

Shelter's safety questioned

Sex assault, delinquent influx elicit concern

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Three juveniles have been charged with sexually assaulting another teen at the Children's Guardian Home, raising more questions about the safety of the facility.

The incident occurred June 11, according to Gary Chavers, deputy prosecutor, chief of the juvenile division. The three male sus-

pects are being held at the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center.

The Irvington area home was designed to provide temporary shelter to abused, abandoned and neglected youths.

Some members of the Guardian's Home Guild, a volunteer group, claim the home is becoming unsafe because of the influx of about 200 delinquent children sent there by Juvenile Court Judge James W. Payne. Payne could not be reached for comment today.

Paul Brown, director of the Guardian Home, said the facility "cannot effectively nor should it be asked" to shelter runaway

children, and children with a history of delinquency or sexual abuse. He declined to discuss the specific incident.

City-Councils Council member Cory O'Dell, who represents the district where the home is located, said today he had heard a rumor a few weeks ago about the assault.

"If it was one of the criminal kids, it further goes to support why they should be there," O'Dell said, adding that two staff members have been attacked in the past by some delinquents.

But Chavers said he's convinced the youths arrested for the assault had not been

transferred to the home from the detention center.

Two of the three are first-time offenders, so obviously they weren't placed there for prior juvenile activity," Chavers said. "The other one had a prior arrest."

He said the three youths, two 13-year-olds and one 15-year-old, were charged Monday with criminal deviant conduct, concealment and battery.

Chavers said one of the youths allegedly sexually assaulted the 16-year-old male as the two others held him down. The other two also allegedly tried to assault the victim as well, Chavers said.

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

David L. Hesse

It begins with just one step

This city measures progress by the step, not the mile.

By that measure, then, two Indiana lawmakers could claim some progress this week.

Dan Coats, the state's junior GOP senator, lowered his lance and charged the out-of-state trash heap again.

This marks his third attempt in five years to give states and local communities the power to limit the amount of garbage flowing in from out of state.

While the bill considered this week by the Senate Environment Committee was introduced by another senator, Coats can legitimately claim ownership of the issue that helped him win election to the Senate in 1992.

After the Senate approves the measure, the House has to OK the bill. Then after one or two more votes, the president signs it and it's law. Meanwhile, Indy Democrat Andy Jacobs has two bills headed to conference. One would fix Nanny-gate.

You remember that? Pay a baby sitter or a lawn mower more than 50 bucks in one quarter and you have to pay the Social Security benefits.

The other measure would amend the Social Security Administration out of the Department of Health and Human Services and make it an independent agency.

That would make it harder to use SSA as a tool to cut the federal budget.

Jacobs has gotten this thing past the House any number of times but former senator-now-Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen blocked it in the Senate.

When the Senate finally voted this year, the independent SSA bill passed.

See why they use yard sticks to measure progress?

NOBODY GROWS YOUNG

Sparking of Andy Jacobs, the Indianapolis Democrat was appointed to the White House Conference on Aging.

The conference, which will meet in May 1995, will gather experts from all over to discuss issues involving aging.

This is not just about old folks. It's also about those of you who will grow old some day.

Jacobs and seven other members of Congress will help set the conference agenda.

I wonder if this means he has to sit through the conference too.

ON HIGH AND DRY

Congress giveth and Congress taketh away.

This week Congress took back \$2.5 billion it approved last year to build a new courthouse in Hammond.

Pete Visclosky, the Democrat who represents Indiana's Chicago suburbs, isn't sweating the takeback, or so his staff says.

It seems the General Services Administration, Uncle Sam's landlord, kind of expected to build the new judicial palace in a flood plain.

The final site lies outside the city limits, so GSA can save the money it would have spent keeping the building dry—about \$2.5 million.

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Rich Miller/The Indianapolis News
Ann Carly of Clinton, Ind., receives counsel from State Rep. Linda Henderson of Bedford.

Mock government elections send girls to Capitol session

The Associated Press

For the first time in 55 years of the Hoosier Girls State, girls elected to state offices traveled to Indianapolis to hold a session in the Capitol.

Vanessa B. Cox, 17, was elected governor by the 400 girls attending Hoosier Girls State this week at Indiana State University.

"I was hoping to go to meet the governor. I understand he's a busy guy," the high school senior said. "I did leave a letter on his desk though... Hopefully, he'll keep in touch."

Vanessa did meet Sen. Surlen Reed, the state school superintendent.

"She really seemed very genuine, very sincere with her interest in the students," she said. "In the program, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, students are assigned to represent Indiana cities and counties, and elect

city, county and state officers.

