

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 11-6-89

FULL NAME Ray Opfer S.S. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Reno STATE NV. ZIP CODE 89509

DATE OF BIRTH 4-4-49 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY (Citizen of) USA

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 165 HEIGHT 5'10" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Sandy Blonde COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS Camping

MARRIED  SINGLE  NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
P-22 50035 ID# CR5367	Reno	NV	CM/WL SFC	2/88	5-30-89
Chartered Organization			Reno Rotary Club		

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE 1/3 DATE OF INCIDENT 1988/89 RESOLUTION possible criminal action  
Type Resolution 5- Indictment 6-89

- 1=Scout Related
- 2=Non-scout related
- 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 3. Court action
- 4. Probationary status
- 5. Reported to state agency

**NOTED**

Check off list of attached documentation

- 1. Description of incident
- 2. JOSEPH L. ANGLIM statement
- 3. media reports
- 4. Legal proceedings
- 5. Offender's statement
- x 6. Official notification of termination
- 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

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Council 42 Area 3 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUT EXECUTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

May 3, 1990

Mr. Donald L. York  
Scout Executive  
Nevada Area Council, No. 329

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RAY OFFER

Dear Don:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

READY TO FILE

MAY 3 1990

FRIN O'RILEY

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OLDTOWN MALL • 4001 SOUTH VIRGINIA • RENO, NEVADA 89502

April 4, 1990

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving Tx. 75015-2079

Personal & confidential re: Ray Opfer

Dear Paul,

Enclosed please find the latest newspaper article regarding Ray Opfer.

Please let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Donald L. York  
Scout Executive

DLY:cm

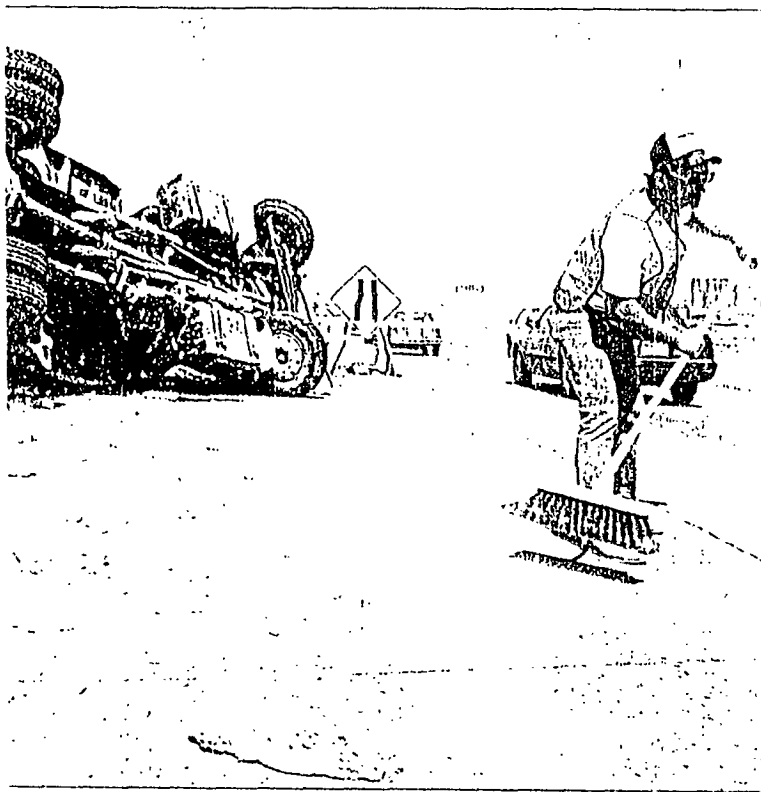
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CC: Risk Management

"Young children often have symptoms or none at all. Often,

has told her to admit no new patients for six weeks to avoid exposing them to the

habits and inattention to hygiene are factors in its spread.

# Truck driver gets probation



Lance Iversen/Gazette-Journal

Taylor, 46, of Barela nor injuries when his 580 Tuesday afternoon instruction Co., helped

clean up the accident, which happened when the truck entered into a closed left lane on the northbound side of the highway, struck a barrier wall and flipped over. Traffic was backed up for miles during the cleanup.

## Comet fizzling out, slight sky show

caused a buzz in the astronomy community because it was significantly brighter than the average comet.

Johnson said early estimates were that Austin could become brighter than the planet Venus. But remembering the fiasco that surrounded the rosy predictions about Comet Kohoutek in 1973, astronomers were hesitant to offer brash forecasts about Austin.

Good thing. Like Kohoutek, Austin appears to have fizzled. Johnson says its potential for brightness changed dramatically.

He says the gases of the comet may have boiled off earlier than expected. Johnson also says Austin appears to be more gaseous than dusty. It is the frozen, dusty material that lights up a comet as it bathes in the sun's rays.

