

Amnesia cured; 'Sally' goes home

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BOSTON — An amnesia victim who spent years wandering New Orleans' French Quarter as a panhandler has been reunited with her family.

Evelyn Wilson, known in the French Quarter as "Dirty Sally," returned to her family Tuesday night.

"It (the reunion) was tearful," said her daughter, Polly, 19. "A lot of tears and I'm happy," said Polly, who was 11 the last time she saw her mother. "She's aged, naturally, but not more than you'd expect. I grew alot. It's like I'm bigger than she is."

Wilson panhandled her way through several years of subsistence in the French Quarter, shuffling barefoot in jeans and a shirt, hanging out with winos, sleeping on the steps of St. Louis Cathedral or at the Cafe Du Monde and staring vacantly at the world.

"Dirty Sally," Ann Fogarty and Anne Boleyn (the second wife of King Henry VIII) were some of her nicknames.

"I sure do believe in miracles," Evelyn Wilson said of regaining her memory. "This has been a miracle."

Her days as "Dirty Sally" behind her, Wilson, 53, filled a suitcase with Mardi Gras beads Tuesday and left a nursing home for a flight to Boston and a new, old life.

Wilson had been separated from the past, but resumed her old life Tuesday when she arrived in Boston to rejoin her husband, Frank, and her children Craig, 28, and Polly, 19.

Wilson's daughter Polly, who last saw her mother eight years ago at age 11, said her mother had aged, but not more than she expected.

Wilson's memory started coming back 2½ years ago thanks to the Rev. Mike Levy of St. Louis Cathedral. Levy knew she was an educated

woman because she knew Latin, some Spanish and medical terms.

Levy convinced her to seek treatment for malnutrition at Charity Hospital of New Orleans. She later went to East Louisiana State Hospital at Jackson, La., where her illness was diagnosed.

Dirty Sally, who seemed to recall she was from the South (she's from South Boston), finally blurted out her Social Security number. After doctors located her husband, she began corresponding with her family.

Doctors said proper rest, diet and medication helped restore her memory.

Wilson said her memory began fading about 20 years ago when two of her four children died. She said she attempted suicide and "I never was really well after that."

She also spent time in a Florida state hospital before making her way to New Orleans. Wilson spent the last two years recuperating in a Louisiana nursing home.



New security systems are being installed in the Memorial Student Center to protect the Metzger and Colt gun collections housed on the third floor. Staff photo by Marsha Hoehn

Gun collections get security

by SCOT K. MEYER

Two gun collections in the Memorial Student Center are closed while a new security system is installed in one of them. The security system should prevent thefts from the collection like the one in January.

Two Colt .45-caliber semi-automatics, worth about \$325 each, were taken from the Sam Houston Sanders Commemorative Colt Collection on January 22, University Center Business Manager Sanders Letbetter said.

The guns were returned before mid-February, he said, apparently by the thief. Letbetter said the guns were found with a note in the MSC.

Stronger wooden cases have been built for the Sanders collection, Letbetter said. The cases were actually being built before the theft occurred, he

said. In addition, a new security system is being built into the cases, Letbetter said.

"The Sanders Collection was started by Dr. Sam Houston Sanders, a physician from Memphis, Tenn. It was started after his graduation from Texas A&M," Letbetter said. Letbetter said all 200 guns in the collection are commemorative, which means they are often crafted with silver and gold parts. Many have ornate handles of pearl, ivory or hand-carved wood, and none of them has ever been fired.

The Sanders gun collection is housed in 342 MSC, along with the Metzger collection. About 500 antique firearms of all types comprise the Metzger collection, which includes a 14th Century Chinese pistol. No re-opening date has been set for the collections.

Despite poor health report

75-year-old wins bike races

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MOSCOW, Pa. — Pete Muchisky clearly recalls the day a doctor told him he had six months to live. That was 27 years and nearly 160,000 miles ago.

"He said they'd find me dead in bed someday. He said my heart was in bad shape," the 75-year-old says with a mischievous smile.

His answer was to take up bicycle riding — "just for physical fitness." Instead, the former printer became a champion.

Since he took up cycling, Muchisky has won more than 400 awards and citations, including seven gold medals in the annual 24-hour New York City Marathon. He also has logged 159,750 miles, enough to have traveled around the world almost 6½ times.

"Here I am 27 years later and there's nothing wrong with my heart. I haven't been to a doctor in quite a while," he says proudly.

The once-overweight Muchisky lost 80 pounds and 14 inches from his 48-inch waist in the first two years of cycling. He is now a robust figure at 165 pounds, a great portion of which lies in tremendous, rock-hard calf muscles.

"I have no arthritis, no rheumatism. I take no laxa-

tives. I don't smoke. I eat well and sleep well. My pulse never goes above 50," he says.

The gray-haired, Peugeot-shirted Muchisky says he averages almost 50 miles per day cycling outdoors and also trains on an indoor stationary bicycle.

He has removed all the furniture and carpeting from his living room to make room for bikes, nine of which sit in the spots usually reserved for sofas and coffee tables.

Every birthday, he attempts to better his record on his indoor bicycle. On Feb. 27, 1979, he rode a continuous 100 miles in 3 hours, 12 minutes. This year, with witnesses present, he did it in 2:44.

In a race in Atlantic City, N.J., held when Muchisky was a youngster of 65, the Moscow Wonder crossed the tape 76 miles in front of the second-place finisher, who was 23 years old.

Some biking victories have come so easily for Muchisky in the 50-and-over age group that during the most recent Central Park race held last month, he said he went to sleep for eight hours and still beat 3,000 other riders.

"They called on me to speak," he said. "I told them I did it not to prove anything to the younger people, but to the people 60 and over who feel they're living only day to day. I want to set an example for them."

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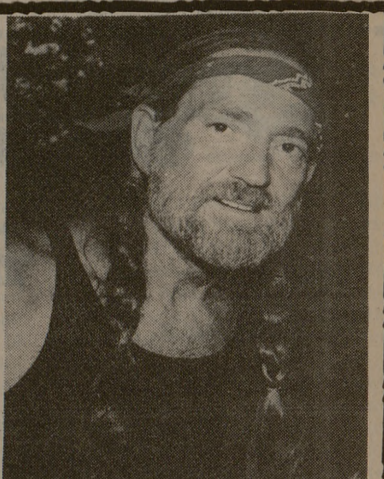
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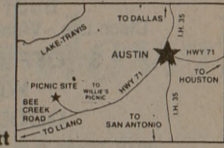
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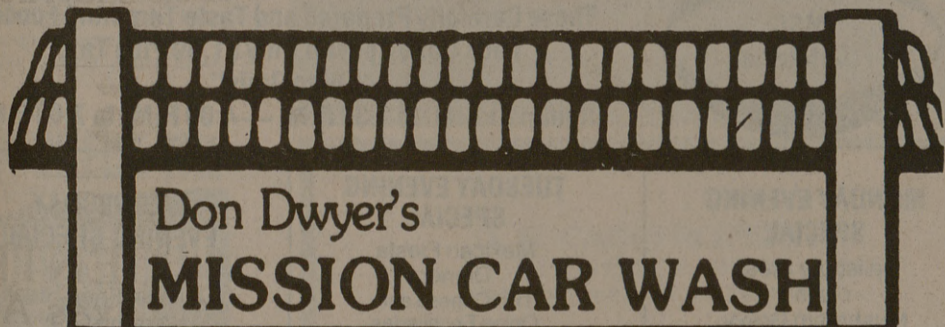
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