

# Carrier abductions spur parental interest

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They can stir children's imaginations, arouse parental concerns or create a demand for child protection programs, one thing is certain, according to a Lincoln Police Department detective, the recent child abductions in Midwest towns have affected Lincoln.

Detective Linda Steinman said abduction reports raise parental awareness, "at least for a while

anyway." Parents want to know where their children are going, who they're with and when they'll be home, she said. Reports of the recent abduction of Eugene Martin, a Des Moines, Iowa, newspaper carrier, also spur parents to be involved in and to demand more child-protection programs.

To answer those demands, the Lincoln police offer hundreds of programs for elementary schools. The programs begin with the kinder-

garten "stranger danger" puppet show. Through Officer Ollie and a song, Steinman said, the children learn how to identify a stranger, what to do if a stranger approaches and where to go for help. The show is easy to understand and holds the children's interest, she said.

The programs and messages change as children grow older, Steinman said. For instance, second grade students learn what to do in case of a fire and how to protect themselves. By the seventh grade, children have learned the dangers of hitchhiking and how they can be victimized, she said.

Children do use the programs' hints. Soon after Martin's abduction, Steinman said, a Lincoln newspaper carrier reported being followed on his newspaper route. Trouble was avoided because the carrier knew what to do and where to go, she said.

Gene Retzlaff, circulation director at the Lincoln Journal-Star, said carriers' reports of being followed often result from their imaginations, "especially with all the abduction reports." The paper has not received a report from any of carriers concerning the incident, he said.

If carriers do find themselves in trouble, Retzlaff said, the paper has trained the carriers to protect themselves.

"I don't think we can really protect our carriers, but we can train them in ways to protect themselves," he said.

All Journal-Star carriers — more than 1,500 throughout the state — receive periodic newsletters, he said. The Lincoln carriers attend child protection classes given by the LPD, Retzlaff said.

Both the class and newsletters advise carriers to carry small amounts of money when they are collecting money, to avoid rolling their newspapers on street corners and to find a home on their route that they can run to if they are in danger.

## Setting it Straight

A Page 2 story in the Aug. 22 Daily Nebraskan should have said that Ombudsman Robert Filbeck took over his position in March 1984.

A Page 20 story on checking services should have said that the National Bank of Commerce charges \$2.50 for the first order of 50 checks on student checking accounts.

The calendar on Page 16 and 17 in the Aug. 22 issue is one day ahead beginning Oct. 1.

A Page 31 story in the Aug. 22 issue should have said the number

for Lincoln information through the university phone system is 9-411.

A Page 23 story in the Aug. 22 issue incorrectly listed the College-Career Christian Fellowship under the "Catholic" heading. The group, located at 1633 Q St., is a member of the Independent Christian Churches of Nebraska.

On Page 62 of the Aug. 22 issue it was uncorrectly reported that season football ticket sales were available only on Tuesday. Ticket applications may be returned today as well, with Tuesday being the last day to turn in applications.

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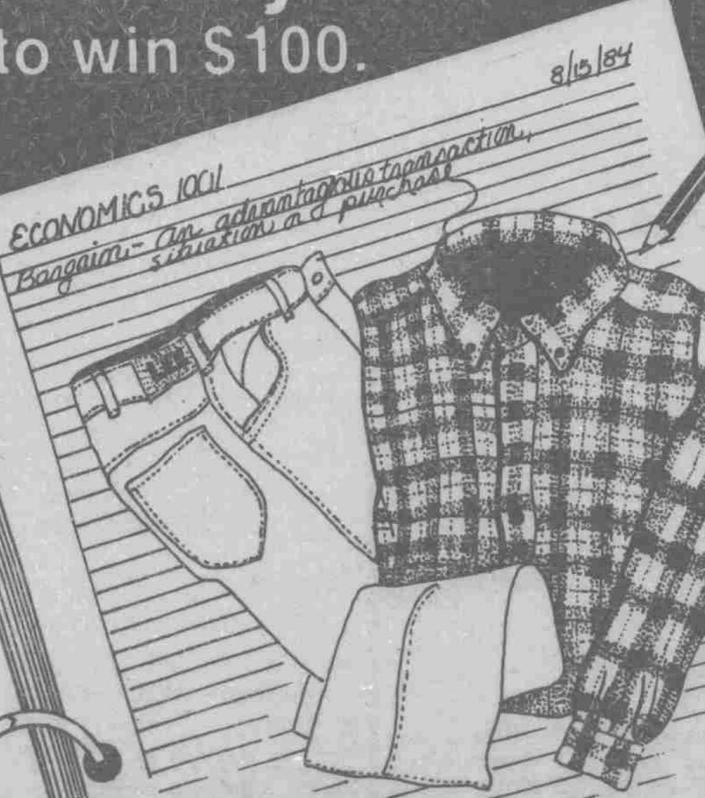
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# Wire Report

