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THE SINKING OF THE ANDREA DORIA

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The Andrea Doria was the fastest, biggest, safest and most beautiful of all the ships in the Italian Line. It was built in Genoa, Italy and made its maiden voyage in January of 1953. Sixty years ago it left Genoa on a voyage to New York with 1,134 passengers and a crew of 572. Kathy Dickson of Sweet water boarded the ship at Gibraltar. She was a student at Park College in Missouri then and had just completed her junior year of study abroad at a University in Spain.

Kathy had traveled on cruise ships before, but says this one was the fanciest she had ever seen. She bought a third class ticket and had a small room on one of the lower decks. She enjoyed all the amenities the ship offered and got acquainted with several of the passengers, some of which were immigrants bound for a new life in the United States.

She was in an upper deck ballroom dancing the night of July 25, 1956 when she felt a jolt and the lights started going out. "They flashed all around the room and it looked like a carnival," she says. "Then the ship started to tilt and glasses started breaking all over the place. We tried to get downstairs but there were so many people coming up there was no way to do that."

In heavy fog, about 8 hours from Nantucket, the Andrea Doria collided with another ship, the Stockholm. "The Stockholm had an ice plow on the front of it. It was going north and it plowed into the middle of the Doria, destroying all the safety doors that were built to keep water out in case of an accident. The collision created a hole in the side of the Doria that was 40 feet deep."

Kathy and other passengers went to the railing to descend down rope ladders to small boats provided by the Stockholm. Some lifeboats on the Andrea Doria were destroyed in the collision. "There was a woman there who looked like she was about seven months pregnant and had two small children with her. They were all wearing life jackets. She popped the children into the water, then jumped in. They swam to a boat and boarded the Stockholm. That's the bravest lady I ever saw."

The Ile de France and five other ships arrived to help with the rescue. It was considered a successful rescue operation because only 51 people died: 46 on the Andrea Doria and 5 on the Stockholm. Eleven hours after the collision, the Andrea Doria sank.

Kathy was 20 years old at the time and wasn't panicked at all. "We didn't ever have a lifeboat drill because we just knew the ship was safe and wouldn't sink."

She didn't call her mother when she got to New York. "She was ready to kill me. I thought she would know that I was OK. They had a room where you could go send a message but it was so jam-packed with people I thought she'd know I was safe."

Tumbleweed enjoys hearing good stories and sharing them with readers of his column. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.



JOURNAL OF TEXAS' PATH TO INDEPENDENCE continued...

The Alamo has fallen...the defenders all dead and their bodies burned. If you visit the old mission in search of it's heroes, "you may look in vain for crosses and you'll never find a one, but sometimes between the setting and the rising of the sun, you can hear a ghostly bugle as the men go marching by, you can hear them as they answer to that roll call in the sky".

The Alamo is the oldest of the San Antonio missions, one of five built in the 1730's along the San Antonio River. You can visit them today. The other four have longer histories however, because they were first established in East Texas. Unlike missions elsewhere, the religious centers were also built as forts so that their personnel and activities could be protected but were not built for defense. (The Alamo, for example, was constructed without rifle ports for shooting from inside the walls) Problems arose in East Texas because of malaria, drought and lack of military support, so the missions were re-located to San Antonio where they flourished, They represented the largest concentration of Catholic missions in North America. Besides spreading Spanish New World influence, the missions also introduced the native inhabitants to Spanish society. During later years, these declined due to disease and to increased hostility by Comanche and Apache forces. The five stone missions are described by James Michener in his novel "Texas" as "lining the river like a string of jewels on a necklace" and that "to visit the five missions was like walking slowly and with deep passion into the beginning of Texas history. Each was different."

The five missions were: San Antonio de Valero established in 1718 as a way station between Mexico and the original East Texas missions. It was already over 100 years old when it came to fame as The Alamo....five miles downstream was Mission San Jose, founded in 1720 and which provided the strongest garrison against Indian raids... San Juan Capistrano the agricultural center for the missions, in 1762 reporting 3500 head of sheep and nearly as many cattle on it's ranch a few miles southeast....Concepcion, from 1731 the attractive center of religious activities with architecture featuring towers and colorful geometric designs...Espada prior to 1731 was near Nacodoches as San Francisco de los Tejas, now the southernmost mission along the San Antonio river.



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You can visit all the missions today. The Alamo is a historic site, and the other four are active parishes of the Catholic Church, open to the public and maintained separately as a National Historical Park. While in San Antonio, plan to soak up more of the flavor downtown by visiting the Menger Hotel near the Riverwalk. Just enjoying a formal breakfast or lunch in the hotel dining room or gazing at the photo gallery brings to life the historic elegance and western hospitality that Texans are naturally drawn to. You'll take away enough history to satisfy, least until your next Texas road trip! .



