

Alleged Rapist

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the northern berm and put a hand over her mouth to keep her quiet. The man was dressed in blue jeans, a white T-shirt and latex gloves. The victim also noted the man's breath had a strong alcoholic odor.

She hit the man with a stick and even held on to a tree to prevent from being dragged further

into the woods, the affidavit states. During the course of the sexual assault, the victim told the suspect her husband knew how long her walk took and he would come looking for her. After being told to get up, the victim walked home and alerted her husband.

In ground to completing a search, an aerial search was conducted by state police helicopter yielding negative results.

I am looking up to that."

Fisher, of 302 Serpentine Road, McConnellsburg, stated over the years she has enjoyed working with the public and looks forward to meeting new people. Also a stay-at-home mom, Fisher added she believes she could devote more time to the position and be readily available to the public.

"To be able to serve the community in this aspect would be extremely rewarding, and I have met so many nice and helpful people during this process," said Fisher, who concluded the current system of paying tax collectors for their duties is suitable as the "bulk" of the taxes are collected only in certain months.

Julie A. Shearer (D)

Hoping to have the best of both worlds by caring for her family while also working from home, Democrat Julie A. Shearer first had thoughts of running for Ayr Township tax collector in December when the extended Nesbitt family aired Arlene's decision to retire after approximately 48 years.

"It was at that time I thought, 'That would be a perfect job for me! I can work from home and earn money to help support my family and still be at home to take care of them. It's the best of both worlds!'" said Shearer of 1115 Cito Road, Big Cove Tannery.

Shearer stated her organizational qualities as well as being able to handle money, which she learned through the family rental business - JLL Rentals - would be an asset to the township as would being a "people person."

"Being a people person isn't something you learn," said Shearer, who, along with husband Jeff has two children ranging in age from 13 to one. "When I worked on the 'Help Desk' at JLG Industries, I took calls from people with computer and software-related issues. I had calls from the very calm to the very irate. I do believe, though, that you learn how to deal with the different emotions of people. I feel it takes a certain personality to work with the public, and I believe I have that skill."

Shearer added her home office access to handicapped residents as well as ample parking for taxpayers who are visiting during normal office hours or by appointment. "Whether it is to open the door when they come knocking to pay their taxes or to pick up the phone when they call about their tax bill, my role as tax collector is to be there when I'm needed and to provide the taxpayer with prompt, accurate information," she related.

Supporting her run for office is a background based in general office management she now provides to husband Chris, owner and operator of Fisher Construction. "In the past I have held PTA offices and worked for the library, senior home-care agencies and the school district," said Fisher, a mother of four and grandmother of a 2-year-old. "When I heard our tax collector was retiring, I thought I can do this! Just the thought of being tax collector is exciting. I know it will be challenging at times, and

Calif. Sunday School Teacher Charged With Murder

California woman is also accused of raping 8-year-old Sandra Cantu

TRACY, Calif. (AP) - A Northern California woman was charged Tuesday with murdering an 8-year-old girl whose body was found in a suitcase pulled from a pond.

San Joaquin County prosecutors also included in their allegations against Melissa Huckaby the special circumstances of rape with a foreign object, lewd and lascivious conduct with a child and murder in the course of a kidnapping.

The 28-year-old Sunday school teacher was due to be arraigned later Tuesday. Huckaby lived in the mobile home park in the town of Tracy where victim Sandra Cantu also lived.

The girl disappeared March 27 and her body was found in a suitcase when farmworkers drained a pond April 6.

Huckaby told a Tracy Press reporter the suitcase was hers but it had been stolen the day Sandra went missing.

A conviction on any of the charges would make Huckaby eligible for the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

Sandra disappeared on March 27, prompting a wide-reaching search in Tracy, a city of 78,000 people about 60 miles east of San Francisco. On April 6, Sandra's body was found in a suitcase by farmworkers draining an irrigation pond located only a few miles from Sandra's home in a mobile home park in Tracy.

Huckaby lived with her granddaughters just five doors from Sandra. The little girl was a playmate of Huckaby's 5-year-old daughter, Madison.

Police have not said how, where or why Sandra was killed, but Sgt. Tony Sheneman said investigators believe Huckaby acted alone.

