

People



Alta, left, and Clara Rodriguez are very, very busy.

Siamese twins back in town

The trip to Philadelphia was definitely more fun this time around for Alta and Clara Rodriguez, the Dominican Republic's Siamese twins who were separated at Philadelphia's Children's Hospital back on Sept. 18, 1974.

They returned to their country after a long recuperation but were back at the hospital this week to undergo medical and psychiatric tests. Psychiatrists will try to determine how the surgery may have affected their personalities. They spent 13 months of their lives joined from the breastbone to the pelvis, facing each other.

"They seem to be happy and well-adjusted and are walking normally now," doctors said. Maybe the T-shirts they were wearing already proved that — the shirts were printed with the words, "Don't underestimate the power of women."

Marlene Dietrich collapses

Marlene Dietrich walked onto the stage, suddenly clutched the curtain, took one step and fell. There was a gasp from the audience filling Her Majesty's Theater in Sydney, Australia.

Miss Dietrich was taken to a hospital where she was admitted for treatment of a broken leg yesterday.

"There was a great hush and three pairs of hands reached out to help her," said Richard McCarthy, an Australian film director who saw the incident. The audience was told Miss Dietrich had become ill.

She was in the middle of an Australian tour in which she was appearing in a one-woman show.

Bang, you're shot

Many hunters are shot every season, so what's new about a Michigan State Police report that Todd Sexton, 17, was shot in the leg by his younger brother while the pair was hunting?

Nothing — except that the brother used a hot dog to shoot Sexton. Police said Sexton's brother removed the pellets from a 12-gauge shotgun shell casing and replaced them with the weiner.

Sexton was taken to a hospital, but he was released after treatment. "I understand he wasn't hurt too seriously but it did break the skin," a trooper said.

No charges were filed against the brother. No reason was given for the shooting.

Scruggs is 'satisfactory'

Country music star Earl Scruggs was listed in satisfactory condition after surviving a crash of the light plane he was piloting. He suffered a broken nose, a broken ankle, facial lacerations and head injuries.

Scruggs was en route from Murray, Ky., and his Cessna 172 apparently overshot the landing strip at Cornelia Fort Airfield near Nashville, Tenn., and flipped over in a farm field.

He was kneeling outside the aircraft when rescuers arrived. A nearby resident heard him calling for help and called police.

Scruggs is best known for his playing of the five-string banjo. He has been featured in themes for television shows and movies and has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York.

— GEORGE W. ROBINSON

GOP contention

Alcoholic center called too costly

By ED CHELLAND
Staff Writer

MOUNT HOLLY — A Republican candidate for a Burlington County freeholder seat is complaining that the Democrats are paying too much rent for a home for the treatment of alcoholics, but the target of the accusations claims the "unwarranted charges" could be harmful to the program.

In a press release yesterday, Michael J. Conda, a Delanco councilman, accused the county of using more than half of its \$25,000 state grant for alcoholism programs to rent a house, formerly a real estate office, on the Burlington-Mount Holly Road.

He said he wants Freeholder William W. Szychoski, a Democrat, to explain why the house in question is being rented for \$1,100 monthly.

"From what I know of property values in that area and from what I have been told by real estate dealers, \$300 a month might be a fair price, \$400 at the outside," Conda said.

The 2½-story house is being rented from the Abele Realty Company, Inc., of Burlington and was once the firm's offices.

The house has eight rooms and will be used for out-patient care in a pro-

gram labeled "New Routes."

Conda said he was aware that the realty firm had agreed to put on a 23 x 36.5 foot addition consisting of two bathrooms and a counseling room but that would only make \$400 per month in rent permissible.

According to Szychoski, a 15-member county alcoholic abuse steering committee approved the building and its location. The freeholder noted that the county was looking for a private home but repeated attempts to find one in a residential area failed.

He said there is about 3,200 square foot of space, including the addition, in the commercial zone near Sunset Road, and the going rate is about \$5.50 per square foot. He said the county is getting the property, which has five acres, for about \$3 per square foot.

Szychoski said Conda, who is running for a one-year unexpired term for freeholder, is lacking the facts.

The Democrat said Conda has two programs mixed up when he said the county is using most of \$25,000 for the counseling program. Szychoski said the \$25,000 is a grant for another program that is being conducted in the former YMCA building in Burlington Township called "Starting

Point."

Szychoski said the Conda complaint centers around an out-patient counseling service for which the county has received a \$78,000 grant from the state for wages, maintenance, education and counseling services not only for the alcoholic but also the family members.

He said the county has about 15,000 known alcoholics that touch the lives of some 60,000 relatives, friends and employers.

The freeholder said Conda's remarks are another case of "open mouth, insert foot."