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Connecting the Dots With Pennies.....

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Dialogue about pennies is rare. They've become the Rodney Dangerfield of coins, rarely useful and generally disrespected.

So, when one is able to link "penny stories" to the same individual through happenstance, there's an eagerness to share the account.

Here goes. Triggers on "way back when" stories often are pulled by care center residents--some who don't remember what was on breakfast trays this morning, but have "rain-water clear" recollections of long ago "doings." One person with great men-

tal clarity is Brownwood's Dorothy Allison. When conversational triggers are pulled on way-back-when and verbal gunfire erupts, this almost 88-year-old is the one with the automatic....

Her mind is a steel vault of goings-on during depression years in her hometown. A "car hop" as a young adult at Bill's Drive-In--a "goin' Jessie" eatery established by the late Bill Young around 1950--she made notes and took names of much and many.

She remembers the price of menu items, who stole which limeade glasses and who was dating whom.

Dorothy was a favorite--beyond personable, good-looking and usually

able to write down orders before customers opened their mouths. She was--particularly to young men--"picture perfect" in just about every way, with a mile-wide smile to boot. Some had to wait for their jaws to "unslack" before they could place orders....

At the Redstone Park Retirement Center recently, she asked me if I'd like to hear a story about Leonard Underwood and pennies. I did, and already knew one. Little did I know her story was a great companion piece.

Early on in my HPU years, Underwood handed me a \$25,000 check for the university. He joked that if he'd made the gift based on his first "paying job," it

would have taken about a century--even if all proceeds were pledged. Beginning at age eight and for the next four years, he marched into the Brownwood Bulletin office to pick up 50 newspapers. (His cost was three cents each.) Then, he'd "hawk" them to business people in town for a nickel, usually selling out. The third-grader pocketed the \$1 profit five days each week, feeling good that he'd "out-hawked" other youngsters working the same territory.

Dorothy remembers well his coming by the restaurant daily, eagerly selling Mr. Young a newspaper, always exiting with a "thank you."...

"One day, it was raining, and Leonard's lone remaining copy was soaked," Dorothy related. "He dropped by anyway, without a dry newspaper but with an eye-moistening offer. He said, 'Mr. Young, I'm going to run over to the Bulletin to get your paper, and I hope you won't buy one from another kid before I get back.'" Young didn't, but he did re-tell the story a few thousand times, as has Dorothy.

Interestingly--and most sentences beginning with the word aren't--the legendary Underwood's Barbecue started in Brady, TX, where Leonard--the youngest of eight boys--was born. That's when M. E. Underwood started selling the succulent beef

from the trunk of his car around 1930.

Dorothy's "beginning" preceded the dawning of Underwood's barbecue by a couple of years....

"Old Man" Underwood was great with beef, but no better than "Mama Underwood" was with fried chicken.

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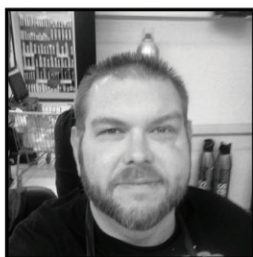
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Obits

Ronald "Red" Dwight Ferrell

Memorial services for Ronald "Red" Dwight Ferrell, age 73 of Windom will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2016 at County Line Baptist Church – Yantis with Rev. Doc Davis officiating. There will be no formal visitation.

Ronald "Red" passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016 at TMC Bonham.



Morgan Wade Gunn

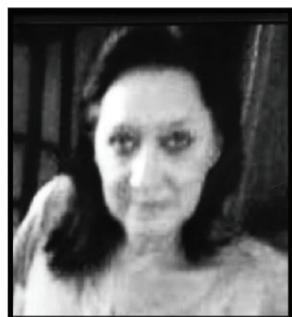
Mr. Morgan Wade Gunn, age 39 of Winnsboro, passed away on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas after a courageous battle with leukemia. Morgan was born on October 5th, 1976 in Winnsboro to Mickey Lynn Gunn and Mary Morgan Gunn McGlamery. He was a member of Grace Fellowship Ministries in Winnsboro. He was a cherished son and friend too many.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mickey Lynn Gunn.

