

The Medical Roundup

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Psychic Injuries Produced By Deformity

As I keep saying in this column, I am always distressed when, as commonly happens, I get a letter from some young person, often a teen-age girl, who says that she has a marked deformity, perhaps on her face, which makes her cringe every time she has to meet someone, and which causes her great unhappiness and untold mental suffering.

What saddens me particularly is that so often the girl says that her parents have no sympathy with her desire to have the defect corrected; they do not seem to realize how much she suffers. Some, of course, are against an operation because they haven't much money; and a few are against changing the defect because "God made it that way."

I wish all such parents could read a letter I have here on my desk—a grateful letter written by a girl to the plastic surgeon who rebuilt her ugly nose and brought forward a depressed upper lip. This poor girl was so homely that for years she could hardly bear to go out among people. Today, her picture shows a pretty girl with a nice-looking nose and an upper lip which is out where it belongs.

She wrote, "My dear Doctor: Although I know how familiar you are with the mental twists of a person with a defective face, and I know I am only one of thousands who created in her imagination a magnified, frightful picture of people who seemed to keep turning around to look at her and to ridicule her, I must now write you a letter of heart-felt thanks.

Warped Personality
"All of the many hurts left over from my childhood, created a warped and very un-

happy personality. The adolescent with a deformity may seem to be normal, but she has deep clefs beneath her scars which will constantly influence her way of thinking.

"All this you know; nevertheless, I feel the urge now to shout to the world that I used to be bitter; I used to hate everyone. Now, as the surgical wounds in my face are healing, the deeper wounds in my mind are also healing. No longer will I be afraid to board a bus or to walk down a crowded city street. At last, I am a normal person. No one will stare unpleasantly at me. And now, at last, I can hope that some man will love me; and I am so capable of loving, and so desirous of love.

"Like a plant, I feel a fresh bud bursting within me; I have become real, and true to myself. The autumn leaves which you have helped me to shed have made way for clean good shoots. They were always inside me but were kept hidden beneath a mass of lies about people—lies which I had come to believe so fully that to me they appeared real. I want you to know now that I have restored a soul. I will be thinking you all my life."

Council Turns Down Apartment Request

Portland—(UPI)—Portland's city council succumbed to pleas of several hundred Portland residents Wednesday and unanimously denied a zoning change that would have allowed construction of a high-rise apartment house in southwest Portland.

The vote came after five hours of speeches by proponents and opponents of the building.

About 250 indignant Portlanders claimed their view of the city and Mt. Hood from the southwest heights would be blocked.

Man May Have To Choose Between Trees and Fish

Washington—(UPI)—A Washington state forester suggested Wednesday that man may have to choose between saving trees or fish in his battle against insects.

The difficult choice was offered by Don Lee Fraser, supervisor of the Washington Department of Natural Resources, during testimony before a Senate Government Operations subcommittee.

Fraser expressed fear that an "anti-pesticide" movement would hinder efforts to protect the nation's forest resources from insects.

The subcommittee which is holding hearings on the control of pesticides and other chemicals in view of fears that the balance of nature is being upset by their use.

Dr. Emil M. Mrak, chancellor of the Davis campus of the University of California, told the subcommittee that pesticides were needed to halt crop losses of hundreds of millions of dollars to insects. At the same time, he said, careful controls were needed to prevent injury to man and other forms of life.

Bank Robbery Charge Faces Missouri Man

Portland—(UPI)—Gerald Lee Mudd, 24, of Monroe City, Mo., is to be removed to St. Louis Mo., as the result of court action Wednesday. He will face charges of robbing a Madison, Mo., bank.

Mudd walked into the Lane county sheriff's office last Friday and surrendered. He said he was broke and tired of running.

Thornton Ruling Asked on Cutbacks

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Thursday asked Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton to rule whether the executive department could order cutbacks in the basic school support.

In a rare move by the Republican governor, the Democratic attorney general was asked if the executive department could exercise the same allotment control over the basic school fund that it can exercise over other budgets and allotments.

The answer could hold the key to whether Hatfield would call a special legislative session if the 1963 legislature's \$80 million tax increase measure is rejected at the Oct. 15 special election.

Loren Hicks, Hatfield's legal counsel, said the school fund totaled about \$150 million of the state's \$404 million general fund budget.

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS
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Poor Sam Was Humiliated After Causing An Accident

He was a 2-year-old chimpanzee by the name of Sam. He was exceptionally good at what he was expected to do, which was to entertain people coming into the office of the touring attraction. He had the run of the office and was never tied or restrained in any way. Never once did he attempt to leave by the front door, or return to his cage in the compound until taken there at the end of the business day when the attraction was closed for the night.

During the months he was the office boy, making a host of friends. It was a pretty staid person that failed to respond to Sam's charm and friendliness within the first five minutes of acquaintance.

Being a natural born cutup, he was a riot with the children. Many folks spent more time with Sam than they did out in the compound where dozens of animals of various kinds peered from cages or tugged at the ends of chains.

Sam's Domain
The office was Sam's domain and he made the most of it. There were stacks of travel folders, sea shell novelties, marine curios, leather belts, hammered silver bracelets, earrings and hundreds of other objects typical of gift shops everywhere.

Sam, contrary to animal nature, preferred to walk upright instead of on all fours. He enjoyed walking with visitors from one showcase to another, all the time holding firmly to one of his hands. He was careful in his selection of preferred folks; with uncanny accuracy he selected those folks that enjoyed his company. Given a little attention he went all out to please. In many ways he seemed more human-like than animal-like.

