

People



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Row, row, row

Dr. Jack Snarr has found a way to beat rush-hour traffic. He commutes from Evanston, Ill., to Chicago through Lake Michigan in a bright red kayak. "It's good exercise and a lot of fun," says Snarr, 37, dean of student affairs at Northwestern University Medical School. Snarr carries the 14-foot-long kayak on top of his car to launching, then strokes the 8½ miles to Lincoln Park Boat Club, parks the craft and takes a bus the final 1½ miles.

Divorce with flash

Carl H. "Doc" Severinsen, the flashy band director on NBC's Tonight Show, has been granted a divorce in Sussex County Court in return for his promise to give his ex-wife, Evonne, \$75,000 a year alimony, a horse ranch in Newton, a Cadillac and a Bentley. The divorce agreement allows Severinsen to renegotiate the settlement if his income drops below \$300,000 a year. Mrs. Severinsen alleged the trumpet player abandoned her in 1973 and was earning \$500,000 a year and living in California with another woman.

Perpetual fans

Devoted fans still call the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department almost daily about the 3½-month-old murder of actor Sal Mineo. "The calls are mostly from women — probably 95 per cent of them," said a department spokesman. "But we have to tell them all the same thing; that we're still following leads and have no suspects." Mineo, 37, was knifed to death last Feb. 12 outside his West Hollywood apartment by an assailant who still remains unknown. Elliot Mintz, a radio personality who says he was the actor's best friend, is pursuing his own "course of action"; he has consulted several psychiatrists.



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Tweedle dum

Comedian Danny Kaye, right, and Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau demonstrate their individual whistling techniques during a Variety Club International reception last night in Toronto. The Prime Minister was a special guest at the dinner and received a life membership to the club.

—BERNADETTE R. FINLEY

N.J. delegate contest one to watch

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Campaign briefs

For one of the few times during this presidential primary season, it will be difficult — if not meaningless — to call the winners and losers of the June 8 New Jersey primary on the basis of the "beauty contest" vote.

The reason: Only one of the three main candidates (or, in the case of the uncommitted slate, factions) will be on the preferential ballot. That candidate is Jimmy Carter. His opponents in the beauty contest are Sen. Frank Church, Sen. Henry Jackson, George Wallace and Ellen McCormack, none of whom have full delegate slates and none of whom have campaigned in the state.

The uncommitted slate, because it does not legally represent a candidate, was limited to the delegate contest. Rep. Morris Udall, according to state campaign manager Fred Bohlen, deliberately restricted his race to the delegate selection ballot.

THERE HAVE BEEN arguments on both sides of the question as to whether this will help or hinder Udall. His aides argue that it will be easier to inform voters that they only have to vote for him in the delegate columns. They express a private hope that numbers of Carter support-

ers will pull the lever in the preferential column but forget to vote for Carter delegates. That may be wishful thinking.

New Jersey is also one of a handful of states with what is called a "loop-hole" primary. The loophole is that delegates will be awarded on the basis of vote totals within each of the state's 40 legislative districts rather than in proportion to the statewide vote.

This reduces the primary, in practical terms, to 40 separate races. A candidate could conceivably win a substantial percentage of the statewide vote but be shut out in the delegate race by losing in each of the districts.

THE LOOPHOLE factor has led both the Udall and uncommitted camps to concentrate heavily in districts where they have a reasonable chance of winning. For Udall, these districts are primarily suburban areas of Bergen, Morris, Monmouth and Mercer counties. For the uncommitted slate, the target areas include Hudson, Passaic, Ocean and Camden counties.

Carter, considered the favorite to win a plurality of the 91 delegate

seats on the ballot, has spread his campaign evenly throughout the state. His aides concede only Hudson and Camden counties to the uncommitted slate.

The uncommitted slate of party regulars has endorsed the candidacies of both Sen. Hubert Humphrey and California Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown, but that doesn't mean that all uncommitted delegates think highly of both men.

AFL-CIO President Charles Marcian, for instance, made a statement this week that was extremely unfavorable to Brown. Marcian, a member of the uncommitted at-large delegation, while not mentioning Brown by name, said:

"... the winning candidates have based their success on either a regional approach or on the fact that they are new faces on the national scene. Neither approach will get them very far in November. Sectionalism will only serve to split the party as the months drag by, and a new face soon loses its voter appeal under the harsh glare of constant publicity."