He is survived by, his mother, Mary McGlamery and husband Ron of Winnsboro; brother, Brian McGlamery and wife Sabrina of Winnsboro; sister, Lori Gunn and husband Gilbert Chavez of Naperville, IL.; nieces and nephews, Aidan Chavez, Mac

Chavez, Caden McGlamery, Shaeleigh McGlamery

Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 10:00 am, Pastor Billy Condrey and John Brent Beaty conducting. Pallbearers were Jessica Stephens, Bobby Stephens, Trenton Hardy, Rylve Stephens, Lee Torres, Pocket Torres, Logan Torres, Denver Bouknight, Dylan Bouknight, Melissa Ford, Jennifer Nash, J.J. Griffin. In lieu of flowers, donate in his memory to: bethematch.org



Deanna Joy Arnett

Funeral Services for Deanna Joy Arnett, age 55, of Alba, TX, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Byron Houck officiating. Interment will follow at Barker Cemetery with Bobby W. Higginbotham, Mike Evans, Michael Evans, Brian Evans, Jimmy Arnett and Lil' Chad Norris serving as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers will be Wes Brewer, Scott Trudeau and Brian Brown. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Mrs. Arnett passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016 at her residence. Mrs. Arnett was born on September 21, 1960, in Dallas, TX, the daughter of Bobby D. Higginbotham and Nadine Wright Higginbotham. Mrs. Arnett married Danny Arnett on June 10, 2000 in Sulphur Springs, TX. He survives. She was a Phlebotomist for many years and a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Evans and wife Jennifer of Brashear, TX, Brian Evans and wife Miranda Frobish of Brashear, TX, daughter, Julie Brewer and husband Wes of Brashear, TX, brother, Bobby Wayne Higginbotham and wife Judy of Greenville, TX, sister, Debi Snyder, of Marina Valley, CA, ex-husband Mike Evans, grandchildren, Little Chad Norris, Easton Brewer, and niece Shelby Higginbotham.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Oleta Haddock Arrington

Funeral services for Oleta Haddock Arrington, age 81, of Commerce will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Commerce, TX, with Rev. Michael Ryer and Dr. John La Noue officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery with Shawn Elmore, Chip Robinson, Clayton Giddens, Bobby Draughn, Barry Smith and Jerry McDaniel serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Miller, Stan Brewer, Orville Jack Kelley, Clifton Haddock, Sydney Stewart and the Hope Sunday School Class. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Commerce. Mrs. Arrington passed away Monday, March 14, 2016 at her residence.

Mrs. Arrington was born on December 17, 1934 in Ridgeway, TX, the daughter of William David Haddock and Nunie Mae McManus Haddock. She married Harold Dean Arrington on February 23, 1954 in Commerce, TX. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Arrington worked for many years as a telephone operator for Gulf State Phone Company and was co-owner of Arrington Concrete Construction. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Commerce.

She is survived by one son, Harold Arrington and wife Michiel of Wylie, daughters, Pam Webb and husband Monty of Victoria, TX, Patti Doster and husband Mack of Commerce, brother, W. D. Haddock and wife Peggy of Dallas, sisters, Nelda Brunson and husband, Curtis of Fate, Oretha Isaacks and husband Kyle of New Braunsfels, grandchildren, Oleta De'An Webb, Kindra Rae Webb, Trey Shaw, Shea Arrington Shaw, Ethan Doster, Dakotah Wayne Arrington and Logan Dean Arrington, great-grandchildren, Jordan and Kaylee and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her, parents, sisters, Margaret Clinton, Shirley Speight, Helen Harris, Patricia Belcher and half-brother, Marvin Haddock.



William "Dennis" White

William White, 72, of Commerce passed away on Friday, March 11, 2016, in Austin, Texas.

Dennis was born in San Mateo, CA on November 11, 1943, to Peggy Jeanne Kennedy White and William Jasper (Bob) White. He married Susan Allison White September 1, 1979 in Dickinson, Texas. William Dennis White was a Vietnam medic veteran with the United States Army. They moved to Commerce in 2010, in 2012 he became a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he was an Ordained Elder. Dennis was President of the Board of Directors of the Commerce Community Food Pantry, where he also worked, he felt called to do God's work, he took Jesus' instruction to Peter to "feed my lambs" literally Dennis could do anything, he never stopped learning or trying new things. He had a love for gardening,

cooking and helping others. Dennis spent most of his life saving people. During the Vietnam conflict he was a medic instructor with the United States Army at Ft. Sam in San Antonio. He was called up to be a medic in a MASH unit at the front lines. He saved many lives during that time. There were many times he even saved the lives of some of his own family members. Dennis had such a commanding presence, yet he was so gentle and soft spoken. He had a gift of staying calm in any kind of situation and that always helped others. He was a blood donor and a tissue and organ donor, so even now he continues to save lives. Dennis served his God, his country, his family, his church and his community. He is loved by so many and will be missed by all.

Committal services with full military honors will be held on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at Rosemound Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 18, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Commerce.

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