## National and international news from the Reuter News Report

### Jackson, black leaders to meet with Mondale

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sunday said differences with Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale may soon be resolved, enabling him to fully support the ticket. Jackson said Mondale will meet with him Tuesday and then with other black leaders to shore up support from this minority group, which is seen as crucial for the Democrats to win the November election. Jackson had expressed concern over the lack of blacks, Hispanics and women named to policy and administrative posts in the Mondale campaign and by the need to develop a public jobs program.

Jackson also expressed hope that various coalitions within the Democratic Party, including blacks, Hispanics, Jews, women, progressive whites and youth, will be together by the Sept. 3 Labor Day Holiday. The Tuesday meeting should ease his concern about the appointment of minorities to the campaign, he said and added that work has been done to develop a democratic jobs program. Political strategists believe Jackson may play a crucial role in deciding the outcome of the election especially if he can register enough blacks to allow the Democrats to regain the South.

### Capote autopsy, study to continue

LOS ANGELES — An autopsy Sunday failed to pinpoint the cause of death of Truman Capote, jet set author of "In Cold Blood," who died hours after working on the last chapter of what he said would be his final book. In a preliminary report, Los Angeles Medical Examiner Ronald Kornblum said a three-hour probe found evidence of epilepsy in Capote's brain and signs of infection in his legs. But Bill Gold, a spokesman for the medical examiner's office, said another week to 10 days of tests and a study of Capote's medical background would be needed to determine the exact cause of death. Capote died Saturday in the mansion of his longtime friend, Joanne Carson, the former wife of television talk show host Johnny Carson. Detectives said bottles of medication were found in his bedroom and there were no signs of foul play. The author, who had described in interviews his bouts of drinking, collapsed from a convulsive seizure in 1980 and spent time in the hospital last year for what doctors said was a bad reaction to drugs he took to control his seizures.

### Nuclear cargo presents no danger

PARIS — A French cargo ship that sank off the Belgian coast Saturday night was carrying 450 tons of nuclear material, but no immediate danger of pollution exists, the vessel's owners said Sunday. The 4,210-ton freighter *Mont Louis* went down after a collision with a ferry carrying nearly 1,000 holidaymakers. Its crew were taken aboard the ferry and there were no casualties aboard either vessel. Compagnie Generale Maritime issued a statement from its Paris headquarters Sunday saying the *Mont Louis* had been carrying 30 containers of uranium hexafluoride to the Soviet Union port of Riga. The ship's officers had confirmed that the containers had not been damaged in the collision, CGM said. The statement cited the Atomic Energy Commission as saying there was no danger of the containers leaking for at least a year. In the event of any leakage, the resultant acid would be immediately diluted in the sea, it said. The company said it already had begun studying ways of recovering the cargo from the ship, which lies in 50 feet of water.

### Duarte leads death-squad probe

SAN SALVADOR — A Salvadoran prelate said Sunday efforts by President Jose Napoleon Duarte to probe the death of a 17-year-old girl in a rightist bomb attack brought hope of stopping the activities of feared death squads. Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez, speaking in his Sunday homily at the capital's Metropolitan Cathedral, said he lamented the killing of Maria Estela Galan, the daughter of the mayor of the nearby town of Quetzaltepeque, in what was believed to be a death squad attack.

"But from this act of violence was born hope, because it has prompted important declarations from President Duarte who has visited the family of the mayor and made clear his desire to eradicate death squads," Rosa Chavez said. Duarte announced in Quetzaltepeque yesterday that he personally was overseeing the investigation into the girl's death and said the case has become a symbol of his commitment to stop the extremist death squads. Stopping their activities was a main concern Duarte voiced when he assumed the presidency nearly three months ago.

### Sudan receives U.S. grant

KHARTOUM, Sudan — The United States has granted Sudan \$62 million to import basic commodities under the U.S. Commodity Import Program, the Sudan News Agency reported. An agreement for the grant was signed today by Sudanese Finance Minister Ibrahim Moneim Mansour and U.S. Ambassador to Sudan Alexander Horan, it said. The Commodity Import Program supplies public and private sector foreign exchange for the import of industrial and agricultural commodities. The agreement is the final part of a \$120 million balance of payments support package for Sudan in 1984 administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development.