

# Bryan employees urged to take P.R.I.D.E. in work

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Reporter

What do a Bryan police officer, two children's librarians and a city training specialist have in common? They've all been named "People Pleasers."

"People Pleasers" are part of a new program in Bryan called P.R.I.D.E. (Program to Recognize and Identify Deserving Employees). Bryan employees who do outstanding work and receive a complimentary letter from a citizen for it can be named "People Pleasers."

If the letter is sent to the city personnel department, the employee will receive a certificate signed by the mayor. The employee will also get to wear a "People Pleaser" button for one week. If five commendations are received within two years the employee will receive a silver pin and formal recognition from the mayor and city council. Since the middle of May, 17 Bryan employees have been named "People Pleasers."

"Employee morale has gone up a lot," says Amy Godfrey, Bryan's citizen information coordinator. "I've never seen people work as hard as they do in this city. When employees

do their jobs and please customers it means the city is doing the best it can. We get cards and letters from all kinds of people."

Two Bryan children's librarians, Glenda Duncan and Sue Sommerfeld, get many thank you letters from children. Both Duncan and Sommerfeld were named "People Pleasers."

"We get thank you's for coming out to the school library," Sommerfeld says. "We deal directly with the public, so we have an advantage."

Bryan Police Officer Donnie Manry deals directly with the public too, but he says his letters are "few and far between." Manry has been with the department for more than a year and a half and received letters from four citizens.

"It makes us feel good when we do get one," Manry says. "We like making people happy."

Manry was recently named a "People Pleaser" after he helped release an eight and a half foot boa constrictor from a citizen's washing machine.

"I contacted the animal control officer and we tried to noose the snake," Manry says. "After one and a

half hours we finally sprayed mace on it. Rick Tobias put a noose around it and six feet of it came out but, two and a half feet were still in the machine."

The snake suddenly let go of the machine.

"We went flying out into the front yard," Manry says. "It got loose and started toward us, so we had to shoot it."

Don Mahnke, Bryan's training specialist, was named a "People Pleaser" because he helped to solve a residential sink hole problem.

"It was just a matter of being in the right place at the right time," Mahnke says.

When a citizen was having trouble with a mysterious sink hole, Mahnke brought it to the attention of the deputy city manager. After further investigation, the cause of the sink hole was found to be a broken sewer line.

"It made me feel good because I was part of the work effort," Mahnke says. He says its good to open communication between employees and management.

Warped

by Scott McCulloch



# Teddy bears now providing more than bedtime comfort

United Press International

FARMINGTON, Conn. — A University of Connecticut researcher believes a "breathing" teddy bear can help premature infants develop their own regular, rhythmic breathing patterns.

Evelyn Thoman, a professor of biobehavioral sciences, said tests on premature infants at the University of Connecticut Health Center and Hartford Hospital show it may work.

Premature babies are more likely than full-term infants to have breathing and sleeping problems, Thoman said. Her goal is "to make sure their developmental course is as uneventful as a full-term baby's."

The soft, blue bears resemble most stuffed toys except for a pump-driven air hose that makes them seem to breathe. The pump is set to match the breathing rate of a sleeping premature baby in the same crib.

After several days, the infant "covers" the bear, Thoman said. Early evidence shows the infants move closer to, or to touch, the pulsating bear. Once in contact with the bear's regular, rhythmic breathing, the infants begin to breathe more regularly, Thoman said.

"We've found that babies do a lot of ways of getting contact with the bear when they're free to do so," she said. "The final data will tell us whether babies do have organismic wisdom."

# Democratic governors split on Southerner for VP choice

United Press International

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Democratic governors from the South split Monday on whether Walter Mondale's choice for vice president could improve his chances this fall in the once solidly Democratic region.

Texas Gov. Mark White said Mondale, the Democrats' apparent nominee, would run stronger in the South with either Texas Sen. Lloyd Bensten or House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas as his vice presidential running mate.

"The question is that some of those selections would make it easier for Mr. Mondale to carry Texas," said White, who also recommended San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros.

But Florida Gov. Bob Graham, who has publicly predicted his state will again back President Reagan, challenged the need for regional balance in picking a running mate.

"I think that's old thinking in politics," Graham said during a break at the 50th anniversary meeting of the Southern Governors' Association.

"Our society is so mobile that regional identifications fall down the list of how people think of themselves."

South Carolina Gov. Dick Riley agreed, saying regional balance is "overstated in importance."

"I think it's a simple consideration that's easily comprehended and understood, but I think the real considerations are going to have to be much more complex."

Graham and Gov. Charles Robb of Virginia, the outgoing SGA chair-

man, urged Mondale to select a woman. Joining the call was Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins, who was interviewed by Mondale.

Graham said a woman would let the Democrats capitalize on the "gender gap" — Reagan's perceived weakness among women voters. Women voters are expected to outnumber men this year by 6 million, according to estimates by women's groups.

"I believe that women have a special understanding for individual

and family economics," said Graham. "Part of the reason for the gender gap relates to that."

He recommended Rep. Lindy Boggs of Louisiana or Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, among others.

