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Ardmore mother slain; two children missing

By Art Carey
The State Police were searching yesterday for the two children of an Ardmore woman who was found dead Monday in the trunk of a car at a Harrowsburg area road.

The body of Susan Reiser, 36, of Woodbury Avenue, was discovered about 7 a.m. Monday in the trunk of a car in the parking lot of the Blue Inn on Harrowsburg Road, Harrowsburg. State Police said she had been criminally assaulted. The Dauphin County coroner ruled that her death was homicide by a violent means.

Tronzer John J. Hines, of the Harrowsburg barracks, said Mrs. Reiser's children were with his Friday evening, when she was last known to be alive. He said that police have no idea whether the children were with their mother at the time of the slaying.

He is hoping that the children will be at a friend's house, and that anyone with information about the children's location contact them at the Belmont barracks.



Susan Reiser and her children, Karen and Michael

3 orphaned fawns elude their saviors

By John F. Clancy
Scampering deftly over the rock and tree-covered cliffs overlooking Washington Drive, three orphaned fawn youngsters eluded state game warden trying to save them from the fate of their parents.

The fawns, estimated to be 6 or 7 weeks old, had frequented the drive where their mother, a 10-month doe, was killed by an automobile on Saturday. Their father, a four-point buck weighing 140 pounds, was killed by another car a short distance away on Monday.

Since then, game warden, Harwood Park Police, warden and others concerned with animal welfare have been trying to catch the fawns to remove them to safety. But their efforts have caused the spotted young to retreat further up the hillside into deeper woods where they are difficult to find.

The fawns have been weaned and are capable of eating for themselves, but part and game officials are worried that they may wander down into the busy four-lane road where their parents were killed.

Richard Skubish, district game warden, said he and three other men had been searching for the fawns since Monday but had spotted them only twice. Both times, the fawns scurried off before the warden could get a shot at them with tranquilizer darts.

"We hope to see them so that we can move them to a safer area in the park," Skubish said. "They are surviving in Philadelphia in part just about every park area because there is plenty of food and predators or hunters. They only real danger is automobiles."

Skubish and the fawns were difficult to find because their spotted coats provided natural camouflage. "As they huddled down they are very hard to see," he said. "They become active in the evening and move all the while they are difficult to find."

They can thrive and grow where they are. There is plenty of food and water available for them to eat and there are two springs flowing down the hillside for their water.

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New Jersey gasoline stations that will be open for business today

Table listing gasoline stations in Gloucester County, Burlington County, Camden County, and Atlantic County with their addresses and operating hours.

Schwartz posts as leader of 13th Ward

Edward Schwartz, the veteran community organizer who spent the Democratic City Committee's choice for ward leader in North Philadelphia's 13th Ward last year, posted victory over Monday night for personal reasons.

At one point during that heated campaign, Sen. Evans, a prominent Howard supporter, complained in a conference to Schwartz that it was unfair for a Jew to be the leader of a black ward. While a black could not be leader of a Jewish ward, Schwartz, however, contended that this criticism had nothing to do with his campaign. He said yesterday that he had gotten a new start in the ward several months ago and maintained one-on-one contact with the primary. Now he is giving up the address.

At a ward meeting Monday night, State Rep. Eric Stein, who was backed by Schwartz, won a narrow victory over incumbent, the defeated Ralph Ogilvie, the ward chairman and also a Howard man, by a 25-18 vote.

The 13th Ward remains as locked in a struggle over its future as ever, Schwartz said in a reference to that choice.

Fawns in park (in a nighttime TV shot) and Richard Skubish, who hopes to save them



Schwartz Valley Nature Center in the Roxborough section, where their deer already have been reported this year. The area being searched by the game warden and his deputies is on the east bank of the Wissahickon Creek, about one-half mile north of the Park Police station of Cypriani Lane.