Regardless, Austin can now be seen low over the western horizon for a short period of time just after sunset. Johnson says it is just above and to the right of planet Mercury.

The comet will continue to dip closer to the horizon as the week continues. On Monday, the comet reaches perihelion, the point in its orbit closest to the sun.

## UNR to highlight humanities, liberal arts in new ads

By Darcy De Leon/Gazette-Journal

In its second round of TV and newspaper ads beginning this month, the University of Nevada, Reno will emphasize teaching and the humanities instead of research.

Professors and students criticized administrators after the campaign began last fall. They complained the ads ignored the humanities and liberal arts and emphasized research over teaching.

But members of the Curtis & Rogers advertising firm heading the one-year \$250,000 campaign said they weren't ignoring anyone.

"All along we've wanted to focus on every different college," Amy Brazil, a Curtis & Rogers account supervisor, said. "Last time we hit all the harder sciences and this time we wanted to hit on the softer sciences."

See UNR, page 2B

## Dad of 2 victims angered former Cub leader won't receive jail time

By Martha Miller/Gazette-Journal

A former Cub Scout leader charged with molesting several of his Reno pack members was given probation Tuesday, enraging the father of two of his victims.

Ray Opfer, 41, received five years of probation for one count of lewdness with a child under 14. He could have been sentenced to a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for the felony charge.

Under terms of the probation, Opfer must not come in contact with any children under age 16 except for his own son and a friend of his son.

"I'm very sorry for the hurt that has been caused to all the people involved in this incident," he told Washoe District Judge Robin Wright.

But Opfer's apology was little comfort to a father of two of the victims. The parent said he was outraged at the sentence and that the judge should have given Opfer at least one year in jail.

"They (officials in the District Attorney's office) roll over and play dead," he said. "And how can a judge sit on the stand and make a decision like this?"

"It's gross. I can't even believe it."

Deputy District Attorney Ron Rachow said his office had agreed to go along with the recommendation reached by the Department of Parole and Probation and he was bound to follow that agreement. The department made the recommendation after interviewing Opfer, the victims and their parents, Rachow said.

"Whether you agree with it or not, it's the judge's call," Rachow said.

The father said he and the parents of another victim have filed a lawsuit against Opfer and the Cub Scouts for not checking Opfer's background before allowing him to be a pack leader.

Opfer pleaded guilty Jan. 29 to one count of lewdness with a child under 14 just before he was to face trial. He was originally charged with six counts, but three were dismissed last October.

Washoe County authorities charge that between September 1988 and May 1989, Opfer invited the Cub Scouts to his hot tub and would rub their backs, thighs and stomachs in a way that sexually aroused him. The boys ranged in age from 10 to 13.

Opfer's lawyer, Martin Wiener, said Opfer has never even had a parking ticket. Wiener played down the sex charges, saying that on a scale of one to 10, the seriousness of Opfer's crimes was less than one.

"We have two incidents of football tackling and one in a hot tub," Wiener said.

Rachow said the charges were serious and that Opfer took advantage of the youths, who had come to his house to work off unpaid Scouting dues.

## Reno council approves sewer line to serve 4,000 southwest homes

# NEVADA

The Reno Sparks Scabbie Club meets each Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center, Ninth and Suro, Reno. Play is held from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Details: 323-8159.

CITY EDITOR, MORGAN CARTWRIGHT, 758-6957

APRIL 4, 1970  
RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL  
25 COUNTRIES  
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## Compromise offered in Sparks lunch flap

Sparks High School students may get more time for lunch if they agree to help keep the school grounds clean, under a compromise reached Tuesday by students and administrators.

About 250 students staged an afternoon protest Monday, refusing to go to class until school officials agreed to negotiate to extend the 35-minute lunch period. The teens complained the lunch period, shorter than that at many other area high schools, didn't allow enough time for students to go home to eat.

The agreement hashed out Tuesday morning calls for a 45-minute lunch period in exchange for keeping litter out of hallways and grounds.

"It's not like the hall's cluttered, but it would help to get (students) into the mentality of throwing litter in the garbage instead of on the floor," said Andrew Blair, a 15-year-old sophomore who helped organize the protest and negotiations.

The entire student body will vote on the agreement Monday.

## NHP investigates crash

The Nevada Highway Patrol is investigating a collision between a private car and a Reno police car Friday night to determine whether the police officer should be charged, a CHP spokesman said Tuesday.

Officer David Della, 23, was driving south on Lake Street at Plaza Street at 10:40 p.m. when his police car veered across the center line into the path of a northbound car. The NHP report does not indicate a reason for the accident.

The Highway Patrol charged the other driver, Chanelle F. Nelson, 25, of Reno, with driving under the influence.