"I was always kind of afraid of government," said Vanessa, from Silver Creek High School.

"Politics always seemed so scary to me because I thought, 'Oh they're the big guys, they're making all the decisions.' But they really are interested."

The Southern Indiana teen-ager said she hopes to become a criminal justice officer.

"It doesn't really have anything to do with my career," she said of the mock government program. "I think it has given me the strength to be able to say hey, I came here, and I may be from a small town but I was able to elect over all those girls who are in the top fourth of their class."

Vanessa was elected as a Federalist — Girls State doesn't use actual party names — and leans politically toward conservatism.

No speed's the limit with the right equipment

Clem lived life in the fast lane before there was one.

He had one speed. All out. If he couldn't do a 30-minute chore in 15, he considered himself a failure.

At the store mill, where he worked nights, he could outpace the other operators... except when he measured in haste and missed a block.

On the farm, he beat his neighbors into the fields each morning, then tried to outpace, outspan and outthrust them.

He often did. Maybe because he slept faster than they did.

He was a Type-A personality among a cadre of good old boys in no rush to spend through life.

All of which helps explain why Tad wasn't surprised when he arrived to help harvest hay that day in June.

First, the stage needed to be set. Clem preferred to put up "loose



THOSE WERE THE DAYS
Wendell Trogon

cover," as he called it. That meant he didn't have his axials or red clay laid.

Instead it was tossed onto the wagon, then taken to the barn, where it was stuck with a fork, pulled by a rope up onto a track, rolled across the underside of the

roof, and dumped in a part of the lot.

A worker in the moon would yell "dump it." The man on the wagon would perk on the rope, tripping the fork, which dropped the hay into the lot.

Most of the time a team of horses or a tractor was used to pull the rope through a set of pulleys at the opposite end of the barn. The driver would know when he heard "dump it" to stop and drive back toward the barn, bringing the rope with him so the slack in it would allow the fork to be pulled back to the wagon more easily.

Back to Clem and Tad, a preteen hired to help.

"How come you're gonna use your car to pull the rope?" Tad asked, looking at the knot on the front bumper of the 1937 Buick.

"Cause it's a Indiana lot faster than a team or my Parnall '68," Clem answered. "Miami saved

a minute to be used for something else.

"Your job will be to yell for me to stop when you hear 'dump it,' then pull the rope back in front of the car and start forward. And one fast 'cause we may set some kind of record here today. I figure if Jim can stick the hay into a well," Clem says he can, and can unload a wagon in six or eight minutes.

Once the two wagons were loaded and brought to the barn, Clem started the Buick, waded for the signal to go, and sped backward at a faster speed than a team or a tractor could move. He drove back toward the barn at even faster speed once the hay had been dumped.

He had been right. The load in the barn in less than 10.

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minutes more quickly, even

Law ends irritating of children

By DAN WITZEL
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When Jeanne White-Ginder heard that her late son, Ryan White, was featured on an AIDS trading card — baseball-type cards featuring people whose lives were taken by the AIDS virus — she couldn't believe that someone could profit by using Ryan's name and picture without her permission.

Starting July 1 in Indiana, they can't, thanks to a new statute.

The law, which White-Ginder supported when she testified before legislators earlier this year, protects the famous, both living and dead, from the unwanted use of their name or likeness. Indiana is the 10th state to enact such legislation.

That means using Ryan White's picture on a trading card, or printing up and selling David Letterman T-shirts without permission, is illegal. Under the law, the state cannot only force a financial settlement, but may emergency injunctions and seize all the goods in question.

"It just gives me some protection to how the face and legacy of Ryan White is used," said White-Ginder, who runs the Ryan White Foundation, a not-for-profit AIDS fund-raising group.

Ryan White achieved fame by trying to attend public school near Kokomo while infected with the AIDS virus in the mid-1980s. He died of AIDS complications in 1990, at age 19.

"When I first heard of the trading cards I couldn't believe people could do that," White-Ginder said. "I couldn't believe they could package and sell his image without consultation."

White-Ginder also has had problems with other trading groups using Ryan's name to raise money they claim will go to AIDS research. Groups have been re-



Jeanne White-Ginder

ported in Alabama and New Jersey.

"We don't know where the money is going," White-Ginder said. "A guy in New Jersey gave someone \$10,000 who was raising funds with Ryan's name and we have no record of him."

Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville) heard of the Ryan White situations and wrote the Senate's version of the bill.

"It was clear that the question of the right of publicity had not been clearly defined," Kenley said.

"For me though, the catalyst was when we found out that Ryan White's name was being protected from things that I felt were not very proper."

