

Someone You Should Meet ...



Name: Sheila Alick
Job Title: Rehabilitation Technician
Hometown: Philadelphia
Describe yourself in one word: "Optimistic"
Hobbies: Plants, swimming, arts and crafts
Favorite Book: "Why Am I Afraid To Tell Who I Really Am"
Favorite Movie: "Terms of Endearment"
Persons admires most: My closest friends
Career Goal: "To become a clinical psychologist."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

Court prohibits race as factor in custody cases

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court ruled unanimously last week that courts may not consider racial prejudice in child custody cases. The ruling resulted from the court overturning a Florida court's decision to remove a child from her white mother's custody because the woman married a black man.

Writing for the court, Chief Justice Warren Burger pointed out that courts making custody rulings must decide what is in a child's best interest, but cannot use the harsh realities of racial bias as part of their measuring stick.

"It would ignore reality to suggest that racial and ethnic prejudices do not exist or that all manifestations of those prejudices have been eliminated," he said. "There is a risk that a child living with a step-parent of a different race may be subject to a variety of pressures and stresses not present if the child were living with parents of

the same racial or ethnic origin."

However, the larger question, Burger wrote, is whether the reality of private biases and the possible resulting damage are permissible considerations for denying a parent custody of a child. "... We have little difficulty concluding that they are not," he said.

The decision is a victory for Linda Sidoti Palmore of Seffner, Fla., who lost custody of her daughter, Melanie, now 6, in 1982 after she married Clarence Palmore, who is black.

Despite the Supreme Court's ruling, Mrs. Palmore may have to go back before the Florida courts before the custody battle is decided. State Judge Morison Buck in Tampa, who awarded custody of the child to Sidoti, had mentioned that factors other than the effects of racial prejudice contributed to his decision.

Urban League criticizes Reagan's poverty stance

WASHINGTON -- National Urban League Vice President Dr. Douglas Glasgow said Monday that he hopes the Reagan administration does not intend to redefine poverty, as has been reported in the media.

"It is unconscionable to even consider making the poor pay for social programs by treating benefits as income," said Glasgow. "To do so would punish millions of Americans who are too poor to pay for these services because they are teetering on the brink of poverty and need government assistance."

Glasgow also criticized the administration's use of a panel of economists to seek ways to measure the value of non-cash social program benefits. He termed it

unrealistic for economists to determine who is poor and who isn't based on the notion that the market value of such benefits as food stamps, Medicaid and housing subsidies represents real income.

"Medicaid payments for treatment rendered a sick person who is poor do not increase that person's income," he said. "That person remains poor."

Glasgow said the Urban League takes the position that public policy cannot be established without public input. "The process must be open to involve those who best know the status of the poor based on experience gained from working with the poor," he said.

Band leader Count Basie, 79, dead of cancer

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. -- Count Basie, the famed jazz pianist who began his career in the 1920s, died last week of cancer, a disease his doctors never told him he had. Basie was 79.

"It's a great loss," said fellow jazz musician Lionel Hampton. "I hate to even think about it. Hampton called Basie 'one of the true greats of music' and said his bright, simple piano style 'was one of the greatest styles you could hear.'"

Basie, born William Basie in Red Bank, N.J., started his career in a Chinese restaurant as a \$3-a-night piano player. By 1939, Basie and his band were playing Carnegie Hall, and became the first American group to

play a royal command performance for the queen of England.

He had performed at the Hollywood Palladium in California on March 19, his last public appearance before his death.

"Had he known or been aware that he had cancer -- he had such a fear of it -- he would have given up hope of living. Anyone that might have seen him in Hollywood would know that he did not look as though he had a problem," said Aaron Woodward, Basie's adopted son.

Basie had lived in the Bahamas with his wife, Catherine, who died in 1983. His body was flown to New York for services on Monday.