He said Conda could accomplish more if he took time to visit the two programs that the county is conducting instead of trying to find fault.

Szychoski said both programs have "tremendous support" from the communities, and any unfounded criticism can only hurt the project.

In his statement to reporters, Conda wondered why the Abele Realty firm started collecting payments on June 16 when the lease stated that the program would begin Aug. 1.

Szychoski replied that there was a change made and that the county did not begin making any payments until

Aug. 1 when the first counseling session was held in the rented quarters. He said that information came from Lucille Cannova, director of the program.

Cannova said there were attempts to find a home in a residential area but informal talks with municipal officials revealed that a treatment center for alcoholics would not have too much of a chance of getting approval. She declined to mention the municipalities involved.

She also said there were several "factory" type locations considered but the renovations and the high rentals were out of question.

Szychoski said it became obvious that the county could only lease a building in a commercial area.

Cannova said the five acres of ground that go along with the rental could be used for recreational purposes, gardening and other beneficial outside activities.

Conda wonders why the county, and especially Szychoski, did not consider using the county health building on Grant and High Streets, which is being vacated by health officials who are moving into new quarters in the county health center in Westampton Township?

Hopewell to receive park plans

The Department of Environmental Protection will take its latest proposals for improvements at Hopewell Crossing State Park to the Hopewell Township committee "in the near future," according to DEP Commissioner David J. Bardin.

The new plans that Alfred T. Guido, the acting director of forests and parks, will take to Hopewell have two major changes: the addition of an archway over Route 29, just north of the Washington Crossing traffic light, and the elimination of a proposed transient camping area from the plan.

One problem that's not addressed by the new plan, but is a major concern, is traffic control. Bardin said he hopes township officials and DEP planners can work out some plans to have buses used for transporting people to the park from parking areas in the city or at Mercer County Airport.

The DEP plan proposes to close all entrances to the park except one on Route 546 (Pennington-Washington Crossing Road.) A new entrance has been proposed that will lead to two proposed parking lots.

4 held for grand jury

Drug cases load city court docket

By LEE PASTERNAK
Staff Writer

Trenton Police Officer David Schroth held for grand jury action yesterday four men arrested on drug charges and fined others on a variety of police complaints.

Charged with possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia were Thomas King, 30, of the 200 block of Clay Street; Burley Saunders, 32, of the 400 block of Stuyvesant Avenue; Paul Kamaras, 30, of Cream Ridge and Mark S. Denson, 24, of Horners-town.

Other drug cases heard included those of Ernest Nicolai, 18, of the 300 block of Roebeling Avenue, possession of marijuana and other drugs, \$175 fine; Jimmie Kirghmeier, 21, of Carroll Street and William D. Parker, 23, of Weldon Way, Pennington, both possession of marijuana, \$100 fines.

In other cases, Herbie Leroy Smith, 18, of the 200 block of Academy Street and Bobbie A. McCreary, 34, both of the 200 block of Academy Street, were fined \$300 each for possession of stolen property; Robert E.

Brooks, 39, of the 300 block of Pennington Avenue, assaults on wife, daughter, and Patrolman Thomas Coppolecchia, fines totaling \$500.

Also, Leroy Edward, 45, of the 100 block of Sherman Avenue, assault with handgun on his wife as she telephone police at Walnut and Olden Avenues, held for grand jury, \$2,500 bail; also Willie Hightower, 21, of the 200 block of Spring Street, assaults on Patrolmen Robert Jansen and Peter Manetto, five months in Mercer County correction center, and Roxanne Parker, 35, of the 500 block of St. Joe's Avenue, disorderly conduct, \$250 fine.

Allentown High reunion

BORDENTOWN — The 10-year reunion of the Allentown High School class of 1965 will be held at a dinner dance Nov. 29 at the Village '76 Country Club. Reservations may be made through John Sherrard, 72 Pennwood Drive, Trenton, 08638. Deadline is Oct. 30.

Youth, 17, charged in slaying

MOUNT HOLLY — Bail has been set at \$50,000 for a 17-year-old Yugoslavian immigrant charged with the murder of a recluse last January in Springfield Township.

The bail was set by Burlington County Juvenile Court Judge Anthony P. Tunney Jr. who remanded the youth to the County Detention Center at New Lisbon until it is determined if he will be tried as a juvenile or an adult.

Tunney declined to identify the youth. The juvenile is a suspect in the murder of Edward Klemczak of Old York Road in Springfield Township.

Police said Klemczak's body was found tortured and nude on the living room floor of his home. The 67-year-old victim was known to be a collector of gold, jewelry and silver, according to police. The youth had been living in New York until he was arrested Aug. 7.

GOP backs ethics code for Mercer officials

Republican Walter Bastecki said today he endorses the Democrat's proposal for a code of ethics for Mercer County officials.

