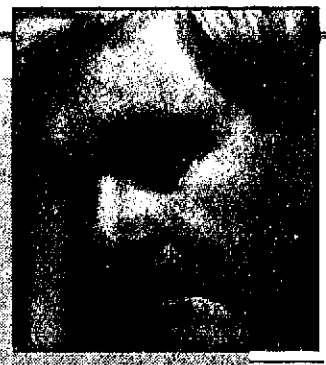


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U.S. warns Iraq
As troops move, Clinton beefs up forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton put about 15,000 soldiers on alert Friday and dispatched an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf after 40,000 to 50,000 Iraqi troops were spotted massing on the border with Kuwait.

Clinton said he considered the situation serious and would not permit Iraq to intimidate the United Nations into lifting sanctions imposed after the Persian Gulf War three years ago.

"It would be a grave mistake of Saddam Hussein to believe that the United States would weaken its resolve," Clinton said at a news conference.

Asked if Saddam might be testing the United States while its military is engaged in Haiti, Clinton declared, "Saddam Hussein should be under no illusions. The United States is not otherwise occupied."

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary William



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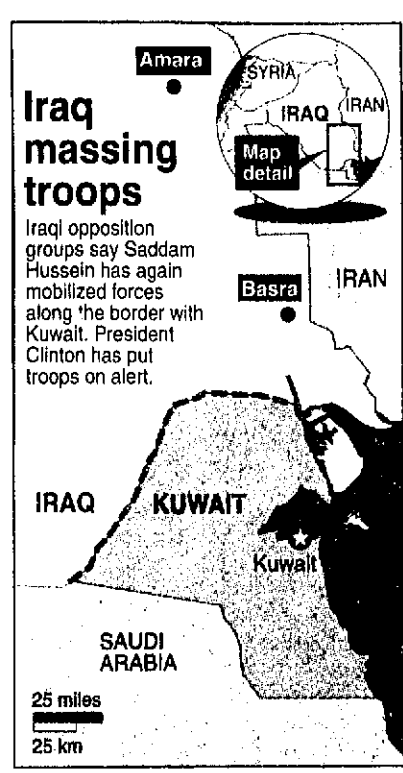
Perry said the Iraqi troop movements "are not routine and are not typical of what we've seen in the past, and therefore cause us concern."

An Iraqi government spokesman said in Baghdad that his country had every right to move troops within its own borders, and he accused critics of a plot "to justify their evil intentions."

Kuwait's Cabinet was called back for an emergency meeting Friday, the Muslim Sabbath.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud Al

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Helena woman raped; suspect is described

IR Staff

A Helena woman who was taking a shower in her apartment on the 800 block of Breckenridge was raped by an assailant who entered her house about 2 p.m. Friday, according to Helena police.

It is the second rape on Helena's southside in the past six months. A 71-year-old woman was raped in April. That case remains unsolved.

Police Capt. Troy McGee identified Friday's victim as an adult female. She called police after the man left and was taken to St. Peter's Hospital for an examination.

The assailant was described as

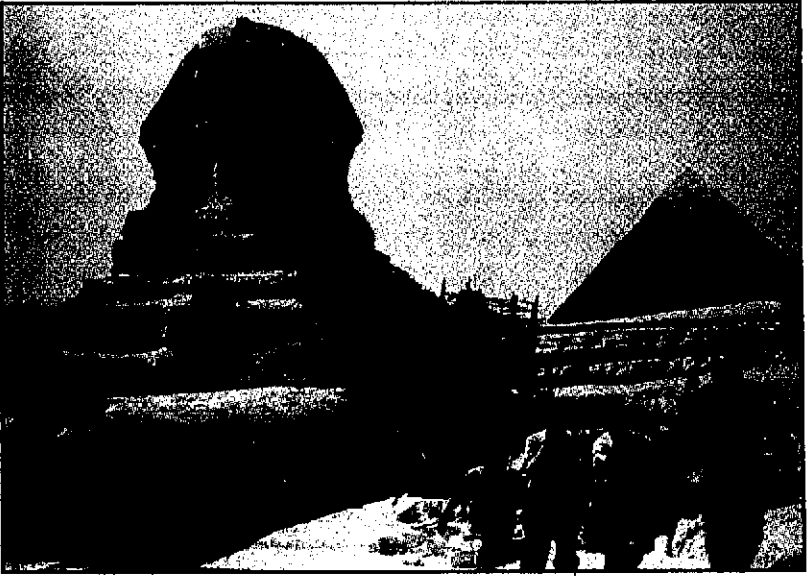
about 6-feet tall, very muscular and dark skinned. He may be black or Hispanic.

