

Obituaries

STEPHANIE BERDY

Stephanie E. (Steffe) Berdy, 62, Lincoln Street, Dallas, died Mar. 26, 1992, at Mercy Center Nursing Home, Dallas, after an illness. Born in Coatesville, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Katherine Matejkovic-Tomasovich. At the time of her death, she was director of communications for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Dallas Regional Community. Surviving are a son, F. Andrew, Milroy; one granddaughter; sisters, Mrs. Anne Cisarik, Honeybrook; Mrs. Mary Anne Yeager, Gap; Mrs. Helen Moratelli, Coatesville; Mrs. Rose Hudock, Coatesville; Mrs. Pat Chern, Warminster; brother, Louis Tomasovich, Coatesville; several nieces and nephews. Interment, St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Coatesville.

SYVIA BROOK

Sylvia Altmayer Brook, 85, Long Beach, NY, died Mar. 30, 1992, in Long Beach Memorial Hospital. A native of New York City, she was a daughter of the late William and Frances Weinert Altmayer. Following her marriage to Sol Brook, she moved to the Wilkes-Barre area, later returning to the New York area. Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Joel (Miriam) Joseph, Scranton; Mrs. Joseph (Joann) Ehrlich, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Esther Garrick, Long Beach, NY; Mrs. Lillian Curtin, Richmond, VA.; Mrs. Rosalie Whitehead, Cape May, NJ; brother Milton Altmayer, Puerto Rico; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, at graveside in the Workmens Circle section of Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Shavertown. Rabbi James P. Michaels will officiate. Shiva will be observed in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ehrlich, 83 Hilldonia Ave., Goss Manor, Dallas, where friends may visit following the funeral from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. through Monday.

STANLEY LASKOWSKI

Stanley J. Laskowski, 49, of Main Street, Edwardsville, died Mar. 24, 1992, at home. Born in Plymouth, he was the son of the late Stanley and Josephine Sokolowski Laskowski. Surviving are brothers, John Konopki, Dallas; Walter Roberts, Edwardsville; sisters, Mrs. Barbara Kline, Huntington Mills; Mrs. Diane Kusma, Centerville; Mrs. Anastasia Ostosick, West Nanticoke; several nieces and nephews. Interment, Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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NORMAN COOPER

Norman W. Cooper, 83, of Oak Street, Trucksville, died Mar. 25, 1992, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Exeter, he was the son of the late William W. and Martha Garring Cooper. He was formerly employed by George L. Ruckno Contracting Co. and was a member of the Carpenters Union. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Jr.; son, Wesley; daughter, Jean Magg. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Conick, Tampa, Fla.; sons, William, Warner Robins, Ga.; Norman Jr., Tampa, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Interment, West Pittston Cemetery.

VICTOR GEJ

Victor J. Gej, of Presley Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Mar. 29, 1992 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Stroudsburg, he was the son of the late Victor and Gennie Gej. He was a Disabled American Veteran; Marine Corps League; a life member of the National Rod and Gun Club; Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club; Masonic Lodge 499, Pittston; Irem Temple Club. He was employed at Tobyhanna Army Depot as an electronic inspector. He is survived by his wife, Gerilee O.; sons, Victor, Dallas; daughter, Stephanie, Dallas; brother, Donald Dagutes, Calman. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. from Francis Bednarski Funeral Home, Dupont. Interment, will be Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton. Friends may call 6-9 p.m. Wednesday.

LEWIS HODGEN JR.

Lewis (Red) Hodgen Jr., 60, of East Vaughn Street, Kingston, died suddenly Mar. 25, 1992 at Bonnice Car Wash, Forty Fort, of an apparent heart attack. Born in Trucksville, he was the son of the late Lewis and Elizabeth Harwood Hodgen. He attended Kingston Township schools, and was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are his wife, the former Hope Faust; daughters, Mrs. Debra Fice, Fort Knox, KY; Sandra Nero, West Pittston; Mrs. Judith Davison, Shickshinny; sisters, Mrs. Anne Pritchard, Mechanicsburg; Mrs. Betty J. Stevick, Myrtle Beach, SC; four grandchildren. Services were held from the Hugh B. Hughes and Son Funeral Home, Forty Fort.

**Annual Craft Bazaar**  
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MARGARET O'BOYLE

Margaret M. O'Boyle, 88, of First Avenue, Kingston, died Mar. 27, 1992, at Leader East Nursing Center, Kingston. Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Mary Ann Riely Brogan. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; son, William Jr. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marie Finnegan, Dallas; sons, James, Philadelphia; Edward, Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Interment St. Vincent dePaul parish cemetery, Larksville.