But the freeholder candidate said he was surprised to find the Democrats proposing a code of ethics now "because they could have passed such a proposal at any time during the past 32 years they have controlled the county."

Bastecki said he and his running-mates, Rita Strmensky and Joseph Piskorowski, have started work on a sample code that defines conflict of interest, develops a system to check

the validity of an official's financial disclosure statement and allows the examination of companies doing business with the county.

The Hamilton Township resident also is urging Freeholder Director Arthur Sypek, the Democratic county executive candidate, to reveal the source of a \$10,000 loan and to call for the release of an impounded grand jury presentment believed to be critical of one-time county insurance practices.

"Are the taxpayers only supposed to pay for investigations and then have them hidden away so we can't benefit by them?" Bastecki asked.

Lawrence candidates hit farmland loss

The two Republican candidates for Lawrence Township council seats chided council for not doing more to save farmland.

Jack Tibbetts and Mary Tanner, in a joint release, said in July, 1974, the council passed a resolution endorsing the concept of preserving farmlands in Lawrence Township and New Jersey.

"Over a year has passed since then and if the Democratic administration has any intention of translating their resolution into action, it is not at all

obvious," they said. According to the Republicans, nearly 4,000 acres in the township are designated farmlands. "It is essential that the ever-increasing pressures for over-development be stopped and that farming continue to be an important part of the local scene," they said.

Tanner and Tibbetts said they would oppose any change in the township master plan that would increase the number of homes that could be built on lands zoned for rural-residential use.

Tax freeze for aged urged

The property taxes of senior citizens and disabled taxpayers in Hamilton Township should be frozen at the present levels, according to John K. Rafferty, Republican candidate for township mayor.

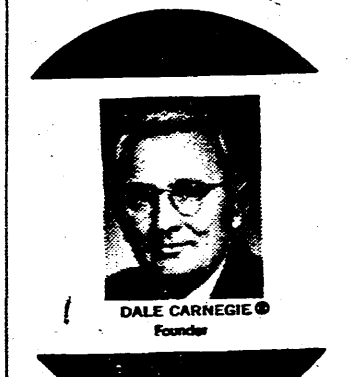
Rafferty, a township committee-man, said the program could be paid for with the money the township receives from the investment of idle funds.

of the township finance department, Rafferty said, investing idle funds has earned the township \$3 million.

"Our senior citizens have paid their property taxes for a lifetime," Rafferty said. "Their fixed incomes are being (the) by fixed-income skyrocketing property taxes. My proposal would have seniors and totally disabled citizens continue to pay a share but would guarantee that the tax costs on their homes would not increase any further."

Lawrence sets cleanup

The Lawrence clean-up week will be held Oct. 6-11. Any large items, such as refrigerators, washers and chairs may be left outside and will be picked up by trash collectors on the regular pick up day.



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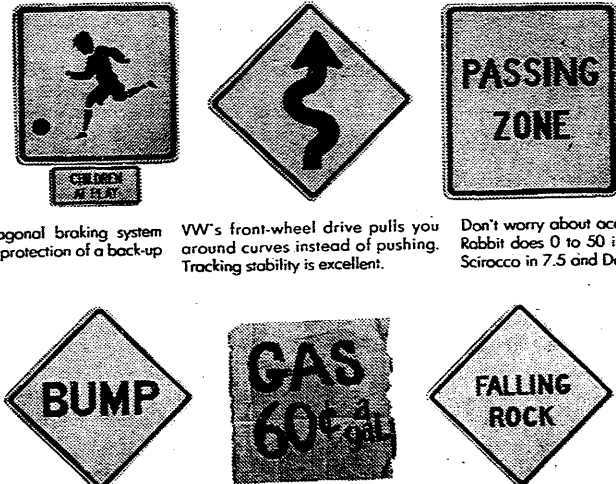
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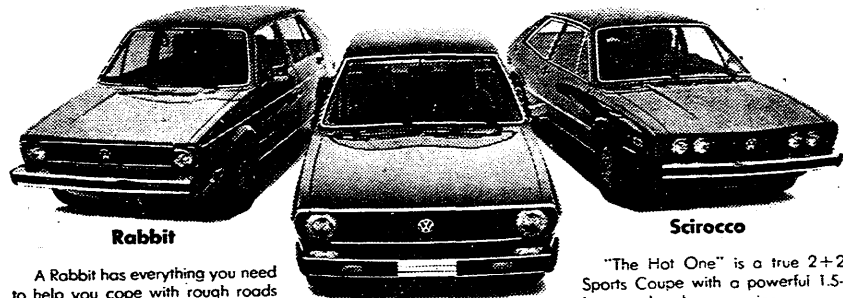
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