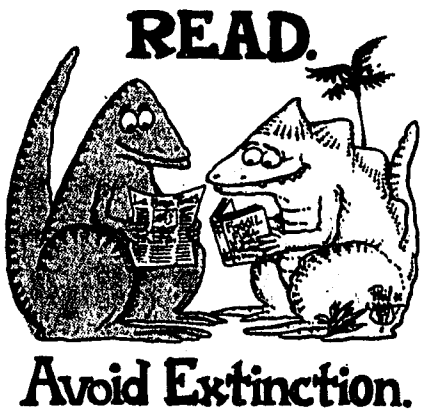


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BRIEFLY

School vandalism

Woman accused of giving beer
A 25-year-old Cedar Rapids woman has been accused of providing beer to four teen-agers who are accused of vandalizing Central City school property. Susan Key signed a promise to appear in Linn District Court on Sept. 19. Details on page 1B.

AIDS drug

Iowans can try HIV-blocker
A new experimental AIDS drug that blocks HIV reproduction now is available in Iowa, a U of I virologist announced. The drug is available to any Iowan whose doctor is willing to use it. Details on page 1B.

Renovation done
Courthouse to open Sunday

Johnson County taxpayers will be able to see the results of three years and \$1.2 million of work Sunday at the renovated Johnson County Courthouse. "We want people to know and enjoy the beauty that has come forth from their tax money," said Supervisor Betty Ockenfels. Details on Back Page, 10C.

8th woman to sign
U of I player signs with Trotters

U of I basketball player Jolette Law signed with the Harlem Globetrotters Friday. She is the eighth woman to play for one of two touring teams. "They say she's really a fireball," said Globetrotters general manager Joe Anzivino. Details on page 1C.

Nursing homes

'Sweeping changes' expected
The nation's nursing homes are improving their staffs and services. New federal regulations that take effect Oct. 1 will result in the "most sweeping changes," Iowa officials say. Details on page 14D.

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TODAY'S CHUCKLE

For some people, love is a match made in heaven. For others, it's a butane lighter from hell.

165 Americans reach safety

'It's terrible' in Kuwait; president flies to summit

Associated Press

A U.S.-chartered airlift plucked 165 Americans from occupied Kuwait Friday and carried them to safety in Jordan, raising hopes the pace of freedom flights might quicken. One arriving American said: "It's terrible there."

A Jordanian border official said 225,000 Egyptian

refugees were waiting to cross from Iraq but that Jordan was holding them back because it was overwhelmed by the 100,000 refugees already stranded in its desert.

As the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait stretched into a sixth week, President Bush was flying Friday night to Helsinki, Finland, where he will meet with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev Sunday to try to break the desert deadlock.

The State Department meanwhile said last night the United States would "view with utmost seriousness" any Iraqi-sponsored terrorism.

In diplomatic circles, such language is considered a

grave warning of severe consequences.

Spokesman Mark Dillen, when asked why the statement was issued at the unusual hour of 7:30 p.m. CDT, said only, it "simply updates and further draws attention to the phenomena described in the statement." He said the department did not know of any specific or general "credible" terrorist threat.

U.S. officials say the 100,000-strong American force in the Persian Gulf region is costing about \$1 billion a month, and Japan, South Korea and Kuwait Friday promised financial aid to defray the cost.

■ Please turn to 7A: Iraq

Witness to murder is revealed

From Gazette staff reports

Linn County authorities said Friday they have an eyewitness to the shooting death of Roldo Ballew.

Meanwhile, the suspected gunman, Ed Nassif, and Sheila Strom, arrested as a material witness, waived extradition from North Carolina.

Nassif, 20, was arrested Thursday on a first-degree murder charge alleging he shot Ballew in the back of the head at close range. Ballew, also 20, was found dead late Saturday night in the middle of 42nd Street SE just outside Cedar Rapids city limits.

The shooting was witnessed by Rebecca Griffith, according to Assistant County Attorney Harold Denton. Sources said Griffith, whose age and address was not revealed, is a Cedar Rapids resident known to associate in the same circles as both Nassif and Ballew.

THE MEN WERE allegedly partners in a drug network between Waterloo and Cedar Rapids. Linn County Sheriff's Department officials have said they believe the shooting was drug-related.

