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Two refuse financial questionnaire

By Thomas Ferrick Jr.
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Two of the 26 candidates seeking statewide offices in Tuesday's primary have refused a request made by The Inquirer to disclose details of their personal finances.

C. DeLores Tucker of Philadelphia, one of eight Democrats who are campaigning for the party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, and Democrat Olga Woodward, who is running for state treasurer, declined to reply to The Inquirer questionnaire, which is sent to candidates every election year.

The questionnaire asks candidates to disclose details of their personal wealth, including the amount and nature of their assets and liabilities, real-estate and stock holdings and their net worth.

The details sought are identical to information candidates in many other states are required by law to disclose. Pennsylvania does have a new ethics law that calls for public officials and candidates to reveal some information on their finances. However the law does not require disclosure of dollar amounts.

Mrs. Woodward, who is recorder of deeds in Washington County, said she refuses to answer the questionnaire because she believes the disclosure that she is required to make under state law is "sufficient."

Mrs. Tucker was unavailable for comment, as was her campaign aide, Jeffrey Matthews, who earlier this week had said he would try to find the reason for her failure to reply.

Candidates had been asked to reply to the questionnaire by April 2.

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On the mock-primary trail, Ted Mondale (center) talks to teacher Diane Foxman at Bala Cynwyd Middle School

They can't vote but can question

By Frederick Cusick
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Jacob Goldberg, a strapping 14-year-old who is serving a hitch in the eighth grade at Bala Cynwyd Middle School, stood at the front of the school's auditorium yesterday afternoon, talking about the shortcomings of the Air Force.

"Our Air Force is not ready to go in the case of emergency," Goldberg said, speaking with the solemnity of Walter Cronkite.

Jacob Goldberg is backing George Bush for the Republican nomination for president. Nearby, Billy McMillan, a freckle-faced seventh grader, said he favored Ronald Reagan.

"I like Reagan better," McMillan said. "He has lots of experience, and he's able. I don't believe, like, people who say he's old."

Goldberg and McMillan and a dozen other students were waiting for Ted Mondale, 22, son of Vice President Mondale and a surrogate for the Carter-Mondale campaign in the Pennsylvania Democratic primary. They wanted to ask the young Mondale questions about President Carter's positions on issues. Mondale was scheduled to show up to speak at an assembly during the last school period of the day.

The 1,000 students at Bala Cynwyd Middle School are going to hold a presidential primary of their own on Tuesday. The student voters had to register by party last month. Some students are building a voting booth.

Adult politicos have visited. Barbara Bush, wife of the candidate, fielded questions during an assembly in March. Yesterday, the Carter camp was scheduled to be heard from.

The mock primary is a way of teaching students about democracy and politics and of informing them about the issues, said Diane Foxman, a social studies teacher who organized it.

"I used to teach art before I taught social studies," said Ms. Foxman. "I'm visually oriented. I think it more important to see a person than just talk about an idea. It gets you more interested."

The students have researched the issues in their classes and studied the positions of the candidates of both parties, Ms. Foxman said.

The school's seventh and eighth graders — and about 20 teachers — filled the auditorium following the bell for the final period. But Mondale didn't show.

Phillip J. Berg, a Democratic candidate for state senator from Whitemarsh Township and a Carter-Mondale worker, went to the podium to kill time. Berg talked about distributing campaign literature when he was 10 for his father.

He talked about getting a call from Carter a couple of weeks ago and about being invited to the recent White House dinner for Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

He replied to some tough questions about inflation, abortion, the draft and gun control.

A half-hour later, when the period ended and the students were dismissed to go to their buses, Berg was still talking.

Most of the youngsters were already on the buses when young Mondale and a campaign aide finally drove up in a gray sports car. An accident had delayed traffic and had prevented him from getting to the school on time, Mondale said.

Mondale stopped in front of the school and quickly was surrounded. He signed autographs and answered questions from the crowd of youngsters who had not yet left.