The statement was directed mainly at Carter, but it obviously held a

meaning for Brown as well. The confusion over the meaning of the Brown-Humphrey uncommitted coalition in New Jersey will undoubtedly persist until the votes are actually cast at the Democratic National Convention next month. Brown supporters claim that at least 22 of the 91 uncommitted delegates are firm Brown supporters, but they are unable to identify all of them.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Paul Simon, D-Ill., the leader of a nationwide draft-Humphrey movement, is expected to appear at the uncommitted headquarters in Trenton today to explain Humphrey the nomination.

THE WORD "NO" has an interesting definition in the vocabulary of Jerry Brown. The California governor was asked during a press conference in South Orange this week whether he would consider running as vice president on a ticket headed by Humphrey.

"No," Brown said. Does that mean he would reject such a request?

"Not necessarily," Brown said. Then what does "no" mean? In what language does "no" mean "not necessarily"?

"We are speaking," Brown said, "in the political discourse of our time."

Weekend crime

Washington Crossing Park's darker side

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Weekends at Washington Crossing State Park: a bustling, car-jammed, humming scene of picnickers, bicyclists, ball players — people enjoying a holiday in the sunshine, under the watchful benevolence of the park rangers.

But away from the picnic blankets, there is a darker side. In the parking lots, car doors are jimmied open, cameras and purses are stolen; in the far western corners of the park, small knots of people gather for drugs, booze, sex — and for rendezvous that can lead to violence.

And the state's park rangers, though they carry guns, are virtually powerless to stop it. They have no more legal authority to arrest a lawbreaker than have the park's picnickers. When a crime occurs the rangers usually call the state police

or the Hopewell Township police department for assistance.

THE RANGERS operate under an outdated state law which is worded so generally that the only thing they are empowered to enforce is a prohibition against drinking alcoholic beverages in the park.

Washington Crossing State Park Rangers refused to talk on the record about crime there with the Evening Times, and in a recent interview, park superintendent Dirk Vandomelen referred questions about the problem to state authorities in the Department of Environmental Protection, which is ultimately responsible for the park.

Last year, the worst crimes reported included at least two atrocious assaults, one rape — the woman was found naked in the parking lot — two stolen cars, and a child molesting, according to Hopewell Township Po-

lice Chief Mathew J. Maloney.

"THOUGH MOST of the crimes are not of a serious nature," Maloney said recently, "there is a definite increase in the number of breaking and entering crimes (mostly into peoples' cars), bike thefts, and the parties, which we can do very little about, they all occur with more frequency on the weekends."

The park's crime rate is higher than the township's during summer weekends and like the township's crime rate, the park crime rate has been on the rise.

Only three rangers are assigned to the 795-acre park, according to Olin White, chief operator for the state parks and forests in the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The three rangers also are responsible for the 83-acre Princeton Battlefield Park in Princeton, two historic sites in Somerville, one in Rocky Hill and the Clark House in Princeton, White said.

THROUGHOUT the state 71 rangers patrol the 227,540 acres in New Jersey's 40 state parks and 10 state forests.

The Washington Crossing rangers must also help the 10-man maintenance crew by cleaning latrines or picking up trash. The maintenance crew is also responsible for the grounds at Morven, the governor's mansion, and 11.1 acres of land at Drumthwacket, both in Princeton.

"Regardless of the problems," White said, "the state parks remain one of the safest places to go to in the summer."

Chief Maloney disagrees. "During the day, the big problem is petty crime; stolen bikes, baseball gloves and those parties," Maloney said. "Those parties are the only major problem during the day where 50-150 people drink booze, do drugs — according to our information, both hard drugs as well as marijuana —

and other extracurricular activities."

"Although there is no clear definition of who has jurisdiction in the park," said Hopewell Township Public Safety Director Michael S. Arcieri, "the burden of enforcement falls on our men the most because we can respond to a call for help quicker than the state police."

"NOBODY PUSHES the issue, especially at the state level," he said at a recent committee meeting. "The state will wait until somebody gets killed in there before they do anything to help the park rangers and our small police department."

The DEP, White said, would like to triple its ranger force but can't get the appropriation through the joint appropriations committee. "The (acting) Director of Parks and Forests, Alfred T. Guido, has cooperated with us and has tried to get a larger appropriation for rangers but he has not been able to get his request through the committee."