Exploiting famous people is not new.

"It is very common," said attorney Dean Barnhard of the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg. "It is unfortunate that there is such widespread piracy of people's images. Families need to be protected from that kind of commercial exploitation."

Barnhard has represented Cur-tis Management Group Inc., a business and marketing agency for celebrities.

In 1991 he won a multi-million dollar judgment from Warner Bros. for the James Dean Family

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NEWS IN BRIEF

2 found shot in truck

Two men were found shot in a pickup truck on the near Northside early today and one later died at Wishard Hospital.

Both men had arrived only a week ago from Alabama for contract contract jobs expected to last about 8 months and were sharing a near-Westside apartment.

Dead was Richard Sanderson, 37. Stacey Robinson, 31, was treated at Wishard for a gunshot wound to the chest and was also treated at Wishard and Sanderson was talking to a man in the 2500 block of Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. Street, when shots were fired. He spent the night in a hospital, but had fired the shots, he said.

Indianapolis Police Department said the shooting occurred about 1:30 a.m.

No other details were available.

BIBLE VERSE

John 4:16 — Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. It will become a spring welling up to eternal life."

That's what God's love in ourselves, it satisfies our need and grows and flows out in ministry to others.

Prepared by Catherine Griffith

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Takin' some wild rides

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — The hoofs were flying as 80 young cowboys and cowgirls descended on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Friday for the Indiana High School Rodeo Association's state finals.

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Kelley Zaring just misses her first attempt as she competes in the breakaway roping event at Friday's state finals.



John Rheinheimer (left) pulls a blanket around his cousin Andrew and sister Ashley as rodeo spectators try to cope with the chill.



Bareback riding contestant Lance Hogue is kicked while trying to get out of the way of his horse. He was not seriously injured.

Laws about cruising Indiana lakes often ignored

The Associated Press

PERU, Ind. — Those zipping through Indiana waters on Jet Ski-type craft should forget showing off and pay attention instead to important safety rules, state conservation officers say.

"They are so mobile and agile that they're all over the place," said officer Keith Dinn. "They're operators not always cognizant of what's going on. They don't go in a straight line like a boat."

Dinn and other conservation officers are trying to help widespread misuse of personal watercraft such as Kawasaki's Jet Ski at Mississinewa Lake. As an example, they cite a June 11 accident in which a Peru man suffered serious injuries when his personal watercraft collided with a bass boat.

That kind of accident could happen again unless riders become more aware of who or what is around them, Dinn said.

"It's me, myself and I'm not a boat. I'm out there spinning around. The mindset is not where it should be," he said.

The Department of Natural Resources estimates more than 9,000 Indiana residents will zip through the waters this summer on Jet Skis and similar crafts. There were 44 boating accidents

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last year involving 66 motorized watercraft, including one fatal crash.

Dinn said the most common violations of the Indiana Boating Laws are:

- Driving more than 30 mph when within 200 feet of a shoreline.
- Operating Jet Skis or similar craft after sunset.
- Jumping, water or engaging in other dangerous stunts in the water.

Brett Illier, who offers three waterbikes for rental near Mooresville, said he tells newcomers the DNR's rules and then adds some of his own. He asks solo riders to remain within view of his staff in a designated area, and advises them to yield to boats.

"I tell customers to pretend that nobody else knows the rules," said Bill, owner of Catch A Wave Waterwear Rentals.

Remarkable women sought

The News is looking for some remarkable women.

These may be women who have won "buns" of awards, reared a dozen successful children or gone skydiving at 50.

We're interested in talking with women who are excelling in whatever life they've carved out for themselves — whether they're church volunteers, corporate presidents or homemakers. They might be women who deserve recognition but who have never been in the newspaper.

If you identify someone from your workplace or neighborhood, nominate her for a News profile. Tell us about this special person in 50 words or less. The woman must be willing to be identified, interviewed and photographed. Please include her address and phone number.

Send your nominations to: Remarkable Women, The News, Box 141, Indianapolis, IN 46206-0145. Also include your own name and telephone number in case we want to call for details. Deadline for entries is July 17.

Purdue seeks 4 percent hike in state funds for 1995-97

The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue University will ask the General Assembly for a 4 percent funding increase for the 1995-97 operating budget.

The Purdue Board of Trustees approved a preliminary plan Friday that asks the state for a \$16.7 million increase in funding for fiscal year 1995-96 and an additional \$14.7 million for the following year for the entire Purdue system.

"We are concentrating on the basic needs required to maintain current programs and facilities," said Purdue President Steven C. Beering. "And we seek small increases each year for quality improvement."