One of those who remained was Jacob Goldberg. Goldberg solemnly asked Mondale whether Carter might reconsider the decision he had made early in his administration to scrap the proposed B-1 bomber. "We think they are obsolete," said Mondale, a student at the University of Minnesota. He said that it would be better to put the money "into things like the MX missile."

Goldberg was satisfied. Ted Mondale had answered his question.

But Goldberg didn't say whether young Mondale's campaigning had shaken his support for George Bush. That question will have to wait for Tuesday.

Talking with type on radio for the deaf

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persons in the area. It clicked so well that today there are TTYs in 625 homes, with a total of nearly 1,000 people using them.

RTTY uses the transmitting facilities of Temple University's student radio station, WRTI-FM, to send material that can be received in printed form on TTYs in the homes of deaf persons. Stories are put on coded, punched tape that is fed through a device that changes the punched holes in the tape to audible tones.

Those signals are transmitted by telephone lines to the WRTI studios, where they are amplified and sent on to the WRTI transmitter, from which they are broadcast on an ultra-high frequency, "riding piggyback" on the station's regular FM signal.

A special antenna at a teletype-equipped home of a deaf person picks up the RTTY signal and feeds it into a pre-set radio connected with the teletype, where it is "translated" into printed form.

The receiving equipment has been supplied without charge by the Nevil Foundation, which was established under the will of George W. Nevil, a leather manufacturer, of Haverford, to provide funds for projects that aid the deaf and the blind.

"It is so wonderful," said Helen Coley, 61, of Lafayette Hill, who is totally deaf. "I can keep up with the news, and if I'm not going to be home at the time of a broadcast, I put my machine on a timer and it receives for me while I'm out."

The PSD center also supplies phone-teletype service (PTTY), which involves transmitting impulses over telephone lines to be "translated" in a home teletype. A new development is a small, computer-type receiver called Porta-Tel, which costs upwards of $450.

Money is a tough subject at the PSD news center right now. The grant from the Nevil Foundation to buy receiving equipment is all but exhausted, and prospects for raising the operating budget of $60,000 seem bleak.

"We can't cut personnel any more," Spishock said. "We're operating with a full-time staff of three, which is difficult at best. This isn't meant to be scare talk, but if we can't raise the money, we'll have to go off the air by mid-summer."

Security guard shot at hospital

An unarmed security guard at Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Medical Center was shot last night after a quarrel in the lobby of the center's main building at 54 N. 39th St., police said.

John Cannady, 54, of the 1600 block of Spruce Street, a lieutenant in the security force, was listed in satisfactory condition at the hospital with a gunshot wound of the shoulder.

Police said Cannady was on duty at a desk in the lobby about 11:45 p.m. when a man came in and began quarreling with him. The man then pulled a gun, shot Cannady and escaped on foot, police said.

Shortly afterward, a man identified by police as Loyal Ashford, who was fired yesterday morning as a security guard at the hospital, turned himself in to police at 16th District headquarters. Ashford, 47, of the 5700 block of Media Street, was taken into custody for questioning.

The Scene

In Philadelphia and its suburbs

Sort of looks like Joan Dinerstein (see Newspapers, below)

Newspapers: *Uh, we hope it's a joke about Mondale*

It's that time of month again, time to plug the Comedy Spotlight, the parody newspaper edited by Bob Myer and Bob Young and other Philadelphia comedians. We'll keep plugging as long as the free paper is funny, and it hasn't failed yet.

By CLARK DeLEON

For instance, cartoonist Kevin Padden, who gave us last month's strip, "Encyclopedia Green (Boy Mayor)," has taken on Joan Dinerstein's fund-raising pitches on Channel 12 in "Little Orphan Joannie" (above).

The lead story in this month's issue is President Carter's announcement that he is dropping Walter Mondale as his running mate and has chosen Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to run for vice president.