According to McGee, the attacker was wearing a black ski mask, with holes for the eyes and mouth, and had dark pants.

The woman also received a minor cut, apparently from a razor wielded by the man. McGee said he didn't know what sort of razor was used.

Officers were looking throughout the area and processing any evidence available at the scene, but had no suspects by late Friday afternoon, according to McGee.

Any one with information that might help investigators should call Crimestoppers or police at 442-3233.



Workers repairing the Sphinx have discovered an ancient passage leading deep into the body of the statue crouched at the foot of the Giza pyramids.

Sphinx raises new mystery
Workmen find ancient passage

GIZA PLATEAU, Egypt (AP) — Workers repairing the ailing Sphinx have discovered an ancient passage leading deep into the body of the mysterious statue crouched at the foot of the Giza pyramids.

That the tunnel is old — very old — is not in dispute, said Giza antiquities chief Zahi Hawass. Evidence indicates it dates from pharaonic times.

What's puzzling is who built the passage? Why? And where does it lead?

Hawass said mystery lovers will have to bide their time to learn what the passage is all about. He doesn't plan to remove the stones blocking its entrance until at least February.

The secret tunnel burrows into the northern side of the 240-foot-long limestone statue, about halfway between the Sphinx's outstretched front paws and its

After all this time, the Sphinx still holds secrets.

curved tail.

Though Hawass said he's thrilled about the new mystery of the Sphinx, he warns that treasure-seekers are likely to be disappointed. Based on long experience with the Sphinx, he predicts that antiquities workers will find nothing more than rocks as they maneuver down the passage.

"But the rocks are their own treasure, because they'll give experts a close-up view at what's happening inside the Sphinx," he said.

Few, if any, structures are as haunting and mysterious as the

(More SPHINX, page 8A)

YORK WOMAN

AIR BORN

WWII woman pilot realized dream

President, Mrs. Clinton to honor female fliers next week.

By MARIE HOFFNER
IR Staff Writer

To fly. It was the ultimate challenge for Juanita Cooke as a young woman in the 1930s.

Cooke, who lives in York, did not only meet that challenge. She far exceeded it.

In 1943 Cooke, then Juanita Bulish, was accepted as a member of the Women Air Force Service Pilots, better known as the WASP.

"Flying gave me a tremendous feeling of accomplishment," Cooke said in an interview Friday.

As a WASP class 43-W-4 pursuit pilot, Cooke flew fighter planes, including the P-39 Bell Airacobra, during World War II. Assigned to the 3rd Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command at Romulus, Mich., Cooke's job was to transport planes from the factory to military bases in the United States and Canada.