Favorite of Force
Naturally he was the favorite of the office force, they made over him all the time, bringing him good things to eat, and patting the partly bald head every time he came near. He was particularly fond

of the young lady that punched the cash register. He spent hours watching her forcefully depress the lettered and numbered buttons on the register. He became so enthusiastic when the bell rang he would clap his hands and look at the girl with pleading eyes to repeat the pleasant noise.

For Sam's convenience, a tall stool was placed alongside his friend at the cash register. He sat there, with his legs crossed, like a little old man, and came pretty close to grinning at the folks paying their admission to the attraction. Regardless of how many people passed, or how many kind words they spoke to him, he repeatedly looked up into his girl friend's face, with adoring eyes.

The Accident
He was on the stool one day when the great humiliation was heaped upon him. What hurt more was that his friend was the one that humbled him. A sales tax was always collected. This was kept in a glass jar alongside the cash register. Sam accidentally hit it. It fell and crashed on the floor, pennies rolled all over the place. Exasperated, his friend grabbed him and paddled him good. He scampered to the far side of the office, his head in a corner and sulked.

Some time later the cashier felt a gentle tug on her skirt. She looked down into a pair of sad, brown eyes. Sam had his other hand full of pennies. The girl's eyes were a little misty as she took the pennies. "I wonder little friend, just how much you really do know?" she asked. Sam didn't answer—slowly and humbly he went about the gathering of the coins.

TO MARCH
Portland—(UPI)—A busload of freedom marchers from the Portland area will leave Sunday for Washington, D. C., to take part in the Civil Rights march Aug. 28, Mayfield K. Webb, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Portland said Thursday.

Man's Major Problem:

How To Do Away With Insects and Not Offend 'Silent Spring' Author

By DICK WEST
United Press International
Washington—(UPI)—One of the major tasks confronting mankind is finding a means of doing away with insects without upsetting Rachel Carson.

In her book "Silent Spring" Miss Carson put her foot down regarding the use of chemical pesticides. This brought forth suggestions that she should try putting her foot down on a few bugs.

It was generally agreed, however, that her point about pesticides upsetting the balance of nature was well taken.

As one who has been feeling a little unbalanced myself, I am pleased to observe that Miss Carson's message has begun to make itself felt.

New Laboratory
At Gainesville, Fla., this

week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is dedicating a new insect research laboratory to the pursuit of better methods of controlling pests.

Among other things, the lab will study various biological measures, such as insect birth control.

I don't have the program for the dedication ceremony, but I think it would be appropriate if they invited Miss Carson to throw out the first cockroach, or something like that.

In addition to this project, a team of department scientists at Beltsville, Md., has started a search for new physical methods of controlling four types of flies.

Other Good News
They are investigating the merits of light rays, sound waves, air currents and genetic patterns as weapons against these pests. Apparently they have concluded that the fly swatter is obsolete.

No results from Beltsville

are expected for a long time yet, but there is good news from the Agriculture Research Service at Corvallis, Ore.

Scientists there have discovered that female houseflies apparently use some sort of perfume to attract male flies. Proof of the role that scent plays in the romance of a housefly was obtained with a device called an olfactometer. The scientists put some male flies in one chamber and then put some females in another chamber where the fellows couldn't see them.

Despite the absence of sight or sound to lure them, a significant number of the males wound up in the chamber with the females. It is assumed, therefore, that the perfume got 'em.

According to the Agriculture Department, the Corvallis experiment holds promise of developing into something big in the way of fly control. I would not care to speculate just how.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-20	1 Write, 2 Excellent, 3 Money, 4 Cashless, 5 And, 6 Good, 7 You, 8 Or, 9 Have, 10 Confidental, 11 Tell, 12 Don't, 13 Times, 14 What, 15 For, 16 Don't, 17 Borrow, 18 Worthwhile, 19 You've, 20 A, 21 Interfere, 22 Recreation, 23 Or, 24 You, 25 Someone's, 26 Get, 27 Odds, 28 Dev, 29 Gain, 30 Troubling, 31-16-17-36-40	Taurus APR. 21-20	1 Wine, 2 Excellent, 3 Money, 4 Money, 5 Cashless, 6 And, 7 Good, 8 Or, 9 Have, 10 Confidental, 11 Tell, 12 Don't, 13 Times, 14 What, 15 For, 16 Don't, 17 Borrow, 18 Worthwhile, 19 You've, 20 A, 21 Interfere, 22 Recreation, 23 Or, 24 You, 25 Someone's, 26 Get, 27 Odds, 28 Dev, 29 Gain, 30 Troubling, 31-16-17-36-40	Scorpio OCT. 24-23	1 Love, 2 Friends, 3 Life, 4 Attention, 5 Assured, 6 Pities, 7 Secret, 8 And, 9 Have, 10 Entertain, 11 Betoken, 12 Now, 13 Or, 14 Romantic, 15 You, 16 Calibrate, 17 Opportunity, 18 Ties, 19 Indicated, 20 Fields, 21 Then, 22 Home, 23 Then, 24 Loved, 25 Are, 26 Prudent, 27 Indicated, 28 Ours, 29 Trust, 30 Open, 31-20-28-42	Libra SEPT. 23-22	1-8-9-10 11-46-67	Capricorn DEC. 23	1-18-32-48-68 69-75-79-81	Aquarius JAN. 21	1-21-23-26 31-39-50-56	Pisces FEB. 20-19	1-20-28-42 70-73-77
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