

Ready to watch your own funeral?

By Danny Tyree

My cousin's husband owns a funeral home, so I'm anxious to hear his take on a front-page article from the November 4 "Wall Street Journal."

According to the article, morticians are innovating ways to put the "fun" in funeral (including burial plot raffles and "open house" family events featuring food, live music and bouncy houses) - or maybe it was putting the "monument" in monumentally screwed up ideas! I get those mixed up.



The article talked about undertakers enticing their potential customers to deal with the elephant in the room (their own mortality) and be more proactive about end-of-life planning. This will take the burden off your loved ones, so they will be tanned and rested and in a positively chipper mood as they fight over your estate. ("Step back from the Hummel figurines or I'm snatching you bald-headed...bless your heart...")

A funeral industry convention workshop was titled "How to build your pre-need customer pipeline," which, I'm sorry, dredges up too many memories of my dearly departed childhood goldfish.

Many undertakers report positive feedback for the laid-back attitude, but traditionalist customers are adamant that recent experiments in funeral marketing are disrespectful. ("We'll talk more when I get back from the King Tut exhibit. Need any souvenirs?")

Some of today's off-the-wall customized services leave me with mixed emotions. I can handle a funeral sanctioned by the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, but not one sanctioned by the Board of Ouija.

I suppose some ways of jazzing up the funeral experience are more tolerable than others. I could see a Grim Reaper with a tie-dyed robe, or a magician sawing someone's ashes in half. I'm cool with a standup comedian whining, "Hey, I'm dying up here."

Tequila is probably a counterproductive libation for promotional events. It's a real buzzkill to think about the worms biding their time to get their revenge.

Whacking a pinata filled with organs some bozo failed to donate to medical science? Let's not and say we did.

And a mime trapped in an invisible box is probably not going to sell many funeral packages - unless you get to nominate the mime as your "plus one."

One of the wildest innovations is "living funerals." You can attend a dry run of your own funeral, complete with casket, mourners, funeral procession, etc. You can witness the lavish proceedings without having an "out-of-body" experience, just an "out-of-disposable-income" experience.

This supposedly gives you peace of mind, but it sounds more anxiety-producing to me. ("I knew it - Ralph came just for the free calendars, not for me! And why isn't Mike hitting on my 'surviving spouse'? Does that conceited jerk think he's too good for her?")

Seriously, this is all artificial and skewed. Past performance is no guarantee of how your actual funeral will be in five, 10 or 20 years. A "living funeral" is like the "air guitar" of shuffling off this mortal coil, except the groupies are all hanging around the undertaker, who is raking in extra dough.

As my son noted, this is a brilliant way to get consumers to pay for a service twice. Maybe other professions will follow the funeral industry's lead. ("Just drink this awful liquid and sit on the potty all day. Then come back when you're 40 and we'll do all that again PLUS run a scope inside you. Let's put endless co-pays in colonoscopy!")

OFFICER INJURED

A man who allegedly injured a Lewisburg police officer while being arrested Monday, Nov. 7, is charged with assault on a first responder.

Kendall Sherrill was in a friend's Highland Avenue home in violation of an order of protection, Sherrill had active warrants for domestic violence and vandalism, police said.

Four officers were given a key to the home and allegedly found Sherrill in a bedroom along with a pit bull which "began to aggressively bark and come towards us," Officer Elijah Stuard's report said. Another person in the home caged the dog on officers' orders.

Stuard and Cpl. Jenny Frost restrained Sherrill as he allegedly resisted being handcuffed.

"He was kicking backwards and made contact with Cpl. Frost's leg and wrapped his foot around her knee, causing injury," Stuard said in the report. Frost was treated at Marshall Medical Center's emergency room.

Sherrill was also charged with resisting arrest. Bond was set at \$13,500.

ROAD RAGE GUNSHOT

The tire of a vehicle driven by a Lewisburg police officer was allegedly shot by a reckless driver Thursday, Nov. 3.

Officer Chandler Bergh was on Fayetteville Highway inside Lewisburg in his personal vehicle when a man in a silver SUV passed on a double yellow line at high speed, according to a statement issued by police.

Bergh said he pulled next to the SUV at a traffic signal and no-

ted the driver and lone occupant was a black male with short hair and a beard.

Once the light changed and the road became two-lane, the man passed again on a double yellow line.

