

# 'Jane Doe' hunt spreads to Europe

By WAYNE MELTON

Washoe County sheriff's detectives are asking police throughout Europe for help in identifying an unknown woman found slain July 17 on Mount Rose.

Capt. Bill Mathews, head of the detective division, said a local forensic dentist "gave some indication her dental work may have been done outside this country."

The captain emphasized it "only is a possibility" the woman could have been abroad, but that her dental work was done in a method frequently used in other European countries.

"She could have had it done in Europe, or at least by someone who was trained there," Mathews said. "We have gone to the State Department and asked them to disseminate the information to their offices across Europe."

He said police throughout Canada also have been asked to join the probe because similar dental work often is done in that country.

The woman, who police call Jane Doe, had been shot in the back of the head in what investigators say might have been an "execution style" slaying. Hikers found the body in an isolated area of Sheep Flat on the Lake Tahoe side of the summit.

Sheriff's deputies described her as about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 112 pounds, with brown eyes and her brown hair worn in a bun. She was wearing a powder blue sleeveless T-shirt, blue jeans, white tennis shoes and a one-piece, laced swim suit.

Detectives said they have been unable to find clues that could lead to the victim's identity. Deputies say they will have difficulty identifying the killer or killers until they learn her name.

An investigator said every law enforcement agency in the United States has been contacted without success in the investigation.

"We have probably examined 40 to 50 sets of fingerprints or dental charts from across the country," Mathews said. "These came from areas with missing women of a similar description."

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# Homicide investigators ask for help in identifying woman

By PHIL BARBER

Investigators today asked the public's help in identifying a young woman who was found fatally shot in the back of the head on Mount Rose Saturday.

"We have no idea who she is," said Bill Mathews, commander of the Washoe Sheriff's Department's detective division.

He said some hikers found the body several hundred yards off the Mount Rose highway in the area of Sheep

Flat near the highway's summit. An autopsy disclosed the cause of death. Mathews said it's estimated she was killed Friday night or early Saturday morning.

He has asked Northern Nevada casinos and police in the western United States if anyone of her description is missing — although, Mathews said, there is no reason to believe she worked in a casino.

He described her as in her mid-20s to mid-30, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 119

pounds, with brown or hazel eyes and brown hair worn in a bun. He said she had an abdominal scar, had given birth at least once and had a vaccination scar on her upper left arm.

She was wearing a powder blue sleeveless T-shirt, blue jeans, white tennis shoes and a one-piece, laced swim suit.

Anyone with information that might lead to her identification or killer should call the Sheriff's Department at 785-4652, Mathews said.



**UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN**  
Police ask for help

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## **No answers in woman's death**

Detectives still are attempting to learn the identity of a woman's body found fatally shot in the back of the head nearly three weeks ago on Mount Rose.

"We have run down from 30 to 35 leads, but all have proven negative," said Capt. Bill Mathews, head of the Washoe sheriff's detective division.

Hikers found the victim July 17 in an isolated area of Sheep Flat on the Lake Tahoe side of the summit.

"I'm just inclined to believe at this point that perhaps she's from out of this area," Mathews said, adding several police agencies throughout the West have been notified of the probe.

The captain said the Secret Witness program has indicated it may soon offer a minimum reward of \$500 for information leading to the victim's identity.

The victim was described as in her mid 20s to mid 30s, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 112 pounds, with brown or hazel eyes and brown hair worn in a bun. Mathews said she had an abdominal scar, had given birth at least once and had a vaccination scar on her upper left arm.

## Graveside service planned for Jane Doe

A graveside memorial service will be held Monday for Jane Doe, an unidentified woman found slain July 17 on Mount Rose.

Bishop Ben Sutton of the Universal Life Church of God said he organized the 10 a.m. service after reading the woman had been buried earlier this month without a funeral.

Washoe County sheriff's detectives say they have no clues to the woman's identity or who the killer was. Hikers discovered the victim after she had been shot in the back of her head.

Sutton said he "was very, very mad" because the woman had been buried without a service, so he wrote a letter to the editor that was published in the Sunday Reno Gazette-Journal.