FRANCES SMITH

Frances H. Smith, Coal Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Mar. 30, 1992, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Dickson City, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Frances Gable Stempohowski. Surviving in addition to her husband, Todd, are sons, Todd, State Line, and Michael Joseph, Wilkes-Barre; daughter, Mrs. Sandra Jackson, Shavertown; brother, Walter Stepohowski, Binghamton, NY; sisters, Mrs. Elaine

SAMUEL SPENCER

Samuel G. Spencer, 83, of Newberry Estates, Dallas, died Mar. 28, 1992, at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. Born in West Hazleton, he was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Spencer. He was a graduate of Hazleton schools. He had resided in Lehman for 21 years, prior to moving to Dallas. A golf professional, he began his career as a caddie at Valley Country Club, Hazleton, where he eventually became assistant pro. He later became head professional at the Elk View Country Club, Carbondale, for 14 years. He then assumed the position of head professional at Irem Temple Country Club Dallas, for eight years. In 1953, he founded the Lehman Golf Club, Lehman, retiring in 1974. He also competed on the PGA Tour for 10 years and held the course record for many years at

EDWARD HERBERT

Ret. Master Sgt. Edward Herbert, 54, of Fayetteville, NC, died Mar. 10, 1992 in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Robert and Catherine Herbert. Surviving are his wife, Dolly; sons, Jeffrey, NC; Edward, Washington; daughters, Ruth Herbert, NC; Pam Groblawski, Dallas; Sharon Borton, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Robert, John and Francis, all of Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Catherine Jones, West Wyoming; Betty Alice Herbert and Darlene Masi, both of Wilkes-Barre; two granddaughters. Memorial services were held at Fort Bragg, NC.

FRANCES SMITH

Sobota, Beltsville, Md. and Mrs. Theresa Spanka, Laurendale, Fla.; seven grandchildren. Funeral will be Thursday from Jendrzewski Funeral Home, Meade St., Wilkes-Barre with a Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. in Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre. Interment, parish cemetery, Stanton Hill. Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

the Hershey Country Club until it was broken by Ben Hogan. He was a life member of the Professional Golf Association and past district deputy of the Philadelphia section of District Two of the PGA. He was founder and director emeritus of the Anthracite Golf Association. He was a former member of the Carbondale Lodge, F&AM; the York Rite Bodies of Scranton and Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre. Surviving are his wife, the former Alice L. Tompkins; sons, John S. Lehman; brother, John, Mount Pocono; sister, Estella Rupp, West Hazleton; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas 18612.

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Large, hairy creature spotted. Is it Bigfoot?

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Several Dallas Township residents reported sighting a seven-foot tall hairy creature in the vicinity of the Country Club Shopping Center late Friday night.

"It walked upright like a person, but it was very tall," said a man, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It suddenly jumped right in front of my pickup truck in the parking lot! When I slammed on my brakes to avoid hitting it, my wife fell out of the back of the truck."

A woman who had just bought three pizzas from a nearby restaurant said that she dropped them and ran when the creature appeared in front of her. "I screamed and ran to my car and locked myself in," she said. "It took my pizzas, one with extra cheese and anchovies and two with mushrooms and onions—and just disappeared!"

Roaring Chicken, a Polish/American Indian shaman who lives in the Back Mountain, also saw the creature, which he believes to be Sasquatch (Bigfoot). "It is very good medicine to see Grandfather Sasquatch," he said. "I must go do a sweat lodge and then make

appropriate ceremonies to welcome him home." The creature was last observed loping along Hildebrandt Road towards Dallas High School. However local law enforcement officials reported sightings of a similar creature in Kingston Township Saturday morning before sunrise, when residents of the Temperance Hill section of Trucksville reportedly heard loud music, singing, hooting and howling on top of the mountain above their homes. "It sounded like Tarzan's yell played backwards on the wrong speed," said one homeowner. A search of the area by two K-9 units turned up three pizza boxes, pieces of anchovy and onion, pizza crusts and a case of empty beer cans. Unfortunately the K-9 dogs had eaten most of the evidence by the time that the officers caught up to them. Municipal officials have contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Geographic and Edgar Cayce, who will investigate the sighting and attempt to capture the creature in a bear trap baited with pizza and beer. Officials are confident that they will have the creature in custody by the end of the week.

—April Fool

Celtic band Innisfree to play at a contra dance on April 4


Innisfree, a popular Celtic band from Binghamton, will play this month's New England Contra Dance sponsored by the Folklore Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Chicory House of Wilkes-Barre, Saturday April 4. The contra dance will be held in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, South Franklin

and Northampton Streets in downtown Wilkes-Barre, from 7:30-10:30. Singles, couples, beginners, young and old, all are welcome. Dancers should wear casual dress. Admission to the contra dance with Innisfree will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 to 16. For more information, the public may call 675-8843.


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