

Rounding Up The Golden West

Pilgrim hopes her 'magic' can save world

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ODESSA — During the next couple of weeks, you may see walking through your town or along the highway a silver-haired woman dressed in blue. Stop and talk to her, listen to her message.

"Overcome evil with good," she says, "and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love."

Without a penny to her name, she walks the streets and highways of America until someone offers her shelter. She fasts until someone offers her food. All her worldly possessions fit into the pockets of the tunic she wears over her blouse.

Long ago, she vowed to walk 25,000 miles to try and bring peace to the world. She still walks, for her vow is "to remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace."

Her given name, she says, is unimportant. Sometime ago, she legally changed it to Peace Pilgrim.

Her age is somewhere near 80. It's unimportant because Peace Pilgrim transcends age.

She began her pilgrimage for peace about 15 years ago, at a time when most folks retire. "My friends thought I was crazy," she admits. "But I've been going uphill since that time. Now I have endless energy. I feel better — younger — than ever before."

In the Midland-Odessa area this week to speak to classes at Odessa College and Midland College, Peace Pilgrim will make her way down to Big Spring, then Abilene and on down through the state.

The silver-haired pilgrim says there are two formulas — magic formulas, she calls them — that will avoid and/or resolve life's conflicts.

"Have as your objective the resolv-

ing of the conflict — not the gaining of advantage," she says. "Be concerned that you do not offend — not that you are not offended."

She points out that today is a crisis in human history, and that we who live in the world today must choose between a nuclear war of annihilation or a golden age of peace.

"The world situation is grave," she said. "Humanity, with fearful, faltering steps, walks a knife-edge between complete chaos and a golden age. Unless we, the people of the world, awake from our lethargy and push firmly and quickly away from all chaos, all that we cherish will be destroyed in the holocaust which will descend."

Her message is one of love, of following the Golden Rule.

"These are laws governing human conduct," she says, "which apply as rigidly as the laws of gravity. When



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