"I got all kinds of calls from the public" because of

the letter, Sutton said. "Several ministers in town and other concerned citizens felt the same way."

The reverend said he then decided to go ahead and arrange the service at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery in cooperation with the Reno Unity Center. The church official said he expects at least three dozen people to attend, even though none knew the victim.

"It would be nice if we could have flowers at the gravesite — you know, if anybody wants to donate," Sutton said.

Lynne Iacono, organizer of the Reno chapter of a group that helps relatives of slaying victims, said she will attend. She said other local families of murder victims also may be present.

Sutton said that if there is inclement weather the services will be held indoors at the cemetery.

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## Psychic's tips haven't led to Jane Doe's killer

By WAYNE MELTON

Statements by a nationally known psychic from New Jersey have not helped Washoe County sheriff's detectives in their investigation into the death of an unidentified woman found last summer on Mount Rose, police said.

"So far, none of it appears helpful to the case," said Capt. Bill Mathews, head of the sheriff's detective division.

But 57-year-old Dorothy Allison still says her "visions" are good and that she is determined to help catch the killer.

"I'm still willing to help police, if that's what they want," Mrs. Allison said.

The woman, who has been on several national television programs and the subject of numerous magazine articles, said Washoe investigators have not yet contacted her directly about the case.

Mathews said he still may consider contacting the woman, but noted he is not "excited about psychics."

The Reno Gazette-Journal interviewed the woman on the case in mid-November and the newspaper gave information from her statements to Mills Lane, sheriff's chief criminal deputy.

Lane, Washoe's district attorney-elect, gave detectives the information, which Mrs. Allison said included the name of at least one of two people she says killed the woman.

Investigators across the country say the housewife has found scores of missing bodies and given investigators information that eventually helped identify, apprehend and convict murderers.

A feature movie is being planned on her life and a book, "Dorothy Allison — A Psychic Story" was published in 1980 about dozens of cases she has helped solve. By one policeman's account, in about 6,000 crime cases she has quickly given vital information "from the top of her head," that frustrated detectives often had been seeking for months.

Mrs. Allison said that if detectives seek more of her assistance in the Jane Doe case, the unidentified woman's killers "definitely will be apprehended."

"I don't care where they are, where they have lived or if they have moved," Mrs. Allison said in a telephone interview. "I will go after a killer until I get him. I love to catch them."

The woman had said that the first week in December would be important for detectives in the case. But Mathews said there have been no major developments he knows about.

The psychic had said "December and January are going to be the months for this case."

Mathews said detectives still have not found solid leads since hikers found the body July 17 in a rugged area of Sheep Flat on the Lake Tahoe side of the Mount Rose summit. She was shot once in the back of the head, investigators said.

"We're not naive enough to disregard any information that comes to us" on an investigation, "particularly on a homicide case," Mathews said. "We follow up on any information we get. We'd be derelict in our duties if we didn't."

"We've put an awful lot of work on this case," Mathews said. "We're awful disappointed we haven't come up with anything."

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# Psychic

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near two church steeples and two bridges — only one of them for cars — and that the body would be found by the letters M-A-R. About two years later, children playing in a shipyard found the body on Staten Island, New York, in a place of the exact description Mrs. Allison gave.

|| A New Jersey businessman disappeared after boarding a train. Police were skeptical when Mrs. Allison said the man had drowned. According to police records from when the woman made a statement, she said "I also see a row of automobile tires, two guys and an archer."

A few months later, a man shooting arrows discovered the body in the Passaic River next to a row of tires — across from a Two Guys department store.

The magazines tell of dozens of other cases, all after her quest began when she awakened from a terrifying dream on Dec. 3, 1967.

She had envisioned a young boy dead in a drain pipe connected with a shallow pond. The boy wore a polo shirt and his shoes were on the wrong feet.

The vision haunted the woman until she finally told police, who had been frustrated in attempts to find 5-year-old Michael Kurchics.

Police were skeptical of her story, but checked into the woman's leads after several attempts to find the body failed. A policeman went to the place Mrs. Allison described and discovered the body in a drain pipe.