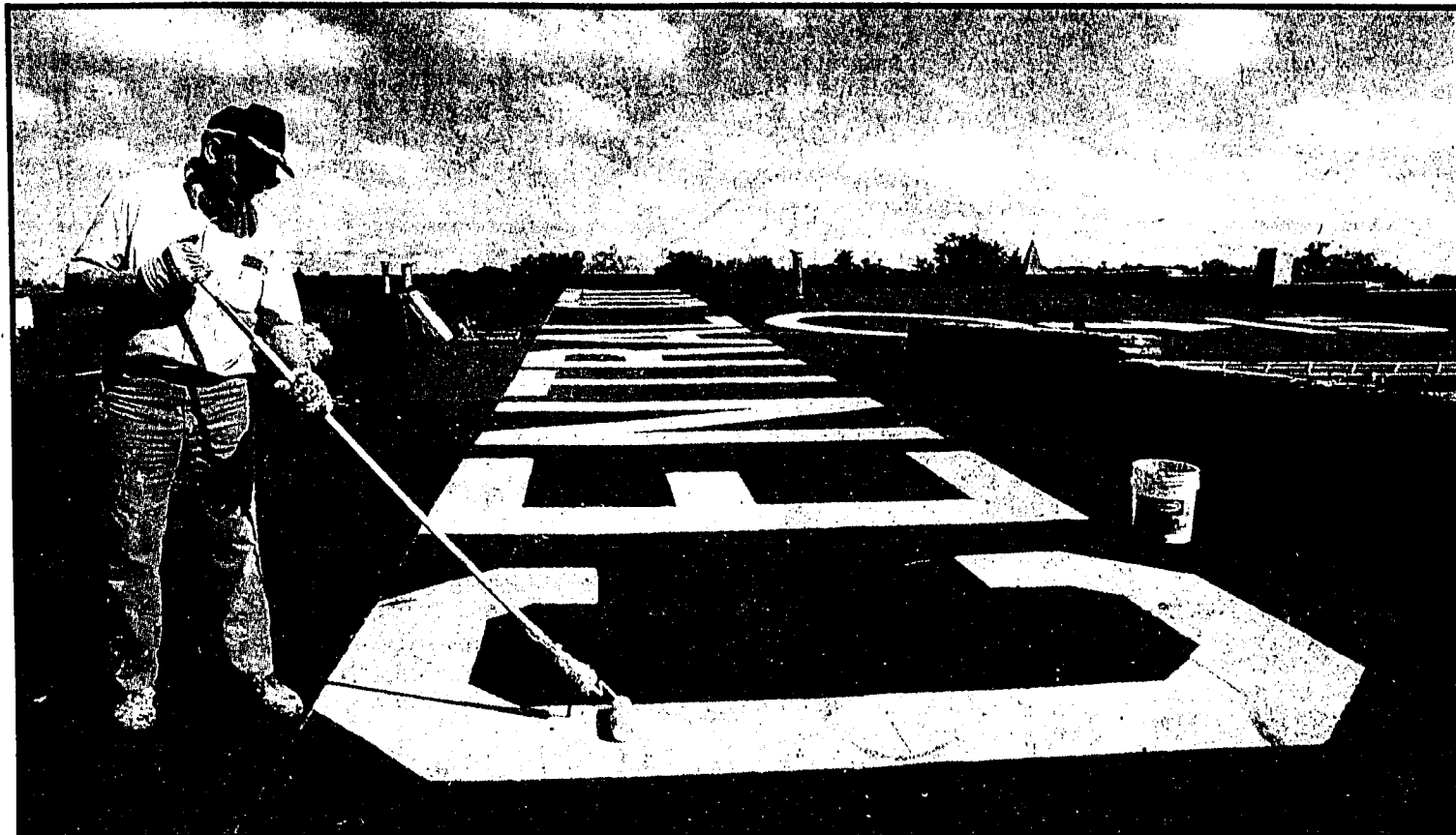
Nassif, the son of an imprisoned heroin smuggler, and Strom, 23, who was arrested with him, will probably be returned sometime next week, said Linn Sheriff Dennis Blome.

Detective Ed Brown of the Onslow County, N.C., Sheriff's Department said the two waived extradition when they appeared in court there Friday. That means they can be picked up by Iowa authorities now, he said.

