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gious affiliation, people with no church at all would say "Protestant." They understand "Protestant" to mean "not Catholic."

In predominantly Roman Catholic countries like Italy or France, people who practiced no religion were likely to identify themselves in the same offhanded way, as "Catholic." Many of the "Protestants" of Northern Ireland have no religious affiliation or conviction. They are "Protestant" because their forebears were.

Similarly, even some of the leadership of the Irish Republican Army are "Catholic" by descent rather than in practice.

The result is that there are two self-conscious groups, one labeled "Catholic," the other "Protestant," and neither one terribly responsive to the leadership of the principal churches. One can be entirely secular in practice and, at the same time, militantly "Protestant" or "Catholic."

The major churches in Northern Ireland are the Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist churches and the Roman Catholic Church. The leadership of all these churches have denounced sectarian violence and provocations to violence.

But what about militant ministers, such as the Rev. Ian Paisley, frequently identified in news reports as a "Presbyterian" minister?

Mr. Paisley has never been affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. With a Baptist background, Paisley founded a tiny sect which he named the "Free Presbyterian Church."

The use of the name "Presbyterian" leads him some of the publicity to which he is not entitled. Quotations from Mr. Paisley in the press leave the

impression that the extremism of the militants has the blessing of the historic Protestant churches.

If "Protestant" and "Catholic" really referred to people with spiritual commitments, rooted in the life of the churches, the solution to "the troubles" would be apparent. Protestants who took their faith seriously would either call off their annual celebrations of the Battle of the Boyne or take them indoors.

At a very minimum, they would stay away from Catholic neighborhoods and mute the triumphalism.

As a majority, it is the responsibility of the Protestants to take the initiative in seeking the good of their neighbors.

Catholics who took their faith seriously would have the more difficult role, since they would have every right to feel indignant.

Nevertheless, they might disarm their offensive neighbors by aggressively "turning the other cheek." They could offer cold drinks or hot tea to their neighbors as they marched through their neighborhoods. Such a gesture would lance the poison and transform the relationships.

I write of Northern Ireland not because we can do anything much about what happens there, but to encourage us to look carefully at how the various communities to which we belong might also "turn the other cheek" — and seek the good of neighbors with whom we are in conflict, rather than seeking their destruction or their embarrassment.

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tion, call the Temple office at (810) 681-5700.

**■ TISHA B'AV SERVICE**

Members of Cong. B'nai Moshe will chant "Eikha" the biblical Book of Lamentations, at the synagogue's Tisha B'Av service at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24. All are welcome. The Book is one of five megillot, or scrolls, in the Hebrew Bible and is chanted on Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av. It is traditionally ascribed to the prophet Jeremiah and describes in aching detail the desolation of Jerusalem and Judea following the destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians in 586 BCE. Chanting the mournful melody will be Lynne Aydenka, Nancy Kaplan, Cantor Emeritus Louis Klein, Naomi Pinchuk, synagogue president Steve Rabinovitz, Ruthellen Kass Singer, Marc Sussman, Maggie Thirman and Michael Weiss. Cong. B'nai Moshe is located at 6800 Drake, just south of Maple West Bloomfield. For more information, call (810) 788-0600.

**■ TEACHERS SOUGHT**

William Tyndale College seeks instructors in Spanish and African American Literature to teach this fall. If you are a committed evangelical Christian with a master's degree, please forward your resume to the college at 35700 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI. 48331, or fax it to (810) 553-5963.

**■ BIBLE SCHOOL**

Children ages 4 through sixth grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-9 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Cranbrook and Lone Pine roads, one mile west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Planners will hold drive-through registration from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, in front of the church. Cost for the week-long morning program is \$10 per child; \$25 per family. Call (810) 644-5210.

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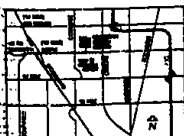
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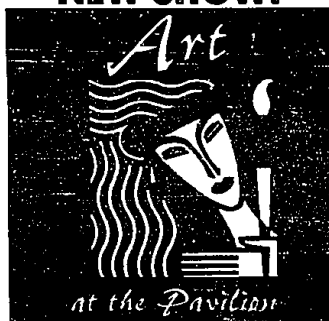
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