

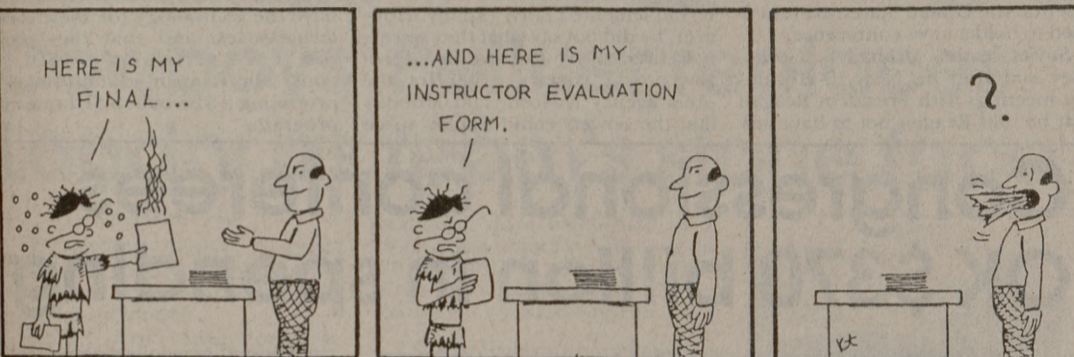
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Man commits 'suicide', kills 2 sons

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN - A distraught father facing an impending divorce has killed himself and his two sons by attaching a hose from the exhaust of his vehicle, Williamson County officials say.

The bodies of Juanito Salinas, 31, and his two sons, Zachary, 4, and Brandon Lee, 9, were found Sunday on the front seat of a car in an isolated spot in Williamson County, about eight miles east of Georgetown.

Deputy Sheriff Richard Elliott said the rubber hose had been shoved through a hole rusted in the side of the old vehicle.

"The car was in neutral, the ignition was on and the gas tank was empty," Elliott said. "The windows were rolled up."

A fisherman found the bodies in the car, which was parked on a dirt road about 100 yards from a low water crossing of the San Gabriel River. The area is a popular fishing spot.

D.W. Hays, a Williamson County justice of the peace, said, "This is about the hardest thing I have ever been out on. If a man wants to kill himself that's one thing. Why did he have to kill his two boys? It disturbs me."

Elliott said that once the hose was placed in the car and the engine

started, the three people would have passed out from carbon monoxide fumes within minutes.

The trio had been dead several hours when found. Officers said plastic bags had been placed over the faces of the children and one boy had bruises.

Authorities said Salinas, who apparently was upset over an impending divorce, picked up his sons about 9 a.m. Saturday at their grandparents' home in northeast Austin and said he planned to take them to a movie.

The grandparents became concerned when they were not returned home Saturday night.

Doctor says woman died of starvation

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — An elderly woman died of starvation complicated by bedsores and widespread infection — all brought on by poor nursing care at a Texas City nursing home, a medical examiner testified Monday.

Dr. Vincent DiMaio, Bexar County medical examiner, also testified another elderly woman, Edna Mae Witt, was a homicide victim at the Autumn Hills nursing home.

DiMaio is the final prosecution witness in the murder-by-neglect trial against Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc. and five of its current and former employees.

They are charged with murder in the Nov. 20, 1978, death of Elnora Breed, 87. The woman died 47 days after entering the Texas City facility.

The defendants also are charged in the death of Witt, but they are not being prosecuted on that charge.

DiMaio testified the prosecution asked him to go over the medical records of both women and to sit in on autopsies performed earlier this year.

"Did you arrive at an opinion regarding the manner of Mrs. Witt's death?" assistant attorney general David Marks asked.

"In my opinion, it was a homicide," DiMaio responded.

The defense promptly objected and State District Judge Don Morgan instructed the jury to disregard the statement.

Medical records showed, DiMaio said, that Breed was relatively frail when she entered the Autumn Hills nursing home Oct. 4, 1978.

"But her medical history shows she was a tough woman," he said. "She couldn't have been too frail."

DiMaio said Breed had no acute medical problems. He pointed out, however, she had suffered cancer three times. But each time, she underwent surgery and the disease was arrested, he said.

The defense has claimed Breed died of cancer.

"In my opinion, she starved to death and the starvation was complicated by decubitus ulcers (bedsores) and infections," DiMaio said.

Snack bar a success, director says

Since its grand opening Oct. 14, the Bus Stop Snack Bar has provided the opportunity for students to grab a quick snack en route to class.

So far, the snack bar, which provides service for more than 1,000 students daily, has been a success, says Fred Dollar, director of the Department of Food Services.

"We didn't realize there would be as much demand for this," Dollar says. "It (snack bar) seems to be serving a good purpose. We just wish it was larger."

Dollar, who has been food services director for 20 years, says the department wanted to open a snack bar earlier, but campus space was limited. The needed room became available when bus operations moved.

"We looked at campus traffic patterns and we noticed a great horde of students go by that intersection every day," Dollar says.

The snack bar, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and serves hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches and chips at prices similar to other snack bars on campus, Dollar says.

He says the department hopes to add more services like the snack bar and is currently investigating campus traffic patterns to decide on an additional location.

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Oilmen using Bible as guide to gushers

Associated Press

DALLAS — Harold "Hayseed" Stephens, pastor of the Living Way Ministry near Weatherford, lost more than half of his congregation last year because of members' displeasure with his interest in drilling oil in Israel.

But, according to Stephens, divine guidance played a major role in his decision to drill on the southwest bank of the Dead Sea, and he is busily trying to line up investors for a project that he said is guaranteed by the Bible to succeed.

Stephens, 47, drove to a north Dallas hotel last week in his white Cadillac, which bears on its front doors a company seal sporting oil derricks atop an open Bible.

Removing his white cowboy hat, Stephens made his pitch to investors from whom he needs more than \$1 million to continue drilling in Israel.

"I believe because of God's speaking we have found the place," Stephens said. "I believe because of God's speaking we have found the place."

His confidence comes in the face of historically little oil production by Israel, which produces less than 2,000 barrels of oil daily and imports about 185,000 barrels daily.

Stephens is an evangelical Christian who believe the Bible will lead him to great reserves of crude in the Middle East.

A similar believer is oilman Andy SoRelle of Houston, who uses a host of geologists and seismologists, and an abiding confidence in Deuteronomy, which says, "He (God) made him (Jacob) to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock."

SoRelle and partners have spent \$13 million in Israel without striking oil. The Dallas Morning News reported Monday.

Others say they have dreams of exploring for holy crude in Israel, but have yet to sink a drill bit. Among them is the Ford Oil and Development Corp. Its prospectus warns investors that the company is "approaching the oil and gas business on a religious basis, which may increase the risk."

"The Bible tells us there is oil there," Ford president Donald Ackerman said.

After much praying and fund raising, Stephens said he struck a deal with the Israeli government and some Israeli business interests and began drilling in June atop a salt dome.

The company's prospectus says the project's consulting geologist reports a 90 percent probability of discovering \$600 million worth of oil.

If so, Stephens said, he will give all his share, as he said God has instructed, to Israel.

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