

## Three Associated Press Samples

### Locusts:

In New Jersey, where I grew up, a few 17-year cicadas emerge each year, crawl up trees, molt, eat some leaves, mate, and go back down below for another 17 years. Not much of a life.

However, in the Chicago suburbs, for some reason (a) there are a LOT more of them and (b) they all come out at once. The noise they all make is a constant, shrill sound, day and night. They eat all the trees bare of leaves.

It's a massive invasion, like a Biblical plague of locusts. They're even (erroneously) called locusts.

They kept me awake. So I wrote a news story.

### Rosemary Pilewicz' Grief-Stricken Parents...Oops!

A 17-year-old Chicago girl runs away from home.

The worst is feared.

A body of a girl is found.

The parents go to the morgue and identify the body as their daughter.

Mistakenly.

### Michelle Clark

There was an airline crash. I was given the task of staying at the Cook County, Ill., morgue all night, fulfilling one of the AP's time-honored (or dishonored) traditions: Body Count Journalism.

Each time the death toll changed, I had the job of calling the office. Officials were not yet releasing names of the dead. Just the number.

While sitting around, I noticed two beautiful, well-dressed, and grief-stricken young African-American women. I was curious. But they wouldn't talk to me.

I asked around. It turned out that they had been told that one of the bodies was a young woman named Michelle Clark, the first African-American anchor at any U.S. TV news network..

I got on the phone, and talked to other people at the morgue, and learned an amazing story of what Michelle Clark had gone through as a little kid when her family had become the first black family in Cicero, Ill. White people had rioted. They had to call out the National Guard.

So I wrote the enclosed story.

## Locusts

By WILLIAM DONOVAN

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CHICAGO AP - The locusts are here.

That is, cicadas, the fat, inch-long insects everyone calls locusts, are hatching en masse - by the billions, say the scientists.

From the Wisconsin Dells to Chicago suburbs, they're buzzing from tree to tree like clumsy bumblebees, dive-bombing lawn parties and filling the air with their mating calls. Farther south, other cicada hatches are still in the pre-buzz stage.

Their arrival is a big event for entomologists, because cicadas spend the first 17 years of their lives underground.

Then, encased in a brittle brown shell, they claw their way to the surface, climb grees, split a seam in the back of the shell and climb out. After basking awhile in the sun to dry out, they fly off to find other cicadas.

By early summer, females will lay their eggs in the bark of trees, and the while adult

population will settle down and drop dead.

After the eggs hatch, the cicada nymphs will make their way into the ground, not to be seen or heard from for 17 years.

They are easy to find. You can hear the male locust's call from some distance. It has been described by folksinger Bob Dylan as a 'high whining trill.' In concert, locusts sound like the Jolly Green Giant's ear ringing.

If you're a collector, the ones which have just hatched are easy to catch as they cling to low branches of trees. The cicada may flap about a bit, but it don't bite, sting, scratch or emit noisome liquids.

But hurry. They're around for only a few weeks, and during that time their natural predators—birds, raccoons, skunks, a large species of wasp and children who stuff them in bags or jars—will make a considerable dent in their population.

And they won't come out again until 1990.

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CHICAGO AP - It was "like having a new daughter born," said the father of a runaway girl who contacted police after her parents mistakenly identified her as one of two teen-agers found slain in a park.

Rosemarie Pilewicz, 17, said she read a newspaper report of her death and thought, "How can the world say this? I'm breathing."

Her parents had reported her missing Aug. 10.

Her return left police with the bodies of two nameless girls, each shot once in the back of the head with a .32-caliber pistol and left lying face up in Washington Park on the city's South Side. They were found early Saturday by a jogger.

There were no signs of a struggle and neither girl had been sexually molested, police said.

Six other women and an infant girl have been found dead in unsolved homicides in Chicago and its suburbs since June.

Asked how she mistakenly identified one of the dead girls as her daughter, Violet Pilewicz said, "The girl was just like a twin. Even the earrings were the same."

Richard Pilewicz, who had viewed the body after his wife had come out of the morgue weeping, told reporters, "I went in and my eyes were foggy and I was shaking and it looked exactly like her."

A family friend, Sigmund Rataj, theorized that when police called and said they had a body that might be Rosemarie's, the mother "went to the morgue expecting to see her daughter dead . . . it was an emotional thing."

The family made funeral arrangements and spent a grief-stricken, sleepless night before Rosemarie read that she had been identified as a victim and then contacted police. Rosemarie said she had been living with female friends. After the reunion, police held her overnight at a juvenile home.

Asked why his daughter had run away, Pilewicz said, "I don't know . . . Maybe my type of life is different from hers." Mrs. Pilewicz said the girl left primarily because of differences over her social hours.

Rataj, who said he had once lived in the neighborhood and had returned to offer his condolences upon hearing the report of Rosemarie's death, waved an arm at the tiny backyard and a narrow street lined tightly with rows of three-story apartment buildings.

"She was trying to break out of this neighborhood. You can see what it's like." He pointed to the tavern next door, where singing blared from the jukebox.

Clark

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CHICAGO AP - Michelle

Clark, believed to be one of 43 persons killed Friday when a United Air Lines jet crashed near Midway Airport, rose from cub reporter to national correspondent for CBS News in just two years.

Miss Clark, 29, was returning to her native Chicago from Washington, D.C. Cook County morgue officials say they believe one of the badly burned bodies taken from the wreckage of Flight 553 was hers, but co-workers were unable to make a positive identification Friday night.

Miss Clark's news career began with Chicago's WBBM-TV in 1970, where she worked as a news writer and reporter after attending Roosevelt University and completing a summer program at New York's Columbia University journalism school.

But her exposure to the national news media goes back much further, to the tense summer of 1951, according to a family friend.

The friend, Julius McMillan, who works for the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, said that in 1951, Michelle's father, Harvey, signed a lease for an apartment in the predominantly white Chicago suburb of Cicero.

News accounts of the day tell

over a three-day period, breaking through police lines and trying to stone and firebomb the apartment building where the Clark family was to move in. Youths broke in and smashed the family's furniture.

Some 450 National Guardsmen were called out to restore order. A barbed-wire barricade was used to keep rioters away from the building.

The Clark family never moved in. They relocated in Detroit. The family now lives in Chicago, CBS said.

In September 1971, after a year at WBBM, Miss Clark became a news reporter for the parent CBS network, working out of Chicago. She was elevated to correspondent, the network's top news reporting position, in May 1972.

She covered the campaigns of Sen. George S. McGovern and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey during the Democratic primaries this year and was a floor reporter for CBS at both the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

Although based in Chicago, Miss Clark had filled in on several occasions since October for the regular Washington anchor desk correspondent.

CBS spokesmen said she had worked the Washington anchor desk Friday morning.