The boy's shoes were on the wrong feet and he wore a polo shirt.

Since that incident 15 years ago, police throughout America have been in Mrs. Allison's small house almost daily, asking for help in homicide investigations. Dozens of detectives — many who previously had not believed in her ability — have sworn her statements were vital in crime investigations.

Sal Lubertazzi, a police detective in Mrs. Allison's hometown, is her liaison with the public, screening dozens of telephone calls and letters each week from bereaved relatives and police. Lubertazzi says he has documented more than 8,000 cases in which she has assisted.

After she agreed to help in the Mount Rose case, Mrs. Allison continued to emphasize her statements on the slaying — including the name she says belongs to one of the killers — were "absolutely correct" and that she has the credentials to back her up.

Indeed, police in almost every state have presented her with citations of merit, some accompanied by sworn statements from detectives testifying her abilities have been helpful.

"My walls are wallpapered with all the honors I've received," said Mrs. Allison. "But, I'm not a publicity hound. I'm just trying to help."

The woman noted she is "an honorary member of police departments all over this country. I've got badges from almost every state."

Despite her confidence, some police say she has been wrong at least once. Atlanta, Ga., officials have said she provided little help in an investigation into deaths of more than 20 black children. The woman disputes that, saying she gave police the last name of Wayne Williams, a man eventually convicted in some of the killings.

Mrs. Allison and some police also note that she sometimes gets her "signals" crossed. Investigators are cautioned to use her statements carefully.

For example, while working on the "Son of Sam" multiple killings she was correct in telling police the killer would be a former police trainee and an adopted son. But she was wrong when saying the killer's name was "Plummer" and that he drove a yellow car.

The same day she gave that incorrect statement, a taxi driver named Plummer was slain in New York City while he drove a Yellow Cab, according to the New York Times.

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# Shooting victim still unidentified

Investigators still have been unable to determine the identity of a woman's body found fatally shot in the back of the head July 17 on Mount Rose.

"We have no good leads. We just have nothing," said Mills Lane, Washoe sheriff's chief criminal deputy.

Lane said information on the slaying and composite sketches of the woman have been sent to more than 300 police agencies in the West.

The chief said several investigators have studied copies of the victim's fin-

gerprints in an unsuccessful attempt to match them with identity records.

"We haven't given up," said Lane, adding that investigators probably will have a better chance of developing a list of possible suspects if they determine who the woman was.

The victim was described as in her mid 20s to mid 30s, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 112 pounds, with brown or hazel eyes and brown hair worn in a bun. Mathews said she had an abdominal scar, had given birth at least once and had a vaccination scar on her upper left arm.

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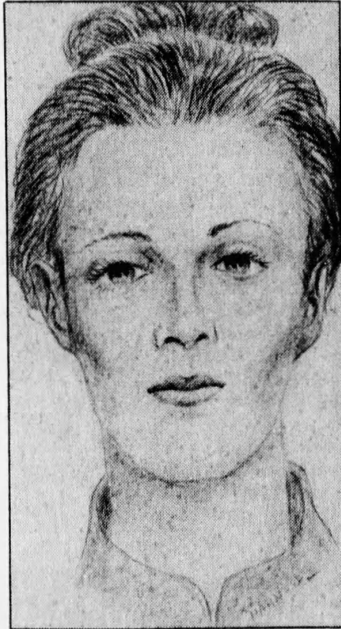
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tacted "all law enforcement agencies" throughout the country in the investigation. "Everyone is cooperating with us. We are exchanging information," but have been unsuccessful in obtaining solid leads.

Lane and Barnes both said the woman probably did not live in the Reno area because she most likely would have been identified by now.

"Of course, the possibility always exists" that she could have lived in this area, said Barnes, adding detectives found nothing at the scene "that would assist us at this point" in learning where she lived.

The sergeant declined to say whether investigators believe the fully clothed woman was slain where the body was found or if she had been killed somewhere else



**JANE DOE**

Identity still a mystery

before being taken there. He also refused to say what caliber weapon was used.

He said no purse was found with the body and there were no papers or sales receipts indicating where she may have been.