Strom does not currently face criminal charges, Denton said, although she and Nassif are considered the key suspects in a separate Waterloo check-forge investigation. No charges

■ Please turn to 7A: Nassif

Look out above



Gazette photo by John McIvor

Bob Brechtel, of Brechtel Airmarking, Des Moines, paints "Central City" on the roof of the A.D. Mills & Co. True Value Hardware store Friday. The Air and Transit Division of the Iowa Department of Transportation is installing 65

aimarkers in the state this summer. The markers spell out the name of the community in letters readable from 3,000 to 5,000 feet and include an arrow pointing to the nearest airport and the number of miles to the airport.

Unemployment rate reaches 2-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's civilian unemployment rate hit a two-year high of 5.6 percent last month, the government said Friday, reviving worries that the economy is on the brink of a recession — if not already sliding in.

The 0.1 percentage point rise, which followed a 0.3 percentage point increase in July, showed widespread sluggishness. Over the past two months, the ranks of the jobless have swelled by 550,000.

"There's a little bit of life, but it looks like it's ebbing away, and we'll probably tilt into recession by the fourth quarter," said David Jones, an economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a government securities dealer.

Many private economists did not expect the Federal Reserve Board to view the

Labor Department's employment report as weak enough to justify lowering interest rates, especially in light of inflation fears renewed by the Mideast oil shock.

Last month's jobless rise brought unemployment to its highest level since the 5.7 percent rate posted in March 1988. Unemployment also hit 5.6 percent in August 1988.

THE LATEST INCREASE was caused largely by the economy's failure to produce many jobs last month, the government said. In fact, business payrolls actually fell by a total of 75,000, but much of that was caused by the 120,000 or so federal census workers who went off the payroll, the government said.

Still, other sectors of the economy

showed signs of struggle, especially the slumping construction and manufacturing areas. Only the health services industry and state and local governments posted robust job gains.

Although some analysts said Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait may have unnerved business people and brought on hiring freezes, they noted that the economy has been anemic for months. The effect of the Mideast conflict is yet to be fully felt, they said.

Total civilian employment was about 117.7 million in August, down from the 118 million in July and the 118.4 million in June. In all, 7 million people were out of work in August, up from 6.8 million in July and 6.4 million in June.

New leads in murders of Schappert, Martinko

By Lonnie Zingula

Gazette staff writer

One year to the date after Brian Schappert was stabbed to death inside a Cedar Rapids convenience store, his killer remains at large.

But police said recent information received from informants may shed new light on the case, as well as an investigation into the 1979 murder of Michelle Martinko.

Schappert, a 22-year-old college student and assistant manager at the Mount Vernon Road Kum & Go store where he was slain, died after his throat was slashed in an apparent robbery on Sept. 8, 1989. Police released a composite sketch of a man seen in the area at the time of the murder but have yet to make an arrest.

Early last week, as police began to reinterview subjects questioned during the initial investigation, an informant referred to two people who may have information on the murder unbeknownst to police, said Assistant Police Chief Bruce Kern.

"That person generated two

other people that we haven't talked to previously," he said.

Investigators are now arranging to meet with those people, Kern said. The developments have not changed police thinking in the case, however.

The victim's parents, Arnold and Laura Schappert, marked their 27th wedding anniversary Friday by putting fresh flowers on Brian Schappert's grave. Today, as hard as they try to avoid it, they will remember his murder.

"It was brutal and it was violent," Mrs. Schappert said. "We really do miss Brian."

While she said she was encouraged that police had come up with new information that may lead to an arrest, Mrs. Schappert said she has come to realize that apprehension of the killer cannot bring her son back.

"The damage is done," she said. "I'm not worrying every day that this person is going to get caught."

In addition to developments in the Schappert case, police

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Umber got raw deal, adults say