"As the SUV was passing me I heard a loud 'pop' sound and immediately pulled in to a parking lot," Bergh wrote in a statement. "After a few seconds I realized the sound I heard was likely from the discharge of a firearm."

Bergh stopped briefly to call 911, then followed the SUV at a distance to First Avenue near Verona Avenue. At that point a low tire pressure light flashed on Bergh's dashboard and he stopped at Marshall County's 911 dispatch center.

Local officers, as well as those in surrounding counties, were told to be on the lookout for the SUV.

THEFTS

Two men were charged Sunday, Nov. 6, with theft of property by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office.

James S. Luna, 34, of Culleoka, and James Frederick Brown, 34, of East Berkeley Circle, allegedly took two sets of wheels and tires Sunday, Nov. 6, from a home on Highway 40. Total value of the wheels and tires is estimated at \$4,000.

Brown allegedly said he thought Luna had purchased the tires from the victim and was just along to help move them. Bonds were set at \$7,500 apiece.

The victim said he has video of many more items being taken, with two women also involved. No further arrests had been made as of Tuesday.

A trailer was stolen from a shop on East

Commerce Street between 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, police said.

A suspect who allegedly stole groceries from Kroger on Halloween night is being charged by police with theft of property.

Douglas Scheffler, 55, of Lewisburg allegedly told an employee he'd paid for the items, but was unable to produce a receipt before driving away. The report said Scheffler smelled of alcohol.

DRUG CHARGES

A bag containing a large amount of crystal methamphetamine was confiscated from a man stopped by Lewisburg police as he drove away from an alleged domestic argument Sunday, Nov. 6, at a White Drive home.

James R. Allmon, 47, allegedly admitted to officers he threw a Smith and Wesson .38 Special from his vehicle into a grassy area near the scene of the traffic stop on Green Valley Drive. The gun, allegedly containing one bullet, was recovered.

Approximately 14.41 grams of methamphetamine were in the bag, police said.

Allmon was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$30,500.

Two people were charged with drug possession Friday, Nov. 4, after their vehicle was stopped by a Marshall County deputy when the driver allegedly crossed the center line of Mooresville Highway.

Peter Edward Sparks, 31, of Culleoka, allegedly said he was reaching for a soft drink.

Shelby Farlow, whose age and address was not available, was taken into custody quickly after a computer check showed she was wanted in Maury County for failure to appear.

Several individual-sized bags of marijuana, a bag containing fentanyl, and bags of "mushrooms" and several bags of crystal methamphetamine were found inside the vehicle.

Both were charged with two counts each of possession of schedule 1 and 2 drugs with intent to sell. Bonds were set at \$27,500 for Shelby and \$22,500 for Sparks.

A suspect who allegedly ran as a Marshall County deputy arrived at a Ramblewood Drive home in response to a noise complaint on Thursday, Nov. 3, was later charged with introducing contraband into a penal institution.

Rebecca Paige Bynum, 31, was found hiding in an attic space and arrested on an outstanding Lewisburg Police Department warrant. Officers later said they found .38 grams of fentanyl in a concealed container as Bynum was being processed into Marshall County Jail.

Bynum's bond was set at \$15,000.

Another woman at the same home, on the same day, was revived with Narcan and CPR by a deputy after she allegedly overdosed and stopped breathing. No charges were filed, but a deputy's report said crystal methamphetamine was found in the garage.

AUCTION | Saturday, November 19th 10:00 AM



210 EVENINGSIDE DRIVE
CHAPEL HILL, TN

Beautiful Brick Home

Separate Guest Cottage and Large Corner Lot

Very nice brick home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace, updated kitchen with glazed cabinets and granite countertops, dining room and sunroom. This home is improved with a 2 car attached carport, replacement windows, 4 year old roof and CHA. This property also features a nice guest cottage with 1 bedroom, bath/utility, living room and kitchen, 22x22 aggregate patio with stone columns and solar lighting, and a 12x28 workshop/storage building. City water (2 taps), sewer and natural gas. Large corner lot with trees.



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25 +/- ACRES
1334 Sq Ft
Cottage Style House;
1 bedroom loft; 1 bath;
wrap around front porch



Equestrian Barn with 2 Tack Rooms; 6 Stables & Concrete Wash Pad next to Barn
Property is Fenced and Crossfenced

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4x4 - 174,191 Miles

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