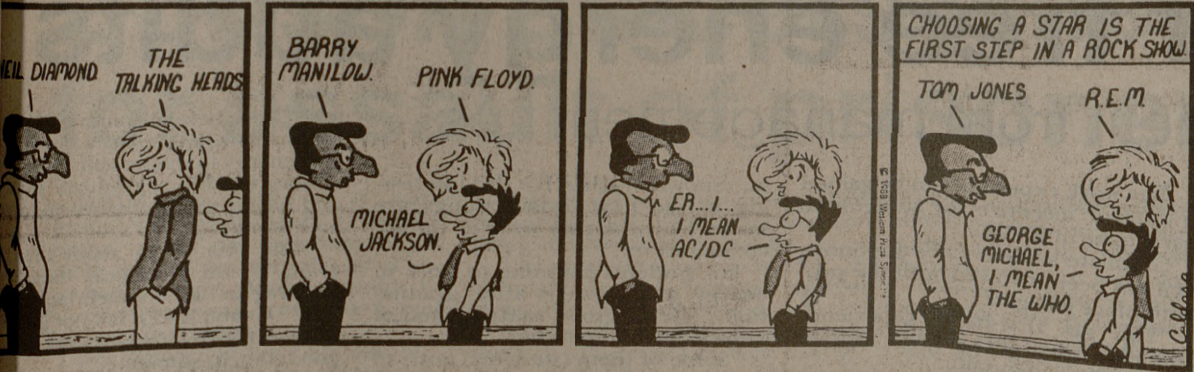


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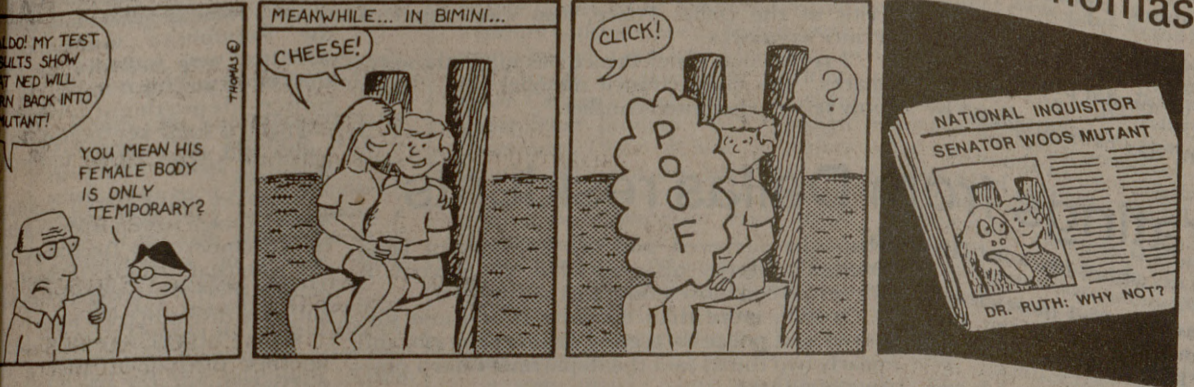
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Police arrest cab driver after murder of ex-wife

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin cab driver, on probation for threatening his ex-wife, has been arrested in New York and charged with tracing her to that state and stabbing her to death, authorities said.

Thomas L. Wright, 37, was charged with killing his former wife, Peggy Ann Wright, 33, whose body was found in the Lockport, N.Y., apartment she had shared with the rights' two children and her boyfriend since Jan. 1, Lockport police said.

Wright was being held without bail on a second-degree murder charge in the Niagara County Jail, authorities said.

Peggy Wright's boyfriend, James Decker, 44, found her last Friday afternoon taking her 16-year-old son and 9-

year-old daughter to school that morning, Lockport police Lt. Robert Laforest said. He said investigators have not pinpointed a motive.

"We're not too sure," Laforest said. "We think he was up here to get the kids back. That evidently resulted in some argument, resulting in her death."

Wright received permission from his Travis County probation officer for a 30-day leave to visit his parents in Tonawanda, N.Y., a Buffalo suburb about 30 miles from Lockport, authorities said.

Wright served two years' probation in Austin after pleading not guilty to a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the case involving his then-estranged wife in 1984. He pleaded guilty and

received five years' probation on the same charge involving Decker, said Assistant Travis County District Attorney Ashton Cumberbatch.

Jerry Millsapps, director of the Travis County Adult Probation Department, said Wright had been following terms of his probation and that Wright's request for leave was routine in such cases.

Laforest said Peggy Wright and their two children moved to New York four months ago. She and her ex-husband went to school in the area near Niagara Falls. Decker arrived later from Austin.

She was stabbed several times in the chest and back, apparently during a struggle, police said. Several broken objects were found in the apartment.

Parents of murder victim offer to pay prosecutor

RICHMOND (AP) — The parents of a murder victim want to help pay a special prosecutor, who was picked to help put an accomplice to the crime in prison.

Helen Mejia, 30, was put on probation for 10 years for her role in the Jan. 8, 1979, shooting death of Kimberly Ann Strickland.

But the Fort Bend County district attorney's office has filed a motion to revoke Mejia's probation, alleging probation violations, including drug and alcohol use.

On Monday, Robert Bennett, a former chief of the special crimes division in the Harris County district attorney's office, was named to a co-counsel position in the case against Mejia after Strickland's parents asked to hire Bennett as a special prosecutor because of his experience.

Police pursue car through two states in hour-long chase

EL PASO (AP) — Two men in a stolen sports car led police in two states on an hour-long chase Tuesday morning before stopping and pushing the vehicle over a cliff, authorities said.

Two suspects were arrested a few hours after the chase, Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Robert Collins said. Charged with burglary of a business was Jimi Fonseca, 19, of El Paso, police spokesman Mike Murphy said. Charges were pending against the other man, he said.

The chase started after 1 a.m., when DPS trooper Luis Carrillo spotted a speeding Chevrolet Camaro on Interstate 10 in El Paso and pulled it over. When Carrillo got out of his patrol car to issue the ticket, the Camaro sped away, Collins said.

Carrillo chased the suspects 23 miles into New Mexico before losing sight of them.

Las Cruces, N.M., police spotted the car in the city a few minutes later and tried to pull it over, but the Camaro headed back into Texas, eluding its pursuers, police said.

Carrillo and units from the El Paso County sheriff and the Anthony police department chased the car up Transmountain Road, which traverses a 5,500-foot-high pass in the Franklin Mountains that bisect El Paso.

El Paso police set up a roadblock shortly before 2 a.m. at the east end of Transmountain Road, but the car never showed up. Instead, Collins said, the suspects had enough of a jump on pursuers to allow them to stop the car and push it over a 200-foot cliff. Then they ran away.

One man was arrested about 4 a.m. and the other was arrested about three hours later, Collins said.

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