By Chris Knight

Gazette news intern

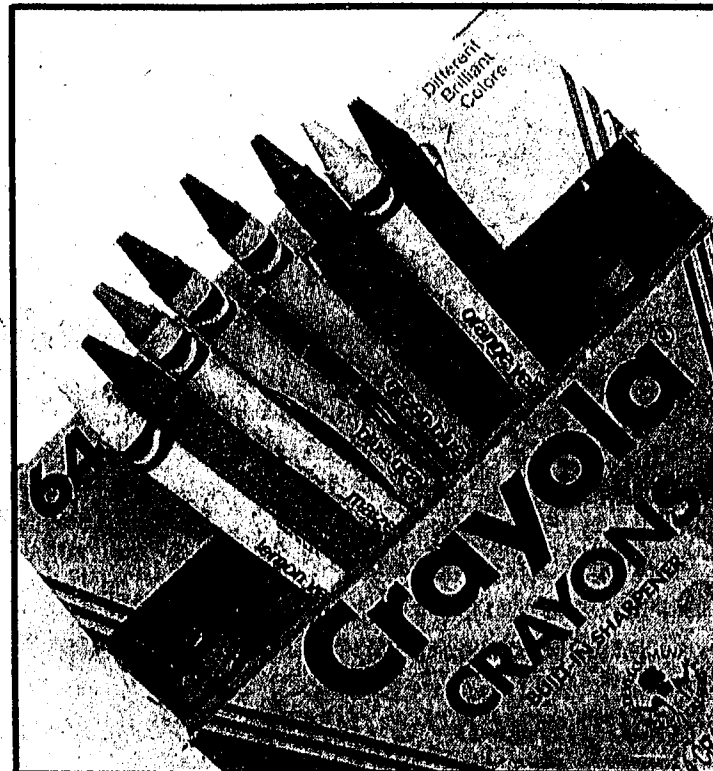
Young Iowans apparently don't care that Iowa's top agricultural product no longer can be expressed fully with a Crayola crayon.

"Maize" is one of eight colors the company retired this year in favor of what it calls "brighter, fresher, cleaner" colors.

The rejects — maize, raw umber, blue gray, lemon yellow, green blue, orange red, orange yellow and violet blue — have been replaced in the 84-color box by dandelion, wild strawberry, vivid tangerine, fuchsia, teal blue, royal purple, jungle green and cerulean.

The new fluorescent colors have been a hit with youngsters, according to two Cedar Rapids elementary teachers.

On art day, students dutifully line up the eight new waxy sticks — the ones with the stars on them — and



Gazette photo

The eight crayons extending from the box above have been dropped by Crayola in favor of brighter hues.

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COMING TOMORROW/ Flight of young from rural Iowa goes on

Leads: Police cite new tips

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said they have received a new lead in the Martinko murder investigation. Following more than a decade in which seemingly few stones were left unturned in the case, the lead came as a surprise to relatives of the victim as well as police.

"I don't know what brought it about," said Kern. "Calls come in here for unknown reasons, I guess."

On Tuesday, Kern said an officer's informant provided the name of a person who may have information about the murder. The person was not among the 335 people interviewed by police detectives after the murder, he said.

"It's just the name of someone we haven't talked to before," he said. "It's a lead we're going to check out."

With nearly 11 years having passed since the attractive high school senior was found dead in the Westdale Mall parking lot, hope had waned that Cedar Rapids' most celebrated murder case would ever be solved.

"I won't believe it until I hear it for sure," said Janet Martinko, the victim's mother. "I'm not going to count on them finding anyone."

Mrs. Martinko said her outlook has changed considerably since she and her husband, Albert, roamed the city themselves hoping to solve the crime. Though driven to skepticism by countless leads, suspects and rumors, none of which panned out, Mrs. Martinko said she was encouraged by the latest development.

"I'm happy to know that they haven't forgotten about the case," she said. "Because I haven't heard anything for so long, I thought they might have dropped it."

Kern said police never close the books on murder investigations, including those that appear to have stalled.

Arrests have been made in all



Brian Schappert
Murdered one year ago



Michelle Martinko
New lead in 1979 case

but seven of the 77 slayings investigated by police during the last three decades. Charges have been brought in 27 of 30 murder cases in the 1980s, police records show.

"I would say we have a very good record (of solving homicides)," Kern said.

Cedar Rapids has yet to record a murder in 1990. The recent slaying of Rolando Ballew occurred in county territory just outside the city limits.

In addition to Schappert, unsolved murders in the last decade include cabbie Matt Pusateri and meatpacker Dennis Chaffee. No new leads have been generated of late in either of those two cases, Kern said.

Pusateri, 26, was killed Nov. 12, 1988, in the cab he drove for a living. Found slumped behind the wheel of the taxi with the engine still running in a parking lot in the 800 block of Sixth Street SW, Pusateri was shot three times in the head.

Chaffee, 33, was found July 18, 1983, in the basement of his 28th

Street SE home, dead of multiple gunshot wounds. His then 1½-year-old twin children, who spent the weekend with their father, were found unharmed.

