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March 27<sup>th</sup>: **Women's Voices: Imagining Ourselves into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The teleconference will open with a keynote address by Johnetta Cole, Presidential Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Women's Studies, and African American Studies at Emory University. Dr. Cole's address will be followed by a panel discussion of issues facing women in higher education.

Noon - 2:00, 501 Rudder Tower

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March 28<sup>th</sup>: **Local Caucus Session**

Meet with other women from the TAMU campus to identify and discuss issues of importance to women at Texas A&M. Our issues and strategies will be forwarded to the national site for inclusion in the national agenda.

11:45 - 1:30, 502 Rudder Tower

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March 29<sup>th</sup>: **"Women's Solutions: Setting a National Agenda"**

A moderator and four panels of women from four sites around the nation will synthesize feedback from the local caucus sessions.

10:00 - Noon, 501 Rudder Tower, Refreshments Provided



For more information, contact Anne Peterson at 845-2111 or  
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THE BATTALION

Thursday, March 23, 2000

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Police shooting case examined for racist motives

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Police were accused to being called to Fidas Restaurant, a late-night diner where people gathered, and often brawled, when the nightclubs closed.

But one night in January, a disturbance didn't end with the usual roundup of troublemakers.

An off-duty African-American officer rushed to aid two white officers, who mistook him for a suspect and shot him to death.

The debate over whether prejudice or bad judgment was to blame has reached Washington, where Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., has asked the Congressional Black Caucus to examine the case. On Monday, he will introduce legislation that would create a task force to study racism in police departments and other government agencies.

"This is not a problem with Rhode Island. It is a national problem," said Joseph Almeida, an African-American state representative and former Providence police officer. "Somebody should not have to have died to bring this up."

The victim, Sgt. Cornel Young Jr., 29, was the son of Maj. Cornel Young, the highest-ranking black member of the Providence force. Maj. Young has said he has reached no conclusion about the case. But the slain officer's mother has.

"Racism exists," said Leisa Young, a community college counselor. "Is it as blatant as the Ku Klux Klan burning their cross on your lawn? No. But people have their perceptions of things. Because of where it was, the

side of town, and the fact that my son was black affected what those officers saw."

Young was one of 33 African-Americans on a police force of 470, which puts their percentage in the department at 7 percent. In the 1990 census, they made up nearly 15 percent of Providence's 161,000 residents.

The officers' defenders say inexperience played a

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— Joseph Almeida  
R.I. state representative and former police officer

big role in the shooting. Officer Michael Solitro had been on patrol just seven nights. His partner, Officer Carlos Saraiva, had been on the force three years.

Saraiva's attorney, Joseph Penza, said the shooting wasn't racially motivated. But he said he couldn't comment further because a grand jury is investigating.

Civil rights leaders have pointed out that Saraiva graduated in the same 48-member Police Academy class as Young and have said the officer should have recognized him.

Young was in street clothes when he stopped at a diner after midnight on Jan. 28. Two women started a fight, and the night manager ordered everyone outside. When the two officers arrived, they said they saw Young with a gun.

Young apparently saw the confrontation unfolding and drew his own gun and rushed outside to confront a suspect, Aldrin Diaz. The officers said Young did not identify himself as a policeman and did not respond to their repeated calls to drop his weapon, so they shot him.

When news of Young's death spread through the city, civil rights leaders and others began questioning first quietly then through protests and vigils, whether Rhode Island law enforcement could be trusted to investigate two of its own.

Adding to the critics' suspicions, Diaz was charged with murder because prosecutors said he displayed a gun in the confrontation that ended in Young's death. The lawyers say police used their client as a scapegoat.

State Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse has created a commission to study police relations with minorities. But Whitehouse has refused to appoint an independent investigator, angering many community leaders.

It all came at an especially sensitive time. State police were objecting to a just-introduced bill that would study racial profiling. Another lawmaker drew criticism for proposing eliminating the word "plantations" from the official state name — State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. He said "plantations" conjures up images of slavery.

Teamsters strike causes snack shortage

**Twinkie trouble**  
A Teamsters strike has hurt East Coast junkfood junkies where they live. Weekly deliveries of about 2 million Twinkies and other baked goods, such as Yodels and Ring Dings, have dried up as bakeries have shut down. For those that can't do without, here's a recipe for a simulation of that staple American snack.



**Cooking supplies**  
Twinkie-sized bottle  
Twelve pieces of aluminum foil  
Pastry Bag  
Toothpick

**Cake ingredients**  
4 egg whites  
One 16-oz. box golden cake mix  
2/3 cup water  
Nonstick spray

**Filling ingredients**  
2 Tbsp. butter  
1/3 cup vegetable shortening  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/3 cup evaporated milk  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
2 drops lemon extract

**Directions**  
1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Make molds by folding foil around bottle, leaving the top open. Arrange on a cookie sheet and apply nonstick spray.  
2. Beat egg whites until stiff, then combine with cake mix and blend. Fill each mold 3/4-inch deep with batter and bake about 30 minutes.  
3. Cream butter and shortening, then slowly add sugar, evaporated milk, and extracts, mixing until fluffy.  
4. When cakes are done and cooled, use a toothpick to make three small holes in the bottom of each for filling. Using the pastry bag, inject each cake with filling through all three holes.  
5. Enjoy!

Source: Usenet newsgroup rec.food.recipes AP

BOSTON (AP) — Forget the high gas prices. Folks along the East Coast are swallowing bitter news this week: There is a shortage of Twinkies and other snack-food favorites, courtesy of a labor dispute.