Riley said Democrats have an "excellent opportunity" to put a woman on the ticket. But he said a woman should only be chosen "because of her capacity" and not gender.

Riley said his first choice for vice president was South Carolina Sen.

Ernest Hollings, who dropped early from the presidential race.

Collins said she believed the former vice president was looking the South for a running mate. Collins will chair the Democratic National Convention that opens Saturday in San Francisco.

"I would encourage him (Mondale) to choose a woman, but it's his choice," said Collins.

Robb said if Mondale chose woman "she needs to be somewhat recognized for her expertise."

# Reagan: Jackson didn't break law

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Monday Jesse Jackson did not break the law in getting American prisoners released from Syria and Cuba and said he is grateful to Jackson for doing "something I couldn't have done officially."

But, he added, "I think it would be very dangerous if this became a political ploy for candidates in the future."

In an interview last week, Reagan left the impression that the Democratic presidential candidate might have violated the Logan Act, which prohibits private citizens from representing the United States in dealings with foreign countries.

But in a question and answer session with Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern editors and broadcasters at a White House luncheon Monday he said, "I don't think there is any evidence" of the 18th century law being broken by Jackson.

"Anyone who wants to go simply as a citizen, a private citizen, and try to do a humanitarian thing as he successfully did in Syria," Reagan said, "I'm grateful to him for it because I know it is something I couldn't have done officially."

"I'm grateful that those people were released in Cuban prisons," he added.

"But it is a thin line that has to be walked and I would hope that it would not become a general practice," he said.

With a smile, he added, "I could have done without some of the criticisms of American policy that were made while he was in those foreign countries."

As a result of talks with Syria's Hafez Assad last January, Jackson won the release of Navy Lt. James Goodman, whose plane was shot down during U.S. operations in the Lebanon conflict.

Late last month, Jackson met with Fidel Castro and won the release of 48 prisoners from Cuban jails.

Responding to other questions, Reagan labeled his environmental and civil rights records two of the "better-kept secrets" of his administration.

He predicted blacks would vote Republican if made aware of what his policies have done.

In a voice tinged with emotion, he said: "If we can find a way for those people to know what we've done, I think that they would choose our policies, rather than the policies of



President Ronald Reagan

the past .... Those policies sentenced too many people to the bondage of welfarism rather than opening up jobs and opportunities."

He acknowledged the historic political bonds between blacks and the Democratic Party but said he is "not counting them out or simply ignoring them" in his bid for re-election.

Reagan said his environmental record is "the other best-kept secret of our administration."

He said his administration has added millions of acres of wilderness land, embarked on the biggest cleanup ever of the national park system and has begun acquiring new land.

# Conservatism aids trend

# Experts say 'virginal is OK'

United Press International

A husband and wife team of sex experts at Yale University say students no longer panic at the idea of being virginal — "not the way it did up to the mid-1970s."

"We used to have students coming in a panic, saying, 'I am still a virgin,'" said Dr. Phillip M. Sarrel, an associate professor of obstetrics, gynecology and psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine.

Males and females were among those upset about being in a virginal state, he said.

His wife, Lorna J. Sarrel, assistant clinical professor of social work in psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, agreed.

The Sarrels said they think word that "virginal is OK" got around campus as the result of the demystification of sex, a process that took on importance as the women's health movement and sex education grew. It also developed with a swing to conservatism on many college campuses.

While the trend they describe is based on studies at Yale, the Sarrels said reports from other college campuses indicate their conclusions to be true of campuses generally these days.

The Sarrels are co-directors of the

Yale Sex Counseling Service, a program pioneered by them and copied by many colleges and universities.

Much of the information they collect about sexual mores on campus comes through counseling and treatment in a sex therapy setting and from confidential questionnaires filled out each year by up to 300 students in a Human Sexuality course they teach at the school in New Haven, Conn.

They could not quantify the percentage of students comfortable with being virginal. But they said it is clear that a virginal state now is considered "very normal and nothing to be ashamed of."

Growing popularity of masturbation among female students is another significant change in sexual behavior on campus, the Sarrels said.

"In 1969 and the early 1970s, the data we collected on the sexual knowledge, attitudes and behavior of women students showed that about one-third of them masturbated — a statistic that exactly agreed with the Kinsey findings for this age group.

"Starting in 1973, there was a sudden and steep rise in the number of women students who said they mas-

turbated. To some degree, this change may simply have reflected greater willingness to admit to masturbating, but there has undoubtedly been a marked change in women's actual behavior.

"From 1976 on, the statistic has been fairly consistent and now about 70 to 80 percent of college women say they are masturbating.

"More college women today accept the idea that masturbation is healthy. In 1970, 66 percent of those agreed with the statement, 'Masturbation is acceptable when the objective is simply the attainment of sensory enjoyment.'

"By the 1980's, more than 82 percent agreed."

Contraceptive practices, genital herpes and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) also account for changes in the love styles of students, the Sarrels said. They said:

- The threat of AIDS has made homosexuals more discriminating in selecting a partner.
- The threat of genital herpes makes it far from rare for a person going to bed with another for the first time to ask: "Do you have herpes?"
- Males often ask females what kind of contraceptive they use.

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