Though no detectives are actively assigned to the case, Kern said evidence gathered during the initial investigation is being reviewed.

Chaffee's mother, Betty Chaffee, said she hoped police would continue investigating the case until her son's killer is found. While Mrs. Chaffee credited relatives, friends and religion with seeing her and her husband, Harlan, through the most difficult periods, she said memories of her loving son and his tragic death will return in force next Saturday — what would have been Dennis Chaffee's 41st birthday.

"That makes it really hard," she said. "We do make memorials to our church, but it's easier for me if I do it on other days than the anniversary of his death or his birthday. It just brings it home too much on those days."

Crayons: Kids like brighter colors

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begin drawing portraits with the new fluorescent colors, the teachers said.

"Only one person did not respond positively," said Sara Hanson, art teacher at Pierce Elementary School. "It was a neutral statement from a girl who said, 'Colors are colors.' But most everyone else preferred them."

The crayons have been raising a ruckus at Coolidge Elementary School, where art teacher Micky McNeil said she "just chuckles" when she is approached daily by students who want to show her their discovery of the new color scale.

"They like them because they are brighter and because they like to say the names. They really like to say cerulean (pronounced sa-ROO-lee-on) and tangerine orange. . . . They are really thrilled with it," McNeil said.

McNeil said the old colors will not be missed, because many students did not use more than primary and secondary shades. The change in colors seen on TV and in clothes has meant that kids "are geared toward brighter colors, and that is kind of sad," she said.

Dean Rodenbaugh, director of public relations for Binney & Smith Inc. in Easton, Pa., where the crayons are made, said the Aug. 7 change followed a nationwide survey that showed children wanted more vibrant colors.

Colors have been added and names have been changed in the

past, but these are the first Crayola colors retired.

Officials at Binney & Smith said half of more than 3,000 calls and letters it has received ask for the old colors to be brought back, and half congratulate the decision.

Rodenbaugh said the company knew the change would strike an emotional cord, but the "overwhelming" response was not expected. Some parents fear their children won't have the same experiences with the new colors, he said.

The old colors, which were the extras in their shades, will be brought back if children want them, Rodenbaugh said.

THREE GROUPS have formed to ensure that the colors will return.

The Raw Umber and Maize Protection Society (RUMPS) was formed by Ken Lang, who says Iowans should be the most fervent over the loss.

"The discontinuation of maize should create outrage in Iowa. You have to have maize in corn," said Lang, of Locust Valley, N.Y.

In addition to RUMPS, the two other groups are the Committee to Reestablish All Your Old Norms (CRAYON), and the Na-

tional Committee to Save Lemon Yellow.

The founders, whose membership lists range from "a lot" for RUMPS to near 100 for the lemon yellow campaign, said a main gripe is that adults do most of the kids' buying, so they should have been interviewed.

"When you go to the store, who reaches for the product? Not the kid, the parent," said CRAYON founder Robert Pagani, 38, of Phillipsburg, N.J.

Pagani organized a protest Aug. 7 in Easton, Pa., headquarters of Binney & Smith, when a retirement ceremony was held for the eight colors.

Karen Latinik of Harrisonburg, Va., founder of the lemon yellow campaign, is the only founder deeply committed to bringing back one color.

Latinik's campaign consisted of collecting 100 signatures and mailing them to the crayon company, while Pagani and Lang have mailed letters to the company and collected members by word of mouth.

Crayola's address is 1001 Belvidere Rd., Phillipsburg, N.J., 08865; RUMPS is 70 South 6th Street, Locust Valley, N.Y., 11560. Binney & Smith's consumer number is 1-(800) CRAYOLA.

Shining Path rebels kill 4 in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Maoist Shining Path guerrillas killed four people, including a teen-age student, in attacks outside the central Andean city of Huancayo, police said Friday.

In the first incident, rebels shortly after midnight shot to death two brothers in Orcotuna, 9 miles north of Huancayo, police said. Huancayo is 120 miles east of Lima.

Police said eight masked insurgents with machine guns dragged the brothers from a party out

into the street. There the guerrillas tortured the brothers before shooting them repeatedly.

The guerrillas left their trademark sign on the bodies. "This is how police informers die," according to police.

Guerrillas also killed a schoolteacher and a student in Chupaca, 5 miles west of Huancayo.