"We have not been provided with one (a motive)," Sheneman

said Monday. "We don't know why a mother would kill another mother's child."

Neither prosecutors nor Sheneman would provide details on any evidence leading prosecutors to consider the sexual assault allegations.

"I was hoping that wasn't the case," Sandra's aunt, Angie Chavez, said through tears. "I'm in shock. The whole thing is unimaginable."

In the days after Sandra's body was found, investigators across the state is gratifying in that, as a district attorney, you know what it means to have a judge who is knowledgeable, tested, fair, strong, compassionate and efficient," said Krom. "I have immense respect for judges who follow the law, hear all sides fairly and do not legislate from the bench."

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and York counties. "Receiving the endorsement of fellow district attorneys from across the state is gratifying in that, as a district attorney, you know what it means to have a judge who is knowledgeable, tested, fair, strong, compassionate and efficient," said Krom. "I have immense respect for judges who follow the law, hear all sides fairly and do not legislate from the bench."

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"We're in shock," said Brian Lawless, Huckaby's father. "The young lady I see on film, that's not my daughter."

Lawless said the family cried and prayed together during the visit.

On Sunday, outside the church on Easter services, Huckaby's relatives described her as a loving mother with a strong religious upbringing.

"The allegations are so far outside what I know about my niece," said Huckaby's uncle, Brett Lawless, 48, of Lakewood. "Of course there are doubts in my mind. But we understand the police doing their jobs might have some probable cause."

In 2006, Huckaby was convicted of petty theft in Los Angeles County. In January, she pleaded no contest to a petty theft charge in San Joaquin County, and was sentenced to 3 years probation on the condition that she participate in a mental health program.

Krom Endorsed By District Attorneys Statewide

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

District attorneys across Pennsylvania endorsed Fulton/Franklin County Court of Common Pleas judicial candidate Angela Rosenberry Krom last week.

"Angela's tested courtroom experience, her first-hand knowledge of how the judicial system works and her compassion for others make her an ideal candidate for this judgeship," said Jack Nelson, district attorney for Franklin County since 1986.

"Also, she has a wonderful

sense of community pride, strong values and an unwavering commitment to fairness and the rule of law. When she needs to be, she is tough as nails and criminals who she has put behind bars know that."

The 21 district attorneys who have endorsed Krom's candidacy are from Adams, Berks, Centre, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Juniata, Franklin, Lachawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Union, Montgomery, Potter, Washington, Wyoming

Brambley

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guitar he penned, including "Nine Days on the Trail," "Musher's Blues," and "God Must Be a Musher." He intends to have his guitar shipped to Alaska for the 2010 Iditarod, so he can share his talents with students and faculty as he is flown by bush plane to various schools and communities

along the trail as a member of the Iditarod's educational team.

Back home, Brambley has provided his students with hands-on instruction on wilderness survival through the construction of emergency shelter built with sticks and leaves; given lessons on making electricity from the sun; and also offered students dog sled rides using his huskies. In return, students colored and decorated paper husky dogs for a

wall picture to commemorate his becoming the next Teacher on the Trail.

Brambley is currently preparing for his third trip to Alaska, where he will undoubtedly share his wealth of knowledge on the Iditarod and possible curriculum suggestions with fellow educators at the summer conference. Armed with a computer disc containing valuable Web sites related

to his 100 top picks for Internet sites dealing with the Iditarod and Alaska as well as lesson plans that include both technology and environmental awareness, Brambley is surely an inspiration to future candidates for the Target store-sponsored Teacher on the Trail.

"Fun is the key to learning," concluded Brambley. "It puts adventure back into the classroom."

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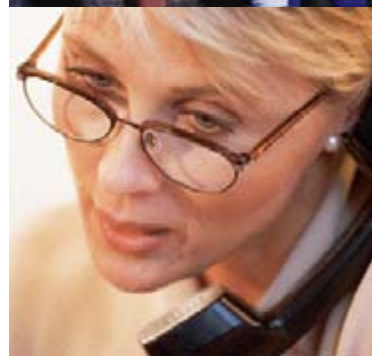
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so they can be removed **before** they turn into cancer.

If you're over 50, take time to see your doctor and get screened.