Supply problems are being reported from the nation's capital to Maine, wreaking havoc on untold snack breaks.

"I'll have to eat healthy food," complained Rubens Breeden, a 28-year-old state worker longing for Ring Dings and Devil Dogs on Tuesday.

Charlie Bianchi, who works at a snack bar in one of the busiest state office buildings, has faced the wrath of the hungry masses.

"All day long, they're saying, 'Where's my Twinkies? Where's my coffee cake? Where's my pound cake? Where's my Devil Dogs? Where's my Yodels? Where's my Ring Dings?'" Bianchi said.

"They're ready to kill. They look at me with doubt in their eyes. They think that I forgot to place the order. It's always the coffee slinger's fault," said Bianchi, 42, assistant manager of Hal's Place.

Actually, a Teamsters strike has led to shortages in a variety of well-known bakery products, including Wonder bread and Hostess brands such as Twinkies.

As shelves empty across the region, the area will have to do without deliveries of about 2 million Twinkies and cupcakes per week and another 400,000 loaves of Wonder bread, a company official estimated.

The strike began a week ago when 1,400 Teamsters responsible for delivery and sales of products from Interstate Bakeries Co.'s only New England bakery in Biddeford, Maine, walked off the job.

Since then, that bakery and others have shut down as Teamsters in other states honored the pickets. Interstate Bakeries officials say five bakeries in four states have closed.

The union has accused the company of refusing to honor arbitration rulings. The company maintains it was shut out of the arbitration process, and it has asked a judge to clarify the process.

One of the major sticking points has been the company's requirement that drivers deliver more than one brand of Interstate products. The Teamsters say drivers are supposed to be paid different amounts for each brand.

All of this comes as the Twinkie, the yellow, spongy, cream-filled cake, approaches its 70th anniversary next month.

Some people are already seeking to make a buck off of the Twinkie crisis. What was billed as "The last box of Twinkies known to Man?" was being offered on the Internet auction site eBay, with the minimum bid set at \$2,500. There were no takers late Tuesday.

Pamela Anderson, a mother of two, picked up some of the last Twinkies at a gas station in Concord, N.H.

"I say they're for my kids, but they're really for me," she said.

Lisa Towne, a dental hygienist with Aesthetic Dental Center in Concord, saw a bright side to the strike: "The dental community might even benefit."

In downtown Boston, shelves usually occupied by Hostess products were bare or getting there quickly.

To Breeden, the Massachusetts state worker, eating Twinkies and other snack cakes is just part of growing up American.

MTBE found in water wells

LOS ANGELES (AP) — About one-third of drinking water wells in 31 states may be contaminated with the gasoline additive MTBE, according to a study released Wednesday. The federal government already is acting to ban use of the chemical.

Researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey and the Oregon Graduate Institute's Department of Environmental Study found about 9,000 of 26,000 wells looked at were within a kilometer of a leaking fuel tank, head researcher John Zogorski said.

But Zogorski said it's likely that not all of the 9,000 wells are contaminated with MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether.

"We like to say a significant but currently unknown number of community water supply wells may be at risk," he said. "The number 9,000 is so large that the number of wells that may be affected may well be worrisome."

The study omitted 19 states, including California and Texas, because they lacked needed information on well sites. The study was posted in the online edition of the journal Environmental Science & Technology.

The Clinton administration announced Monday that it is moving to ban MTBE from gasoline, but it will take at least a decade before the possibly carcinogenic substance no longer poses a threat to the water supply.

The study and more than 50 others on MTBE and related issues will be presented this weekend in San Francisco during the national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

MTBE has been used in gasoline for two decades to limit air pollution.

It is hardly the only carcinogenic pollutant to be found in leaking underground fuel tanks. But other pollutants, like benzene, "tend to absorb more toward soil and degrade much faster," Zogorski said.

Many variables play a role in determining whether MTBE will make it into a well, Zogorski said.

"Pumping excessively makes the situation worse," said Zogorski, from the Geological Survey. "It draws down contamination into the well. If the pump rate is low, typically the plume (of MTBE) passes right by."

News in Brief

Mistress gets land

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A judge Wednesday awarded the Montana fishing retreat of the late CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt to his longtime secret mistress.

A letter Kuralt wrote to Patricia Shannon two weeks before he died in 1997 clearly expressed his wish that she have the 90 acres along the Big Hole River after his death, state District Judge John Christensen said.

Kuralt's two children had argued that the letter merely expressed Kuralt's intention to someday draft a

will giving Shannon the property, which includes a former one-room schoolhouse and was valued at \$600,000.

Four months earlier, he had given Shannon 20 acres and the fishing cabin the two of them had built on the banks of the fishing stream. Shannon still lives there.

Subway murder retried

NEW YORK (AP) — Revenge, not mental illness, drove a man to shove a woman to her death in front of a subway train, prosecutors said during closing arguments during his second murder trial. The

defense said he suffered a mental "earthquake."

A jury began deliberations Wednesday on the fate of Andrew Goldstein in the death of Kendra Webdale on Jan. 3, 1999, two weeks after he was released from a mental hospital.

The jury in his first trial deadlocked and a mistrial was declared, with two jurors maintaining that Goldstein wasn't criminally liable for the death.

Violence is not a symptom of schizophrenia, the prosecution argued, quoting a prosecution psychiatrist.

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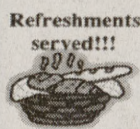
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