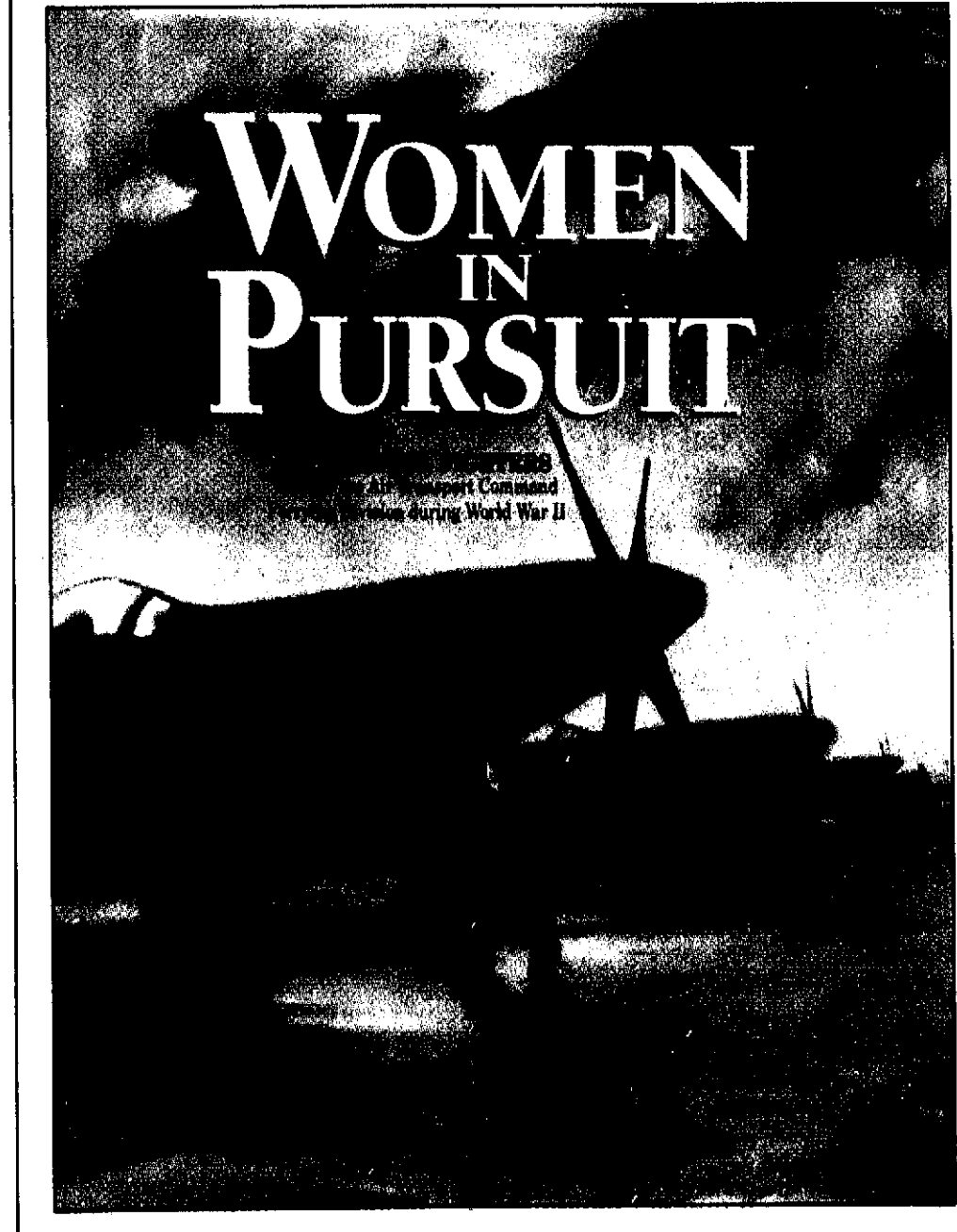
The WASP squadron was established in 1943 as a group of women pilots who transported mili-



York resident Juanita Cooke, at right, was one of the first members of the women's Army aircorp. This file photo is from the Smithsonian collection.

tary planes. Until 1977, the women did not attain military status and received no veteran's benefits.

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This is the cover of the book "Women in Pursuit," about the Women Air Service Pilots, or WASP. The book is a compilation of remembrances from the women pilots, who flew during World War II. Among those featured is York resident Juanita Cooke.

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Accused killer pleads guilty

To rancher's murder

By BOB ANEZ
Associated Press Writer

STANFORD (AP) — A ranch hand pleaded guilty to murder Friday in the death of Wayne Stevenson, an internationally known cattle breeder who left home on a March night to check livestock and never returned.

David Llamas Blake was scheduled for trial Tuesday, but changed his plea from innocent. In return, prosecutors said they would not seek the death penalty.



Stevenson left his home near Hobson, in central Montana, the night of March 27 to check on his calving operation. His wife received a telephone call demanding \$1 million in ransom and Stevenson's body was found the next day in a manure pile near the house where Blake resided.

Blake, employed by Stevenson for about a year, said in court Friday that he was denied a pay raise and the two men got into an argument that included insults about Blake and his wife. Blake said he got a .22-caliber rifle from a truck, shot Stevenson and used a tractor to hide the body in manure.

"At the moment, I was not really thinking what I was

(More MURDER, page 8A)

Focus on candidates



This Sunday the Independent Record's state bureau begins an in-depth series on Montana's major political candidates with a profile of Sen. Conrad Burns. You'll find out about Burns' upbringing, and what other people think of him, this Sunday.

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