Fire Prevention

First aid for summer emergencies

By THOMAS FLYNN
 Syndicated Columnist

School ends soon, and there'll be plenty of warm weekends and evenings for summer fun -- and summer injuries. Here's how to deal with typical summertime accidents:

Minor cuts respond well to washing with soap and water and covering with a sterile bandage. Larger cuts with moderate to heavy bleeding call for steady pressure directly over the wound. This cuts blood flow so that clotting and healing can begin. Once bleeding stops, cover a larger cut with sterile gauze. If a cut is deep, contains foreign matter or was made by a metal object, or if bleeding is profuse, seek emergency medical assistance.

As for burns, it's wise to know the three major types, their symptoms and how to treat them.

First-degree burns are minor burns caused momentary contact with a hot liquid or object. There is reddening of the skin and some pain. Soak the burn in cool water or run water over it. This not only relieves pain; cool water also removes absorbed heat which could cause further burning of tissues. Covering the burn with a light, clean dressing will keep objects from striking the sensitive

burned skin. Don't cover a burn with any kind of oil, butter or grease.

Second-degree burns are more serious. They can be identified by a mottled appearance with deep redness and/or blisters, accompanied by more severe pain. Cut away or otherwise remove clothing around the burn and immerse in cool water for several minutes. Then cover with a sterile bandage or dressing. Don't disturb or break the blister and don't apply grease, creams or ointments.

Third-degree burns are the most serious, involving total destruction of tissue. Third-degree burns are caused by prolonged contact with very hot objects or liquids, by open flame or by clothing fires. The skin may appear either white or charred; there may be severe pain or the patient may report very little pain (because nerve endings have been destroyed). Remove clothing but cut away loose clothing so that any clothing which has become stuck to the burn is not disturbed. You cannot treat a third-degree burn. Call for medical help or transport the patient to the hospital at once!

Second-degree burns, which involve more than 15 percent of the body (100 percent in children), should be

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Crime Prevention

Man attacked, robbed at Post Office

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

Strong-Armed Robbery

•500 block, Trade Street
 Upon returning to his vehicle after mailing a letter at the Post Office, the complainant was attacked by two black males, dragged behind the Post Office and robbed of his wallet. The suspects then drove off in a green-over-white vehicle.

Larceny

•1500 block, Claremont Avenue
 Three suspects, two of whom have been identified, assaulted the complainant and stole his money.

Storebreaking

•800 block, Cherry Street
 Several sets of socket wrenches and hand tools were taken.

Larceny

•100 block, North Broad Street
 Officers arrested a subject on the inside of a business. He was charged with storebreaking and larceny.

Larceny

•900 block, East Second Street
 A 16-horsepower John Deere riding mower was taken.

Larceny

•200 block, West 25th Street
 A portable electric organ and four speakers were taken from a church.

Larceny

•100 block, South Claremont Avenue
 Several cases of assorted brands of cigarettes were taken.

Housebreaking

•1700 block, East 12th Street
 A stereo and two speakers were taken.

Larceny

•900 block, East 18th Street
 An RCA black-and-white TV, diet pills and a clock radio were taken.

Larceny

•800 block, West Seventh Street

Clothing and a Texas Instruments computer were taken.

•1500 block, Argonne Boulevard
 A 19-inch color TV was taken.

•2700 block, Ivy Avenue
 Two TVs, a stereo, oven and money were taken.

•1100 block, Newport Street
 Household items and boots were taken. The suspect has been arrested and all merchandise recovered.

•500 block, Lunar Court
 Food and a .22-caliber rifle were taken.

•1100 block, East 15th Street
 Cement supplies were taken.

•200 block, Waterworks Road
 Metal scaffolding was taken.

•5300 block, Sunrise Terrace
 Jewelry was taken.

•400 block, East 27th Street
 Money was taken.

•1400 block, East Fourth Street
 A 26-inch boy's Schwinn bicycle was taken.

•900 block, East 21st Street
 Two trash cans were taken.

•1800 block, Short Street
 A Huff bicycle was taken.


•4100 block, Liberty Street
 A camera was taken.

•3800 block, Patterson Avenue
 Fourteen mobile home tires and wheels were taken.

Telephone Recording Machines

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