"While we acknowledge the fact that Mondale has been pulling his weight, we feel that the ayatollah has made a much greater contribution to the success of the Carter candidacy," the Comedy Spotlight quotes White House press secretary Jody Powell.

"I owe it all to him," Carter says of the ayatollah. "Ruhollah has trusted me throughout this crisis. He could have released those hostages at any time. But he didn't. And that's what has kept me ahead in the polls. I feel I must return his trust."

In the newspaper's calendar of events for this weekend in Philadelphia, there are listings for Azalea Races outside the Art Museum, Wolf Riding by the Delaware, Bag Lady Sack Races, Mummer Plucking, the 30th annual Cheer-the-Phillies-Before-They-Blow-It Parade and the Parkway Crowd-a-Thon, where hundreds of thousands of Philadelphians crowd on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway for no particular reason.

See you there.

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The Catholic Standard & Times this week announced that it is not accepting political advertisements from Sen. Edward Kennedy or Rep. John Anderson because of the presidential candidates' pro-abortion voting record.

"While both Rep. Anderson and Sen. Kennedy may have acted in good faith in what they did, we sincerely believe that what they did was seriously and objectively evil," the newspaper stated in an editorial.

The paper did publish a number of political ads for candidates, including Edward Goldstein, Mike Mustokoff, John Hohenstein, Ozzie Myers and Ray Lederer.

Offbeat: *Are these guys for real?*

Pete Meyer called to tell us that thanks to The Scene, his team will be featured on network television. It was this column that first told the world about the new sport that was born in the swimming pool at the Lower Bucks County YMCA — underwater shopping cart racing. Yes, it seems like only yesterday that Meyer announced that his scuba diving team was challenging another scuba diving team for the first-ever race.

And now NBC's "Real People" wants to film today's race between three teams at the Lower Bucks Y. At 2 o'clock this afternoon, the home team, the Wreck Raiders, will defend its title against challengers from Frankford, the Nautilus Divers, and from Williamsport, Pa., the Pine Creek Valley Diving Association.

Meyer is delighted that his sport will be getting national exposure, but he's less than happy about the designation that the producers of "Real People" have given this segment.

"They have us listed as — and this hurts — as no-talent competition," says Meyer.

Metropolitan Area News in Brief

Ceremony to honor firemen killed in Delaware County

The 27 Delaware County firefighters who have been killed protecting the public since 1882 will be honored in a ceremony tomorrow in Media.

The names of the 27 men have been engraved on a plaque to be placed on the wall of the main lobby of the courthouse. A memorial service held jointly by the Delaware County Firemen's Association and the County Council will begin at 2 p.m. in the council meeting room.

The names were compiled in a research effort headed by the county fire marshal. The first recorded deaths were those of eight firemen killed Feb. 17, 1882. The most recent was the death of a member of the Oakmont Fire Co. on Aug. 29, 1974.

Schmidt subpoenas upheld in 'short-filled' beer probe

The U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals paved the way yesterday for six employes of C. Schmidt & Sons to be recalled before a federal grand jury investigating whether the brewery sold "short-filled" bottles of beer in 1978 that contained less beer than indicated on the labels.

The six appealed a federal judge's refusal last summer to quash subpoenas for their testimony. They were joined by Schmidt's in arguing that the investigation was being conducted in bad faith and to harass the brewery. The appeals court ruled, in a 2-1 decision, that the employes had no standing to appeal, and it rejected Schmidt's claims of harassment.

Federal prosecutor Robert Madden said the investigation, which was delayed by the appeal, would now proceed. The jury is seeking to determine whether the firm failed to pay excise and income taxes on the short-fills, according to court records.

City Council leaders reject move for evening sessions

The City Council's leadership yesterday turned back a resolution calling for evening council meetings to allow greater attendance.

