

NORTH LAS VEGAS HAS CARE UNIT FOR DRUNKS

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teaches driving skills. For Pursch, the test was a success. He failed! The syndicated columnist ran six out of six red lights.

"My reactions were all fuzzy," he said, "I could see the signals but I just couldn't react fast enough."

Pursch estimates that roughly 50 percent of first offenders, 70 percent of second offenders and 100 percent of third offenders are alcoholics.

For both the alcoholic and non-alcoholic caught driving under the influence, Pursch believes in "on the spot mandatory incarceration."

"Drunk drivers should be jailed immediately upon arrest and should be held for a minimum of 48 hours. No bail, no bargaining, no releases," Pursch says resolutely. "It's important that jail time be immediate when it has the most effect, not 30 days down the road. Immediate jail time can be very therapeutic, since behavioral changes will most likely take place when a person is in crisis and the adverse experience is new and

foreign to his or her life - style."

"Jail will usually frighten the non-alcoholic into becoming a responsible drinking driver," says Augenstein. "But for the alcoholic, incarceration without rehabilitation doesn't work. Statistics show that an alcoholic will drink and drive again."

Actually, it is everyone's responsibility to keep the drunk driver off the streets. If you know someone who has had too much to drink and plans on driving, the North Las Vegas Hospital CAREUNIT suggests that you:

- take his keys,
- call a cab,
- make arrangements for the intoxicated person to get a ride home with you or someone else,
- arrange for the intoxicated person to have a place to "sleep it off" before driving.

If the problem occurs too frequently, call the CAREUNIT for help. The problem is more than drunk driving.

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OUR MAN IN HAIFA

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Pilots and Prisoners

HAIFA -- Not all the stories of the war made headlines. For example:

Camouflage. Ten white - smocked doctors in the Tyre Red Cross Hospital seemed to be acting oddly. An Israeli physician queried them, and quickly ascertained that they knew nothing whatever about medicine. They all turned out to be PLO terrorists who had for four days saved their skins by this protective cover.

Living Dangerously. An air force pilot, summoned to his unit on the eve of the war, was arrested for speeding, as he hastened to the air base. He pocketed the ticket, and was soon in the air. In the battle with Syrian planes that followed, he downed 5 MIG's. A week later, on home leave, his mother exclaimed over a bruise on his forehead. No, he had not been wounded in battle, he explained. When the planes had returned after their tangle with the Syrians they had thrown a party to celebrate, and he had been hit by the cork from a champagne bottle which had been opened carelessly.

Good Manners. A committee of Knesset members made the rounds of the wards at the Rambam Hospital and presented the Knesset medal to every wounded soldier. Jihad Adi smiled through his bandages, shook hands with the politicians, and politely accepted the medal. Only the others in the ward knew that Jihad was not an Israeli soldier, but a wounded member of the PLO, who had been brought in for emergency treatment.

Going My Way? Lt. Michael Zack, 21, got a short leave from his unit in Lebanon, and stood by the side of the road hitching a ride to his home in Beersheba. Outside the Lebanese village of Hatzbayah there was little traffic, and Zack almost despaired of being able to make it in time. At that moment a helicopter landed beside him and a pilot inquired: "Going south?" The forlorn soldier had been sighted from the air - and was able to get home in ample time.

Chevra Kadisha. One of the most unpleasant jobs in the army is that of the military rabbinate, who must look after the corpses.

Among the others they also afford decent burial to the enemy, and take great pains to inter the Moslem dead with their heads facing Mecca, as required by their faith.

Bad Taste. Legal steps are being considered against an advertising promoter who printed thousands of postcards bearing advertising messages, and distributed them free among soldiers at the front, to encourage their writing home. One of the cards carried the slogan: "Israel's army exterminates the terrorists; Yaron exterminates household pests."

With Post-Graduate Degree. Dov Shilansky, a member of the Israel Cabinet, visited a stockade where Israel was holding terrorist prisoners. Outside the prison he struck up a conversation with two blonde girls, both German-speaking, who protested that their husbands were being held unjustly. "We are Germans, a cultured people; would we marry terrorists?" they asked. "Yes, I am familiar with German culture," Shilansky replied. "I am a graduate of a German university." When they inquired as to which university, he replied laconically, "Dachau," and walked away.

The Objective Press. One French press correspondent reported to Paris that the paper circulars dropped by the Israel air force on Tyre and Sidon, warning civilians to stay away lest they be harmed, were treated with chemicals so that they severely burned the hands of all who picked them up.

Let Me Look, Too. The sophisticated Russian equipment captured by the Israelis in Lebanon was called "a gold mine" for U.S. military intelligence, according to a Pentagon spokesman.

Got Him to the Synagogue in Time. Captain Gary, an artillery officer, was given leave from the front to attend a scheduled wedding - his own. For lack of other transportation, he got a lift on an Israel navy vessel which brought him to port, from which he made it in time to stamp the glass under the Huppa.

Redeemed. The showing made by the Israel-flown F-15's against the Syrian - flown MIG's, served to redeem the reputation of the American plane in Israel's history. In 1977 it was the arrival of these planes after the onset of the Shabbat, which led to the fall of the Rabin Government.

They're Only Kids. Great pains were taken not to hurt innocent civilians. When one Israeli unit entered a village to flush out hiding terrorists, they ignored a group of children. Yet youngsters in the street fired shots, one of which wounded the platoon commander. His words to his men: "Don't hurt them; they're only kids."



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SOME TRAVEL TIPS

One of the keys to packing is the ancient maxim: "Divide and conquer." Follow it and the entire operation will be neat and tidy. Plastic bags in a variety of sizes can hold stockings, undergarments, gloves and scarves and keep them from getting separated.

When you're traveling with the spouse and kids, there's no need to stick together in museums or shopping markets. Your interests may not be the same. Separate and compare notes afterward.

Since you will probably send more postcards than letters, buy the cards early in your trip, address all of them and carry them with you. Then during snatches of waiting time - on a sightseeing bus before the start, at railway stations and airports - you can write the messages.

If you can wait, don't take city sightseeing tours on a Sunday. You will only see soundless streets and empty buildings. Go out into the countryside. Green fields and rolling hills are a refreshing break from the traveler's routine.

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