The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the *Illinois Valley News* archives

This week we look back at June 19, 1996. Though summer was in full swing for the kids, there was a strange and rather peculiar situation taking place on Schumacher. Get ready for one of the most bazaar crimes to come across while searching for this week's Archive Zone.

Two gunmen hold couple; seek drugs. Sheriff's deputies are looking for two armed men, partially disguised, who cut phone lines, forced their way into a Cave Junction residence and tied up a couple while they broke into a wall searching for chemicals. They also dug a hole in a yard at the residence. The incident of first-degree burglary and first-degree robbery, which occurred at 600 Schumacher St., was reported at approximately 3:22 p.m. on Monday, June 17 when Dustin R. Unger, 24, and Kimberly A. Scott, 23, went to the Josephine County Sheriff's Office Substation in Cave Junction. They were reported uninjured, and the sheriff's office does not consider them to be associated with any drug activity. The suspects are described as two white men considered armed and dangerous. One is approximately 30 to 35, 6-4, 180 pounds with black, curly hair. He was wearing a long-sleeved sweatshirt, dark blue jeans, and black-and-white tennis shoes. His partner is about 35 to 40, 5-foot-10, 165 pounds, wearing a black baseball cap, sunglasses, and a blue-and-white bandana over his face. He also wore a gray-and-white long sleeved shirt and acid-washed blue jeans with black utility boots. The suspects told the victims that they would not be harmed, but that they were looking for chemicals supposedly hidden in the walls of the residence by former tenants. The couple, whose hands were tied behind their backs, were released when a friend came to the residence, apparently unaware of the situation, while the suspects were digging a hole. Once released the couple yelled at the men that officers were on the way. The suspects fled in Unger's car. It was recovered by deputies a short time later, not far from the residence.

Today in History: by The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2017. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 30, 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was August 31 where the crash occurred.)

On this date:

In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln).

In 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

Ten years ago: In a serious breach of nuclear security, a B-52 bomber mistakenly armed with six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles took off from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota and flew to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana; the Air Force later punished 70 people. Taliban militants in Afghanistan released the last seven of its South Korean hostages.

Five years ago: The U.S. Justice Department announced it had ended its investigation into CIA interrogations of terrorist detainees without bringing criminal charges. Twin satellites were launched by NASA on a quest to explore Earth's treacherous radiation belts and protect the planet from solar outbursts.

One year ago:The European Union ordered Apple to pay nearly $15 billion in back taxes to Ireland, plus billions more in interest (both Apple and Ireland are fighting the ruling).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Daily is 90. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 78. Actor Ben Jones is 76. Cartoonist R. Crumb is 74. Olympic gold medal skier Jean-Claude Killy is 74. Actress Peggy Lipton is 71. Comedian Lewis Black is 69. Actor Timothy Bottoms is 66. Actor David Paymer is 63. Jazz musician Gerald Albright is 60. Actor Michael Chiklis is 54. Music producer Robert Clivilles is 53. Actress Michael Michele is 51. Country musician Geoff Firebaugh is 49. Country singer Sherrie Austin is 46. Rock singer-musician Lars Frederiksen (Rancid) is 46. Actress Cameron Diaz is 45.

Thought for Today: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." — *Proverbs 1:10.*

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