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LEGAL RIGHTS

Too often teenagers and their parents are unaware of the rights that they have under the juvenile justice system. These rights, affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, include the right to the help of a lawyer; the right to have the court appoint a lawyer if the family cannot afford one; and the right of the teenager to remain silent.

Arkansas Advocates for children and families, a private statewide organization committed to improving services for the children of Arkansas, has a campaign underway to call attention to the juvenile courts and to make sure that children and their parents understand their legal rights. Arkansas Advocates has hired a lawyer to assist in answering questions regarding the juvenile justice system and is prepared to make public appearances to groups interested in seeing that the due process rights of all persons--juveniles as well as adults--are honored.

Call if you have any questions about what happened to you or if you just want more information about your rights and proper court procedures.

The toll free number to call is 1-800-433-6545 outside of Pulaski county. In Pulaski county call 371-9678. You may write to Arkansas Advocates, Suite 931 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

See related article in "Dear Dora" p.2

Halley's Comet Gets A Little Closer

BY EARL GREEN

Halley's Comet, which last made a pass by Earth in 1910, is getting ready to make another next year.

The famous comet, which has been thought by scientists to be a "dirty space snowball" and numerous other objects, is going to be visible with the naked eye across North America and all over the world.

Actually, the comet is visible right now, if you have access to a telescope. It is visible in the east-north-east now, and it will soon be visible without a telescope as a slightly fuzzy star. Get ready!

Kimmons Choir Students Sing Out

Five Kimmons Choral students were selected to participate in the All-Regional Choral Concert when the Northwest Junior High School all-region auditions were held at Walton Junior High School in Bentonville on Saturday, October 12. The all-regional meet will be held Saturday, November 2 at Westark Community College.

Students selected were Patty Lawley and Steven Beavers, ninth grade; Chris Rettstatt and Dzung Nguyen, eighth grade; and Stephanie Howard, seventh grade.

Suicide

by Patti Wright

Do you ever wonder what suicide means or how many people commit suicide each year? First of all, suicide means an act of deliberately killing yourself. Did you know that 28,000 persons commit suicide per year, in the United States? The suicide rate is higher among white and elderly men who live alone. But, the number of suicides have been increasing among blacks, children, teenagers, and women. These people who have committed suicide have either usually threatened to do it before, or have attempted to commit it in the past. Most people who commit suicide do so for personal reasons, for instance, the death of a close friend or relative.

Most of the teenage suicides are done because of fear of the future, failure in school, parents splitting up, children thinking that their parents don't love them anymore, or just plain loneliness.

Here are some tips on talking someone out of committing suicide:

Let them know that you care.

Be all ears and try to understand.

Tell them that one mistake is not worth giving up their life for.

Then get this person some help.

Nov. is National Suicide Prevention month

GRAND SLAM

The ball was pitched and, with a wham,
Pete Rose hit a record grand slam.
He ran the bases to a cheering crowd.
His parents were there and very proud.
Now he joins Ty Cobb in the Hall of Fame
So future fans will not forget his name.

ODE TO SEVENTH GRADES

When you first entered these great halls
The ninth graders made you feel very
small.
For weeks and weeks you wished you were
dead,
Just couldn't get into the old White and
and Red.
Now you're here and think you'll stay,
Becoming more like a Raider every day.
Relax! The upper classmen are glad you're
here.
So put on a big smile from ear to ear.

THE LADY

She greets guests at her dampened door,
A light of warmth for rich and poor.
For many years, she's stood straight and
tall,
Now we make this plea to one and all -
If she falls, there will be many tears,
So invest your money for future years.

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These original poems were submitted by
Mrs. Locke's classes.

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PEER PRESSURE

BY DEON STARKS

Coping with peer pressure isn't all
that easy. Your friends try to get
you to do things that you know are
foolish and wrong. If you don't do
them, they start calling you names
such as "chicken" or other names.
But in doing these things you should
remember that there are great risks.

Peer pressure is caused by bad
association that can be picked up at
your school, at parties, or just about
anywhere. If you have this problem,
you should try and talk to a friend,
teacher, parent, or anyone you think
that can help you with this problem.

And remember, if someone dares you
to do something that you know is
wrong, just think of the
consequences. Don't let them talk you
into doing these things—you have a
mind of your own. And if they laugh
at you, just walk away.
Let them know that you are not the
foolish person that they are. It will
really help you in the long run.

OPINION POLL By Robert Heyman

What does the word Prognasticate mean?

BILLY COOKSEY: To annoy someone.

DEON STARKS: To prognasticate... what else!

FREDDY BOYD: I never heard of it

LUIS HERNANDEZ: A wild guess.

CHRIS CARTER: Dirt under your fingernails.

Answer: To predict from facts; fortell



"What do you mean, you're taking us to
Libya???"