White also said his office is trying to get a new piece of legislation passed that would give the rangers the powers of arrest for specific crimes like rape, assault and battery and robbery. "We've been trying to get legislation before the legislators, but have had little luck to date. (Acting) Director Guido is going to try and have it voted on this year."

Helstoski's mother dies

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) — Mrs. Margaret Helstoski, mother of Rep. Henry Helstoski, D-N.J., died yesterday at her home here following a heart attack. She was 87.

Her death came one day after the Democratic congressman was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that he conspired between 1967 and 1975 to take payoffs from South American aliens seeking permanent residence in this country.

Her other son, Robert, was convicted last year of tax evasion following an investigation of the congressman's financial affairs.

Mrs. Helstoski came to this country 70 years ago from Poland. She had lived in East Rutherford for the past 40 years. Her husband died in 1959.

Her survivors also include two daughters, Mrs. Reginald Clark of

Sparta and Mrs. Jack Helling of Denver, Colo.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 8:30 a.m. from the Kamienski Funeral Home in Wallington. There will be a Mass of the Resurrection at Most Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church in Wallington at 9 a.m. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.

Hopewell to get \$1.6 million for sewer installation

HOPEWELL — The federal Environmental Protection Agency announced yesterday it will award Hopewell Borough a \$1.604 million grant to help finance sewer installation.

According to Tom Berrigan, press aide for Congresswoman Helen Meyner, the grant will go to construct collection lines in the borough. The proposed \$2 million collection system, which would either tie in to a Stony Brook Regional Sewage Authority line or a Hopewell treatment plant, would cover the entire borough.

THE GRANT, which has been pending since last year, would be supplemented by \$400,000 raised by the borough. Mayor William H. Walker said last night the borough will try to float a bond issue to finance the construction.

The borough had hoped to get a \$75,000 grant from the state, but the state Department of Environmental Protection indicated this spring that it has no money available for the project.

Hopewell Borough officials, who have not received formal notice of the federal award, say they do not know if the grant has a time limit.

Free rabies shots

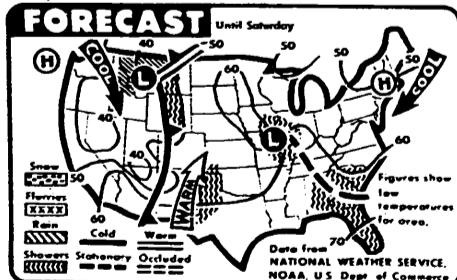
HARTS CORNER — The Hopewell Township Health Department will hold three free rabies vaccination clinics next week from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations: June 8, Dr. Amos Stults' office, 9 East Broad Street in Hopewell Borough; June 10, the Union Volunteer Fire House in Titusville; June 11, Hopewell Township garage, Scotch Road.

Correction

The Times incorrectly reported Thursday that William Schilling, a Democratic candidate for Hightstown Borough council this year, lost last year's election for council by 10 votes to Republican Joanne Frazer. Schilling was 10 votes behind Republican Lynwood Wilkens and farther behind Joanne Frazer, who was the top vote-getter. Both Wilkens and Frazer were elected to council.

Weather Outlook

Continuing cool weather is forecast today for the Northwest but seasonable temperatures are expected for most of the nation.



Warm-up in our future

Although sunny skies are covering the Trenton area, residents will have to wait until the weekend for the mercury to reach seasonably warm levels, according to the weatherman.

Temperatures today will range in the mid to upper 70's with overnight lows once again dropping to the 50's. A 10 per cent chance of precipitation today drops to near zero tonight and Saturday.

The extended forecast is for fair weather from Sunday to Tuesday with temperatures reaching to the 80's. Overnight lows during the period will be in the 60's. Yesterday's high of 73 degrees and

low of 49 resulted in an average temperature of 61, seven degrees below normal for the date.

In the nation yesterday, thunderstorms tapered off in the Southwest, but lingered along the Atlantic coast from southeast Virginia into Florida. Isolated storms affected New England and Eastern New York. The center of the country had clear skies and diminishing storms were in the Southwest.

Today, showers and thunderstorms will once again affect the central Rockies and northern Plains areas. Unseasonably warm temperatures are expected in the Midwest, and low readings in the Pacific Northwest.

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