

Quirks in the News

Annabel's ashes

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Among the thousands of items neatly tagged and gathering dust in the police property room is a small metal box containing all that remains of Annabel Ickes.

The box, filled with Ickes' ashes and adorned with a label from a California funeral home, has been under the care of property officers since 1959.

The box was turned over to police after it was left in the safe of a hotel by a daughter.

"I guess when the daughter checked out, she forgot to take her with her," said Sgt. Ron Ehrhardt, unit supervisor.

"She's just like one of the family now," Ehrhardt said.

The label on the box says Ickes was cremated in 1947 in California. Officers have been unable to find any relatives and no one is quite sure what to do with the box.

Drug dog

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Jessie the drug-sniffing police dog is happy again — after a brief trip on the wrong side of the law.

The 2½-year-old Labrador retriever was stolen by two men who wanted to use his special talent to find drugs, but was rescued before his captors were able to turn him into an illegal drug sniffer.

Arrested were Dane Craig Garrison, 27, of Hollywood, charged with grand theft, possession of stolen property and resisting arrest without violence, and Robert Chilcote, 35, of Palm Beach Gardens, charged with possession of stolen property and resisting arrest without violence.

Jessie was stolen from a Hollywood kennel owned by Garrison's mother, Carol Garrison, last week, police said Tuesday. Garrison told the Hollywood Sun-Tattler she thinks her son took the dog because he had "a crazy notion of finding some drugs" in a Fort Lauderdale warehouse.

"Who in their right mind would steal a police dog?" she asked.

Jessie had a joyous reunion with his partner, Detective Don Maines.

Big bunnies

PORTLAND, Ore. — Youngsters who roam the White House lawn in the Easter hunt will get some autographed eggs featuring the names of some very large bunnies.

The White House wrote the Portland Trail Blazers asking if the players would be willing to autograph some eggs which would be stashed for the annual event. The eggs — actually oval wooden ones — were sent to the club by mail and the Blazer players took time from one practice period to sign them.

Bendix book

DETROIT — Mary E. Cunningham is writing a book about being the target of rumors that a romantic relationship with Bendix Corp. Chairman William Agee was responsible for her rapid rise in the company's ranks, a newspaper says.

In a copyright story Tuesday, the Detroit News said Cunningham is putting the book together in her spare time from "copious notes and a diary."

Cunningham resigned from Bendix Oct. 9, 1980, because of rumors she became a vice president because of a romantic relationship with Agee.

"It's ... about 'principles we can learn from the experience' and about 'irresponsible journalism,'" Cunningham told the News in a telephone interview.

"The media, in this event, was very much manipulated by a few individuals (at Bendix)," she said. Those people no longer are with the company, she said.

Agee, as recently as last week denied there was any romantic involvement with Cunningham while she was at Bendix. He told the News "sexism" was responsible for what happened.



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