"HIJACKING!" by Earl Green & Robert
Heyman

Dear

DORA

Here are a few of the
questions that Kimmons
students ask

WHAT IS THE JUVENILE COURT'S AUTHORITY?

This court has authority over any
juvenile "who violates state or federal
law or municipal or city ordinance,"
is believed to be a juvenile in need
of supervision, or is the subject of
alleged child abuse. Any crime or
neglect involving a child, but committed
by an adult, also goes first to
juvenile court.

WHO IS A JUVENILE?

In Arkansas, a juvenile is any person
who has not yet reached his/her 18th
birthday. If a person breaks this law
before his or her 18th birthday, a
hearing may be held in the Juvenile
court even after he or she becomes
18.

"DEAR DORA" WANTS TO HELP

Do you have a question, a personal
problem, or something you need help
with? If so, then come by the Kimmons
Guidance Office and drop off your
letter or comment.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mrs. Grant's first
period class in B-104 for winning the
Spirit Week Banner Contest on
Thursday, October 31st!

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NIGHT FRIGHT



"STRANGE NOISES IN WILLOW CREEK CEMETERY"

Two men, Jim and Bill, discuss the problem of the Willow Creek Devil...

"What could be worse, Bill, I mean what if this news spreads, the rumors could ruin us. For crying out loud, can't we keep a lid on it?"

"No Jim, I'm afraid we can't. Or, should I say we didn't. By now it's spread across the state."

"I wish you hadn't put it in the bulletin, but it's too late now."

"It's nine o'clock, I think I'd better go."

As the door closes, Bill doesn't reply. He leaves at 9:05. As he walks down the sidewalk the cold October wind cuts through him like a knife. He sees the doughnut shop but pays little attention to it. He looks at his watch indicating 9:10. He opens the door to his car and drives towards his home. Soon he sees a set of headlights behind his car, not too far away. After a while his digital watch make a beeping noise. He looks at it and it still says 9:10! Bewildered and shocked Bill suddenly notices a set of headlights directly in front of him. He slams on the brakes and slides into the ditch.

Even though he is still conscious, Bill is shaken and confused. He peeks over the dash, and nothing is there! He runs out to look and there is no sign of a car anywhere. He decides to walk the rest of the way past the cemetery to his home.

The next morning Jim is talking to Bill's wife on the telephone.

"No, Mrs. Gregor, I haven't seen him since nine o'clock last night. And you say he hasn't contacted you? Well, I'll look into it. Bye."

As Jim hangs up Bill Gregor steps through the door and falls flat on his face.

"Bill! Mrs. Reeves, call an ambulance."

As the secretary dials the number, Jim starts shaking Bill's shoulders.

"Bill! Bill wake up. What happened?"

To Be Continued...

K107

Kimmons' radio station, K107 is back into a new year, and back into a totally new outlook. The hosts of this year's radio station are Paul Udou, Ava Miller, Donnie Douglas, and Roy Wright. All members of the Student Council Committee here at Kimmons.

The radio show will last 10 to 15 minutes and will be aired every other Friday. It will not only play rock and roll, and country and western music, but will also keep you updated with the latest city and state, weather, and sports news. Any songs may be requested, except ones containing offensive language. We welcome you back, K107, and hope your year continues to be great!

OFFICE ANTICS

Michelle Mondier

In past years many funny things have happened in the office. A child came to the office with his hand stuck in his horn. The secretaries had to pour green soap down his horn so we could get his hand out. It was a unique experience. This is just one of the many funny antics that go on behind that desk in the office every day.

Mrs. O'Neal remarks: "In my opinion, the funniest thing that happened is when Mr. Hatchett moved up here."

Mrs. Fowler, who has worked here for 22 years, is the registrar. She makes out daily bank deposits and enrolls new students.

Mrs. Berdan, who has been working here for 15 years, is in charge of attendance and detention sheets.

Mrs. O'Neal is our typist and our secretarial worker. She has been here for 11 years.

In their opinion, their favorite pastime is contact with the students. These ladies do a super job in the office and we'd like to give them a special thanks for all they do for us.

Thank you,
office
ladies!



EDITORS GO TO WESTARK

by Robert Heyman

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On October 10 and 11, students got out of school for two days, due to an A.E.A. convention (Arkansas Education Association). For most of us, those two days were probably spent sleeping an extra two hours, or watching television the whole day. It didn't go that way for journalism class' copy editors and teacher. They went to Westark Community College to work on Kimmons' newspaper.

The newspaper's copy-editors, Earl Green, John Remington, and Robert Heyman, spent seven hours each day for two days editing and writing stories in the computer lab at the college. Each editor used an Apple IIe computer to create and lay out the newspaper.

The Westark newspaper "Lion Pride" featured the journalism students at work in the computer lab in its weekly issue.

*** HAPPY ADS ***

Lorri, Melanie, Talina and Kim- best of friends forever.

I love you Randall. Love, Donna

Happy Birthday Carrie! from Leslie