Police said four masked guerrillas, one of them a woman, raided the town school looking for the pre-military academy instructor.

Iraq: Kuwait pledges \$5 billion to effort

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Kuwait's ousted royal rulers pledged \$5 billion, and one U.S. official said Japan was being asked for "billions of dollars." No other dollar figures were given.

In Kuwait, a few foreign embassies — including the U.S. mission — were still defying a 2-week-old Iraqi order to shut their doors. But without power, water, telephone service or food, the diplomats were being forced to retreat. Norway said it planned to evacuate its embassy today.

The embassies have tried to stay open in part to avoid the appearance of having accepted Iraq's annexation of the emirate, and in part to try to provide protection to their citizens.

But there was less and less they could do to help. Americans arriving in the Jordanian capital of Amman Friday aboard a U.S.-chartered Iraqi Airways jet described desperate conditions.

"Until I felt my feet on freedom, it was just terrifying," said Elena Reyes of Los Angeles. "I didn't know night and day when they would come and knock down my door."

"It's terrible there," said Patricia Hammer of Denver. "People are frightened, they're in hiding, running out of food."

Dillen, of the State Department, put the number of Americans on the flight at 165, most of them women and children, and said there also were a few other foreigners.

Iraq has been allowing Western women and children to depart, but Friday's arrivals told a now-familiar story of the heartbreak of leaving husbands and fathers behind. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has scattered male hostages at key installations as human shields to guard against potential attack by U.S.-led forces.

Dillen said U.S. officials hoped that another group of Americans would leave Kuwait for Amman today, and fly to Charleston, S.C., later in the weekend, along with Friday's arrivals.

"We are planning additional flights to evacuate remaining Americans," the spokesman said. "Of course, we are aware that Iraq has said that only women and children will be allowed to

depart. But we will continue to press for all those who wish to depart to be able to do so."

The International Committee of the Red Cross had hoped to obtain Iraqi permission for Red Cross delegates to visit trapped foreigners and transmit messages to their families, but Iraq abruptly broke off talks on the

issue Friday.

Kuwait's government-in-exile told Secretary of State James Baker Friday it would help bankroll the U.S. military effort.

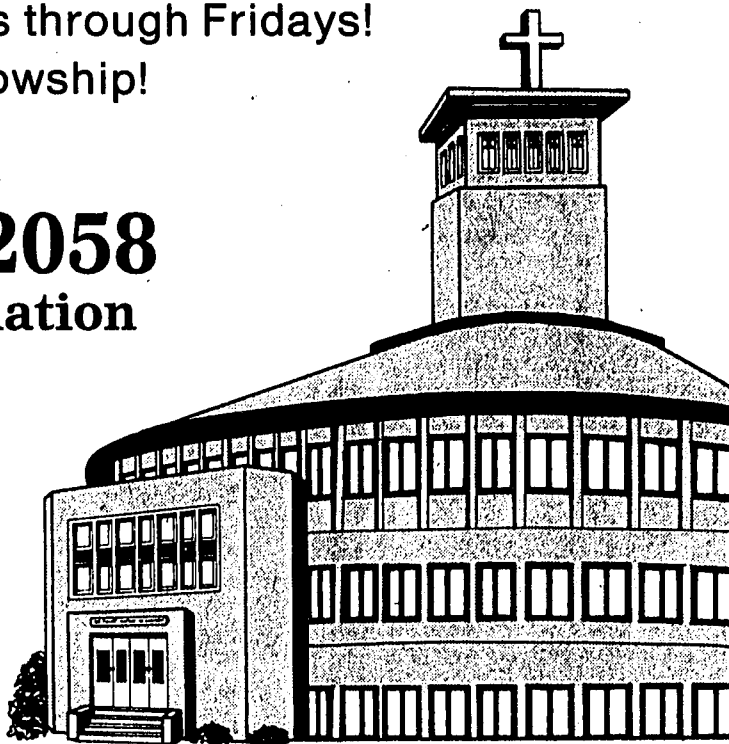
"We will not spare any amount or any value. We will give whatever is necessary," said the deposed emir, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah.



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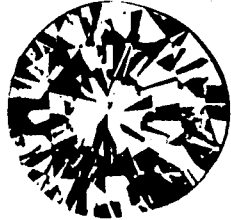
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