Nelson, Della and Officer David

## Hepatitis prompts shois at day-care center

By Cory Farley/Gazette-Journal

An outbreak of hepatitis has prompted the Washoe District Health Department to order inoculations for about 30 children in a Reno day-care center.

A Health Department official said the outbreak isn't unusual and should cause few problems.

Three kindergartners among 160 students at Holy Child Day Home, 440 Reno Ave., have developed hepatitis A over the last three weeks, said Barbara Hunt, nursing supervisor in the county's communicable disease program. Their teachers and some classmates and family members have received injections of immune gamma globulin, which gives

temporary protection from the disease.

Hepatitis A, also called infectious hepatitis, is an inflammation of the liver caused by a virus. Symptoms can include weakness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and jaundice. It normally lasts two to six weeks, and victims do not become carriers.

Another disease, hepatitis B, is longer-lasting and sometimes fatal. It is caused by a different virus and does not develop from hepatitis A. It has not been found at the day-care center.

Hunt said hepatitis A can be serious in adults, but is usually not a concern when contracted by children.

"Young children often have minor symptoms or none at all. Often, as hap-

pened in this situation, we don't realize there is hepatitis in a day-care facility until the family members start becoming ill."

Doctors report hepatitis to the Health Department, which investigates to try to find a source of infection. In this instance, two cases were found in families with children at Holy Child, where testing turned up students who had the disease.

Six more cases involving families of students have since been diagnosed. Members of those families also have been inoculated to stop the spread of the virus.

Arne Pietrapolo, director of the Holy Child center, said the Health Department has told her to admit no new patients for six weeks to avoid exposing them to the

illness. Meanwhile, the center is being watched closely to see if new cases develop.

But Hunt said parents should not move children already in the day-care center. "We really don't want families to do that," she said. "If your children are in the class, they're already exposed. If you move them, you could spread it all over town."

Hunt said outbreaks of hepatitis aren't unusual in schools and day-care centers. The disease can be passed from person to person, but usually results from eating food or drinking water contaminated with the virus. Young children's imperfect bathroom habits and inhalation to hygiene often are factors in its spread.

## Scout molester gets probation

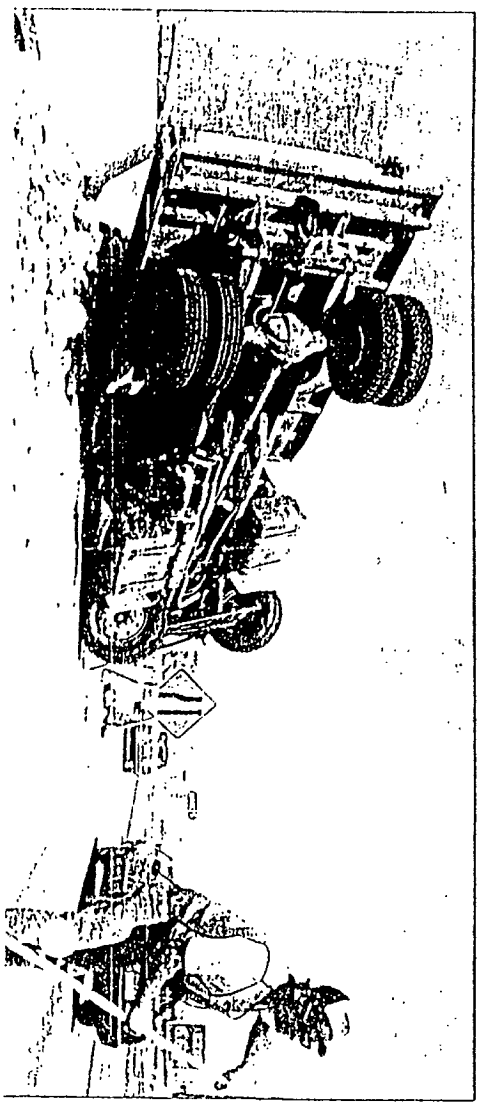
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Under terms of the probation Opfer



READY FOR FILE

November 22, 1989

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A. GRAVES

Mr. Donald L. York  
Scout Executive  
Nevada Area Council, No. 329

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Ray Opfer

Dear Don:

Thanks so much for the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us as we prepare a file which will lead to refusal of registration should he attempt it at a later time.

We would like to have the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. This would then give us everything we need for refusing registration anywhere in the country.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Western Region

CONF011229



November 7, 1989

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving Tx. 75015-2079

Personal & Confidential Re: Ray Opfer

Dear Paul,

The file on Ray Opfer is rather incomplete. Please note the spelling is OFFER.

I understand from members of our current staff that Ray Opfer had been a registered member of the BSA for 24 years, most recently as a Cubmaster and Webelos leader of Pack 22 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Reno.

On May 30, 1989 the Reno Police department notified John Collier that Ray Opfer was to be arrested for lewd activities involving Webelos Scouts at his home.

