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Life-saving demonstration

Staff photo by Brian Tate

Laura Olsen, a registered nurse of 25 years, demonstrates the technique involved in clearing the throat of a child that is choking. Cynthia Carman watches the demonstration while her 9-month-old son, Jesse, is more concerned

with getting his hands on the doll. This exhibit was part of the Earth Fair, a public service sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The fair was held Saturday.

5-year-old boy indicted in Fort Jackson murder

United Press International
COLUMBIA, S.C. — A federal grand jury reportedly has indicted a 5-year-old boy for the murder of another child at Fort Jackson, but the U.S. attorney for South Carolina refuses to discuss the case.

"I can't talk about any juvenile matter, neither to confirm it nor deny it," U.S. Attorney Henry Dargan McMaster said Friday.

The State and The Columbia Record, both based in Columbia, have reported that the grand jury indicted a child identified as "John Doe" for murder in the Aug. 7 shooting death of Christa Soule, the daughter of a Fort Jackson soldier stationed at the huge training facility east of Columbia.

McMaster, who said federal laws prohibit discussion on juve-

nile matters, said there were several reasons an indictment could be sought in such a case. Records might be needed in case the juvenile were involved in a later crime, or to make sure a child is watched for possible future violent behavior, he said.

Richland County Coroner Frank E. Barron III said the girl was shot with a derringer-style pistol.

Murderer awaits sentence

United Press International
SALT LAKE CITY — An all-white jury that convicted avowed racist Joseph Paul Franklin of first-degree murder in the sniper slayings of two black joggers convenes Monday to decide if he should be sent before a firing squad.

It is Franklin's second conviction of the crime. Saturday's state court conviction, however, could bring the death penalty by a firing squad. Franklin was sentenced to two

consecutive life prison terms on a federal court conviction in March of violating the civil rights of Ted Fields, 20, and David Martin, 18, by killing them as they jogged out of a public park with two white girlfriends. Life in prison is the maximum penalty for a federal civil rights conviction.

The federal jury deliberated two days, but the state panel found him guilty after only 6½ hours.

When the verdicts were read, Franklin's sisters, Marilyn Garzan

and Carolyn Luster, sobbed quietly. Franklin showed no emotion, but defense lawyer David Yocom, former chief prosecutor for Salt Lake County, put his head down on the table in a gesture of despair.

Judge Jay Banks met with lawyers following the verdict and told them to appear in court Monday morning to discuss the penalty phase of the trial. Under Utah law, a separate hearing must be held to help the jury determine what sentence to hand a convicted mur-

derer. The trial lasted 15 days, with 75 witnesses taking the stand. None of the prosecution witnesses positively identified Franklin as the sniper who hid in a weed-covered field and fired six or seven shots into the two joggers as they left Liberty Park on Aug. 20, 1980.

Prosecutor Robert Stott said that even though the state's case was predominately circumstantial, it "was an overwhelming body of evidence that, taken as a whole, leaves no doubt that Joseph Paul Franklin was the gunman in that field."

The case went to the jury late Friday, after lawyers presented closing arguments in a day-long court session. Yocom's arguments were interrupted for more than an hour when workmen accidentally cut electricity to the courthouse.

Philly students offered educational alternative

United Press International
PHILADELPHIA — Strike-weary Philadelphia students, suffering under their fifth teachers' strike in a decade, are turning to community, home, religious and private schools as an alternative.

About 213,000 children in Philadelphia are facing the second teachers' strike in as many years. The strike, which began Sept. 8, shows signs of outlasting the 1980 strike, which lasted three weeks. It was in the 1980 and the 1976 strikes by the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers that Esther Edwards started organizing 54 alternative classrooms, each with one certified teacher and one or two aides.

"We will keep expanding as long as the community demands it," Edwards said. "Ninety percent of our certified teachers are strikers who are fed up."

Emily Rollins said her work to establish "home learning centers" in 15 blocks of north Philadelphia

is "in a very fragile stage," but the program should be off the ground in a week.

A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where enrollment increased by 1,000 between 1980 and 1981, said parochial school organizers are careful

to screen students.

"We have a policy that if we notice a large number of children trying to enroll because of the strike, we don't accept them," Len Czabator said. "They tend to leave as soon as the strike is settled."

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