David Cohen, a sponsor of the resolution and one of the liberals in the council, argued that more people on working schedules could attend the meetings if they started at 6 p.m. instead of 10 a.m., as at present. But at Council President George Schwartz' urging, the Rules Committee voted 4-2 to recommend disapproval by the whole council. Schwartz and Majority Leader Harry P. Jannotti said the plan would cost too much in council employes' overtime and wouldn't necessarily increase attendance.

"On the other hand, the movies are open all night," said Republican Beatrice K. Chernock, who dissented, as did Democrat John C. Anderson, "and this probably will be the best show Philadelphia will have."

Report on fatal crash shows cheerleader was intoxicated

A Philadelphia Eagles cheerleader was intoxicated when her car crashed head-on into a tractor-trailer Jan. 10 in East Whiteland Township, according to a medical report.

Cheryl R. Frey, 25, died in the accident on Route 202. Police said her car had been headed south in a north-bound lane.

Chester County Coroner Donald Harrop, who released the report on Mrs. Frey, said she had 290 milligrams, or 0.029 percent, of ethyl alcohol in her blood at the time of the crash. The presence of more than 100 milligrams would be considered intoxicating, he said.

Youth held in two murders in Gloucester Township

An 18-year-old man was arrested yesterday and charged with stabbing two other young men to death in a townhouse in Gloucester Township, Camden County.

The bodies of Joseph Ricci, 20, and William Daisey, 21, were found shortly after 7 a.m. in a townhouse at 30 Presidential Dr. in the Erial section. According to authorities, Ricci had been stabbed eight times in the chest and seven times in the back and had been beaten over the head with a lead pipe. Daisey, who owned the townhouse, had multiple stab wounds of the chest.

At noon, Michael Jackson, a neighbor of the victims, was arrested and charged. He was being held in Camden County Jail pending a hearing Monday.

Police said there had been bad blood among Ricci, Daisey and Jackson for a long time, culminating in a dispute over Daisey's estranged wife, Pauline.

Chester County man dies after an apparent ambush

A Chester County man died at Lancaster General Hospital yesterday of gunshot wounds suffered in an apparent ambush Thursday morning.

State Police said James William Phenneger, 23, who lived near Honey Brook, was shot when he went to the home of Thomas Blosenski on Creek Road in West Nantmeal Township at 6:05 a.m. When Blosenski got into the car, he told police, an assailant came out of nearby bushes and opened fire with a small-caliber handgun, hitting Phenneger in the head and body.

Blosenski, who was not injured, said the assailant fled, possibly on a bicycle, police said. No arrests have been made.

State senators seek to block July emissions-control plan

Twenty Pennsylvania senators yesterday asked a federal judge to intervene in a lawsuit that resulted in a 1978 consent decree requiring the state to implement an emissions-control program for automobiles by July 1.

The State Legislature has failed to approve funding for the program, and the legislators argue that the Pennsylvania Transportation Department cannot spend the estimated $1.5 million a year to operate the program without their approval. The program was to begin in 1981 in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh metropolitan areas.

Senate panel OKs measure to expand Tinicum center

The U.S. Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee yesterday reported out a bill to provide an additional $8.5 million to acquire 527 acres and further develop the Tinicum National Environmental Center.

Increasing the total funding authorization to $19.5 million would permit construction of an environmental education center, boardwalks through marshy areas and other projects completing the development of the wildlife habitat, which was established in 1972.

Conflicting testimony heard in Cheyney burglary trial

A Delaware County Court jury heard conflicting testimony yesterday about evidence in the burglary of the Cheyney State College bookstore.

According to prosecution testimony, a shoe imprint on a piece of glass matched that of shoes worn by Richard Goodman, the student body president and campus activist who was in the deserted building at the time of the burglary and who was later charged with the burglary.

A campus police officer testified yesterday that he allowed no one in the store after he discovered the burglary on Nov. 5, 1977.

Goodman, 34, of Philadelphia, testified that he and other students were allowed in afterward to take pictures. He said the shoe imprint could have been made then. Goodman denied any role in the burglary.

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