John Collier and Robert Stewart, the council president delivered the notification of termination.

Subsequently, Mr. Opfer was arrested, arraigned, and litigation continues. There has been some local press coverage.

Let me know how I can be of further help.

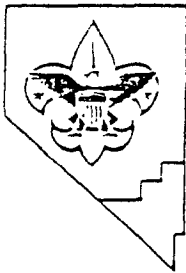
Warmest regards.

*Donald L. York*

Donald L. York  
Scout Executive

DLY:cm

*Added to IV file  
deleted from file  
11/13/89*



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May 30, 1989

Ray Offer

Reno, Nevada 89509

Dear Mr. Offer,

After careful review, we have decided that your association and any future registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand the BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a Council Review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your association as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Stewart  
Council President

RES:cm

CC: John Collier  
Richard Harington  
Grant Robinson  
Paul Ernst

A PARTICIPATING UNITED WAY AGENCY

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READY FOR FILE  
OCT 30 1989  
A. GRAVES

CO. 329

October 30, 1989

Mr. Donald L. York  
Scout Executive  
Nevada Area Council, No. 329

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RAY OFFER

Dear Don:

Mr. Collier wrote a letter to us dated May 30, asking that we place Mr. Offer on our file of Ineligible Volunteers.

We have written to the council, since that time, asking that an Ineligible Volunteer Sheet be completed, so that we can identify Mr. Offer. Since we have not received this, we are enclosing another one for your use. We hope you will complete this with as much information as you have available, so we can identify Mr. Offer should he attempt registration in another location.

We would also like to know why Mr. Offer should be placed on our Ineligible Volunteer File. We need some sort of documentation or statements which will substantiate those reasons.

Thanks for your help in building this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Western Region

July 11, 1989

READY FOR FILE

JUL 11 1989

JULIE FATON

Mr. John W. Collier  
Scout Executive  
Nevada Area Council, No. 329

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RAY OFFER

Dear John:

This is a follow up to our previous correspondence concerning the above named individual. We still have not received a Confidential Record Sheet from you, so we can identify Mr. Offer, another copy is enclosed for your use.

We also would like to know what the charges are against Mr. Offer and have any newspaper clippings, court records, or statements which would substantiate those reasons.

Thanks for your help in completing this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Western Region

CONF011233

READY FOR FILE

JUN 09 1989

JULIE EATON

June 9, 1989

Mr. John W. Collier  
Scout Executive  
Nevada Area Council, No. 329

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RAY OFFER

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, concerning the above named individual. I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet that I would like to have completed, so we can identify Mr. Offer. Please complete this with as much information as you have available.

We would also like a copy of a paper with Mr. Offer's signature, if you have this in file, as this aids in the identification process.

You do not indicate what Mr. Offer did that would cause you to suspend his registration. Please give us newspaper clippings, court records, or statements which would substantiate the reasons for our refusal.

We do not find a Pack 22 registered at this time. Is this a local number which we could not find because of a different National number?

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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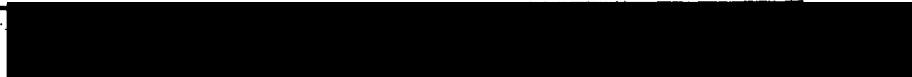
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cc: Western Region

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May 30, 1989

Paul Ernst  
Director of Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul,

We request that Ray Offer, former Cubmaster of Pack 22 in Reno, Nevada be placed in the confidential file of the Boy Scouts of America.

We have suspended Mr. Offer's association and any future registration as of May 30, 1989.

Your assistance is much appreciated, and should you require any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John W. Collier  
Scout Executive

JWC:cm

*Show no regret this time*

# APPENDIX E

## IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

RETURN PROMPTLY TO:  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America

(MARKED PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL)

COUNCIL NO	DISTRICT NO	UNIT
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DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTER Ray Offer POSITION Cubmaster  
ADDRESS [REDACTED] TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]

Lived in Reno, Nevada 89509 YES NO ? YES NO ?  
 Is first or middle name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exact age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Male  
 Single \_\_\_\_\_ How long married? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's name None  
 Children \_\_\_\_\_ Names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

Race Caucasian  
 Hair red brown blue hazel green black gray  
 Eyes hazel green black gray  
 Height 5-11 Weight 160

Education B.S. Where? UN Reno  
 Occupation Airline Clerk, Delta  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Executive \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SHADED AREAS AND AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE

No 28 906

11/13/89

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

MEMBER DELETE

11/13/89  
14:51:40

CNCL 329 PRG/UNIT S0035 SEQ. 025367

FIRST: RAY LAST : OPFER

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ADDR3: ██████████ ADDR4: ██████████

REG STATUS: D ENROLL: 0388 BIRTH: 0449 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

POSITION: SA FINDERCODE: 50 PHONE: ██████████ BULK: MAG-STATUS:

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