate the "high quality" of higher education in Texas, White mentioned Monday's announcement that researchers Michael Brown and Joseph Goldstein of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas had won the Nobel Prize in medicine.

Hobby said Texas ranks a "poor fifth" among the states in capturing research dollars, and he suggested a four-point program to "put Texas in the first rank of the states on which the economic future of the country will depend."

- Continue to recruit the "very best people in the nation for our university faculties."

- Expand two, or possibly three, universities to make them "nationally recognized research universities. There are several institutions that would be good candidates for such an expansion."

- Try to guess "what's going to be called 'high-tech' 20 years from now and start to do the right kind of research and development work."

- Attempt to attract to Texas "at least one of the new national laboratories that may be established by the federal government in the next decade."

Priest gets 20 years for child molesting

Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, La. — A defrocked Catholic priest pleaded guilty to a reduced charge Monday and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

The priest scandalized his devout Cajun parishioners when he confessed to sexually abusing more than three dozen children.

Gilbert Gauthier Jr., 40, changed his original plea of innocent by reason of insanity as court opened for the trial that would have required testimony from the 11 altar boys he was charged with molesting.

District Judge Hugh Brunson told Gauthier his crimes had "laid a terrible burden on those children, their families and society — indeed, your God and your church as well."

"It may be that God in his infinite mercy may find forgiveness for your crimes," Brunson said, "but the imperative of justice... cannot."

Gauthier's plea change and sentence were worked out by prosecutors and defense lawyers during negotiations throughout the weekend, District Attorney Nathan Stansbury said.

Prosecutors dropped an aggravated rape charge carrying a mandatory life sentence in exchange for Gauthier's plea of guilty to 11 counts each of child pornography, crimes against nature and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The sentence will be served in a state prison at hard labor with no possibility of parole, said Stansbury,

who refused defense pleas for a sentence to a psychiatric institution.

Gauthier, the former pastor of St. John's church in tiny Henry, wore a black business suit with no clerical collar and made no statement. His only words were "yes, sir" and "no, sir," in response to the judge's routine questions.

Gauthier's lawyer, F. Ray Mouton, did not stop to talk to reporters after the sentencing.

Stansbury said he was willing to drop the possible life sentence in order to spare the victims from having to take the witness stand in open court.

"We could have taken it to trial and gotten a few more years," Stansbury said, "but I don't know that the community would have

been helped by hearing the gory details from the little boys."

Ted Campbell, the father of one of the victims, said he had mixed feelings about the plea.

"In a way, it's good that the kids didn't have to get up and testify," he said, "but I'd like to have seen him get more time."

All of the victims' parents agreed to the deal, Stansbury said.

Gauthier admitted in a 78-page sworn statement last year that he had performed sex with altar boys in a confessional, his rectory, his van and a camp in the swamp.

He recalled molesting about 30 boys and a couple of girls between the ages of 6 and 13.

Phone service offering original children's stories

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Once upon time, there were books. Then a man named Bell invented the telephone. Then a man named Wayman invented StoryLine. And everybody lived happily ever after. Especially parents.

The brainchild of Phil Wayman of Salt Lake City, StoryLine offers one-to-four-minute-long original stories for children by telephone for a nominal charge.

"We have teaching stories, fun stories, things to help children both

learn to obey their parents and enjoy life," Wayman said.

StoryLine has been available in New Mexico since late August and has gotten about 800 calls during that period, Wayman said.

The stories aren't aimed at any specific age group, but Wayman said the children who call generally are between the ages of 6 and 12.

"We have some teen-agers who enjoy calling; some adults and some younger children," he said. "My 2-year-old, I get him on the line and he won't let me have the phone back."

The stories change every day, although Wayman said, "The better ones we like to repeat."

The service has a stock of about 200 stories, and calls are accepted 24 hours a day.

Some of the stories try to teach children a lesson.

"There's one about a little boy who likes to eat candy and eats and eats and eats too much, and the story illustrates how it's better to eat better foods and a little candy," he said.

Other tales fall into the "fun" category, "like one we call 'Cackle Witch' that we have upcoming for

Halloween," he said.

The children's stories come from a staff of part-time authors, many of whom are school teachers.

About once a week, the group gets together to record stories for future StoryLine use, sessions Wayman described as "a lot of fun."

The idea for StoryLine arose through a combination of Wayman's knowledge garnered from his job in publishing computer manuals, his background as a member of a family that is full of teachers, and Mountain Bell Telephone Co.'s ScoopLine Service available to companies spon-

soring a variety of information and marketing services for customers on a fee basis.

"I knew ScoopLine was available and looked at the resources I had. All my life I've been close to things having to do with children... It was just like a natural for us and something we could offer the general public," Wayman said.

He started StoryLine in Utah in May and expanded it into New Mexico in late August when ScoopLine became available in this state.

StoryLine runs 33 cents a minute in Albuquerque.

In some other areas of the state, it also costs an additional toll fee.

Wayman stresses in his advertising that there is a charge for the calls.

"We want kids to call and enjoy it, but we don't want parents to be overwhelmed by the telephone bill," he said.

Once the story has ended, the storyteller tells the child to hang up the phone.

But Wayman said the equipment is designed so that even if a child doesn't hang up, it disconnects the call so the charges stop.

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