



Cynthia McGiver of the Way to Happiness Foundation presents a special 'Man of Good Will' award to Rev. Vincent Allen, Director of the Substance Abuse Partnership Program.

## Campaign to End Drug Abuse Gets National Recognition

by Alexander R. Jones

Rev. Vincent Allen, a bold and innovative Baptist preacher, who once ministered to prostitutes on the streets of Washington, D.C., has received a prestigious "Man of Good Will" award for his ambitious efforts to break the spiraling cycle of crime and death caused by inner-city drug abuse.

Presenting the award on behalf of the Way to Happiness Foundation, Cynthia McGiver called Allen "an outstanding example of a minister who has both the vision and the courage to take his ministry to the people who need it most — troubled drug abusers, and more importantly, our youth." The Way to Happiness Foundation is a national organization based in Los Angeles which is conducting a series of cash award contests to encourage children and teens to

adopt and live by a strong, ethical value system.

Allen's award came during the recent power-packed anniversary event of the Substance Abuse Partnership Program (SAPP), the church-based, anti-drug group founded by the minister over a year ago. Congressman Walter Fauntroy, one of the speakers at the event and member of the Congressional Black Caucus, called the program "indispensable", stating "we're going to lick the drug problem when the most sensitive people have the courage to act in their neighborhoods. I've always believed the most sensitive are those who regularly attend church because it's voluntary and spiritual."

D.C. Judge Luke Moore stressed that the program "has the proper thrust and

the necessary moral underpinnings. We need that catalyst, that spiritual force, and that can only be found in a church sponsored program."

SAPP has two main activities, prevention and intervention. The intervention effort utilizes ministers to add a religious/moral element to the counseling of drug abusers seeking to reform. The prevention side centers around "The Way to Happiness", a non-religious booklet which details a common sense, modern day moral code. The internationally popular booklet has lowered theft rates in hotels where it has been placed in the rooms. In Watts, Los Angeles, the booklet has been credited with a dramatic decrease in the crime rate.

"The key thrust of our prevention

program", Allen explained, "is to show young people that despite social and economic barriers, they can succeed and be happy by following a traditional value system."

Allen plans to expand his drug program to Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Miami and several other major cities throughout the country.



Before King George IV of England ordered a set of boots made to fit each of his feet, shoes were designed to be worn on either foot.

### Echo Theatre & Do Jump Announce Children's Summer Camp!

This summer, Do Jump Movement Theater Company members share their skills, talent and creativity with children aged 3-12. Robin Lane, Do Jump's Artistic Director; K.K. Finn, Registered Music Therapist and Carolyn Holzman, Portland Mime Theatre and Do Jump member are among those scheduled to aid children in learning new skills, creating performances and having fun. Activities include gymnastics, trapeze, acrobatics, music (vocal and instrumental), mime and clowning. Come join us!

The camp runs 9:30 a.m. - noon, Monday - Thursday. Term I: June 23 - July 11. Term II: July 14 - August 1. Cost is \$90 per term. Classes fill quickly and enrollment is limited, so register early! Echo Theatre is located at 1515 S.E. 37th Ave. (near Hawthorne). Call 231-1232 for more information or to register. Echo Theatre is a non-profit organization.

### Youth Classes Scheduled for Summer Break

Does your child need something to do during summer break? Red Cross has planned a class that could help your child be a competent and confident babysitter.

The Super Sitter course has been scheduled. This course helps 5th through 8th graders feel confident about taking care of other children, especially in handling first aid emergencies that young children often encounter.

The class will be held at American Red Cross Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Thursdays and Fridays, June 19, 20, 26 and 27, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Cost of this class is \$20. Scholarships are also available. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call 284-1234, ext. 175 for further information.

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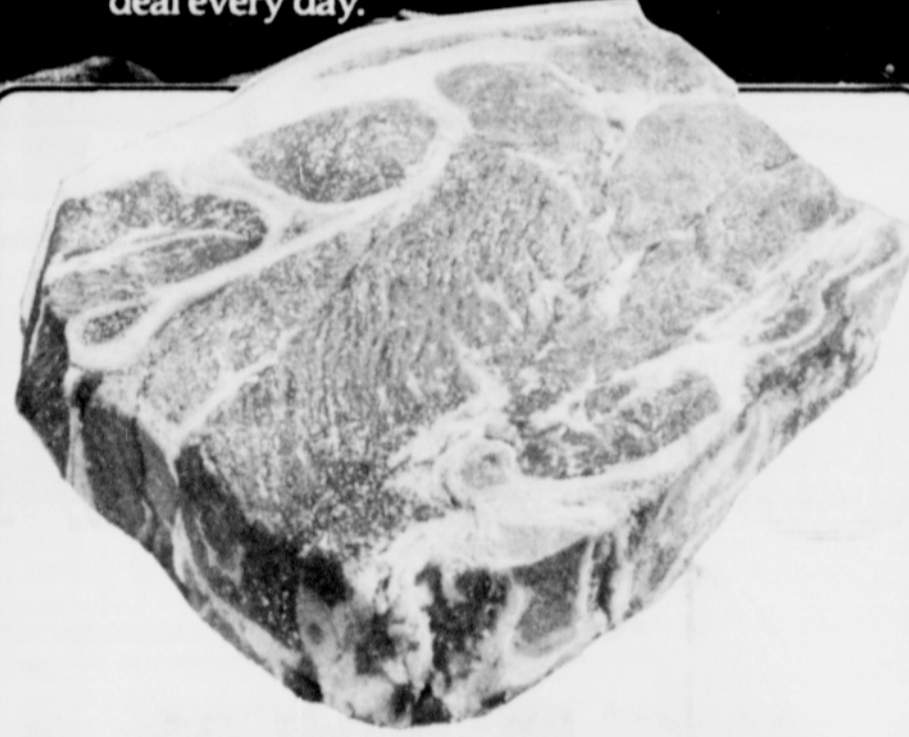
Better Eating for Better Health will help you take the guesswork out of nutrition while you learn about food, health, and the diet that is right for you. The course sessions are taught Monday through Friday, June 23 through 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at American Red Cross Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Avenue.

Better Eating for Better Health teaches the practical matters of learning to understand the information on food labels, to evaluate food additives, to consider the relationship between diet and disease, and to think about the vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients in your food. No matter what age or how busy you are, if you eat "smart" you can look and feel better, be healthier, live longer, and save money too. The course gives materials on nutrition during pregnancy, infancy, childhood, adolescence and adulthood.

The course fee is \$15 per individual. Call Red Cross, 284-1234, ext. 175 to pre-register.

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