The increase requested is based on a 3.4 percent expected annual inflation rate during the period. Purdue's 1994-95 operating budget for the West Lafayette campus and three regional campuses is \$832.8 million.

The trustees will vote on a detailed version of the budget request at its September meeting.

Also Friday, the board of trustees approved a price increase for lower-area seating for Purdue men's basketball games. Single-game ticket prices will go from \$14 to \$16.

Upper-arena and student ticket prices will remain the same.

Train-car crash kills Gary boy

The Associated Press

LAKE STATION, Ind. — A Gary boy was killed and his mother and two brothers were injured Friday when a freight train hit his car.

Jerome Woods, 5, died at Wyler Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago.

Pulker said the child's mother, Patricia Johnson, ignored flashing lights and a warning horn from the train's conductor and began to cross the tracks.

The Central freight train was going 38 mph when it slammed into the passenger side of Johnson's car. The car was hurled about 40 feet.

Pulker said the children, who were not wearing seat belts, were thrown from the car. Johnson, 24, was pinned behind the steering wheel and had to be extracted. Jerome and one brother, Rodney Woods Jr., 7, were flown by helicopter to Wyler. Rodney was listed in fair condition.

Johnson and 2-year-old Quinton were listed in serious condition at St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart.

The train's conductor, Francis Lajury of Grant Park, Ill., said he did not see Johnson's car.

Law: Won judgment in James Dean case

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Trent, Warner Bros. had been using Dean memorabilia and selling the late Hoosier actor's image in promotions for nearly 40 years.

He helped Curtis win a multi-million dollar judgment from Warner Bros. for the James Dean Family Trust. Warner Bros. had

been selling Dean memorabilia and using the late Hoosier actor's image in promotions for nearly 40 years.

While the law is definitive, it has its sensibilities, Kenley said. Media organizations are not restricted and the law no longer applies 100 years after a person's death.

Gary tract is oasis hemmed in by factories, highway

The Associated Press

GARY, Ind. — In the distance, there are steel mills. There are high-voltage power lines, busy railroad tracks and an interstate highway. The low ground of trams, trucks and heavy equipment never seem to fade.

But within earshot of these signs of heavy industry is a unique tract of land, a precious natural habitat that is as remarkable as where it is as what it is.

The 253-acre Bongi Carriage property slowly is being absorbed into environmental hazards one year after being given to the state in the settlement of a lawsuit.

The property, on Gary's west side, is believed to have more species of plants and animals than any parcel in the state, said Joseph Thomas, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's remedial action plan coordinator in the region.

"It's an irony," Thomas said, referring to the area's stark environmental contradictions. "I refer to it as the beauty and the beast. There is a beauty there that people don't realize."

The parcel was deemed to the state to close a federal lawsuit involving former industrial waste

disposal and recycling facilities in Gary, known as Midco Landfill II. The dumps are on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of Superfund cleanup sites.

Indiana sought \$4.4 million to pay for damage to the area. Instead, the state received the property valued at \$2.4 million.

The Bongi Carriage property, named for a defunct trucking company that operated there, is among a handful of natural oases along northwest Indiana's heavily industrialized Lake Michigan shoreline.

Created by water as recently as 4,000 years ago, the region's topography is a rarity for the inland area, characterized by rolling sand dunes and lush wetlands.

"There are some very beautiful areas here," said Sue Lynch, executive director of the 12-year-old Valparaiso-based environmental group IMAHS. "I don't know how they're surviving, but they are."

There are 214 identified native plant species on the Bongi Carriage property, which includes two ponds and about 47 acres untouched by man. The species include Indian paintbrush, prairie phlox, sun-march pink and blue-

ing star. Another 30 exotic species — vegetation introduced by humans — have been recorded, along with 61 species of birds.

Reminders that the environment is not a top priority never are far away at Bongi Carriage.

Piles of tires and smashed concrete dot the landscape. The northeast corner was a dumping ground for fly ash, a waste by-product of coal burned at power plants. Tires have found high levels of cadmium, a heavy metal, but further tests are needed to determine if the ash must be removed.

U.S. Steel factories loom to the east and north. Trains pass on the north edge and sensu crutch the Indiana Toll Road, which skirts the southern border.

With the help of volunteers, Thomas hopes to reclaim Bongi Carriage.

"It's not enough to identify these fragmented natural areas," Thomas said. "You've got to find a way to tie them together so that the natural recovery process can take hold."



Joseph Thomas (left) says he calls the Bongi Carriage area in Gary "beautiful and the best."

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