"The body was in plain view, if you happened to have been in the area," Barnes said. "The body was not visible from the roadway, but if you were in that area it would have been in plain view."

He said Mount Rose is not considered a dumping ground for murder victims. "In fact, it's a pretty heavily traveled area."

The detective said investigators also found nothing to indicate illegal drugs were involved. "Again, until we find out who is responsible, we don't know."

Barnes said he did not know how long the woman had been dead before she was found — "I think she was there for no longer than several days, probably less. But not a very long time frame."

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# Psychic

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Bill Mathews said they do not believe statements from psychics are helpful in investigations. But Lane said he will have a detective "look into" Mrs. Allison's statements because investigators have been unable to discover solid leads.

Lane and local detectives emphasized they are not familiar with Mrs. Allison's credentials. And Lane said it's still too early to tell whether her statements will be helpful.

But Mrs. Allison, who does not charge for her services while usually working only for police and sometimes the press, said she's certain the statements will be helpful and that investigators may eventually seek more of her assistance.

While making telephone statements on the case, Mrs. Allison said her visions were like "seeing a movie in my head." Whatever the visions look like, many of them in other cases have been right on target, according to several national magazines, including "People" and "Reader's Digest."

Mrs. Allison said her visions on the Jane Doe case are strong as ever.

She said the slaying is one of her more intriguing cases. She believes two people shot the victim because she threatened to reveal contents of a "special" document and "something concerning a relative."

Mrs. Allison does not envision what was in the document, but says she believes the victim had threatened to reveal its contents. "That's exactly what she was going to do and she made no bones about it."

One of the killers or the victim had "something wrong" with his or her ankles, Mrs. Allison said, adding that a rope may have been involved.

The victim was slain inside a car, according to Mrs. Allison. But detectives have said they believe she was killed where the body was found.

Mrs. Allison said that after Jane Doe was slain, the assailants "dumped" the body in the wilderness.

The woman also gave a relatively uncommon surname she says belongs to one of the killers. The Reno Gazette-Journal will not publish the name because of possible legal complications unless there is an arrest and conviction.

Before Mrs. Allison discussed the case, she said she only wanted to know where and when the body was found. She said dates and specific times — including birthdays — are extremely helpful. "I don't know why, but when I look at numbers something just clicks," she said.

Mrs. Allison also gave a common four-letter first name she says belongs to one of the killers. She said it's either his first name or part of his surname.

The psychic described in detail and gave the name of a local lounge she believes Jane Doe visited before she was killed.

The reporter found a local lounge with the same name. He believes the business and its sign were exactly as described by Mrs. Allison, who said she is not familiar with Reno.

She also said that before Jane Doe died she was driven past a local civic headquarters, which had a large parking lot filled with cars.

The woman gave other details she says are integral to the case and should not be released to the public. Some of her statements that can be released include:

□ The victim had been at Reno Cannon International Airport within two days of when she was found.

□ The main killer still lives in the Reno area and does not believe he will be apprehended. The killer is extremely intelligent and probably would be "the last person you ever would suspect."

□ There is something interesting in this case Mrs. Allison has almost never seen before. "Almost everything comes in twos . . . there could be two bars. There could be two brothers who did the killing . . . Look for doubles . . . and possibly twins."

□ Look for the word "twin" and "everything could be in doubles. That could mean there was another body that was found."

□ The word "bell" is important and will be noticed more than once.

□ Mrs. Allison said investigators "are going to get a lot of information the first week of December on this case — on this one in particular. A lot of things are to come around on that time. December and January are going to be the months for this case."

□ She also said there is "something to do with like, ahhh, again I get cars from this lady. Whether there's a car salesman involved or whatever, I don't know. But I get something . . . I get something with cars . . . though I feel she was murdered in the car to begin with."

□ Mrs. Allison said skeptics who think this information on Jane Doe is hogwash should consider at least a few of her previous cases documented in national magazines under sworn testimony from police:

□ After 14-year-old Susan Jacobson disappeared in 1976, Mrs. Allison said the girl would be found dead

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# Jane Doe buried without funeral

## Puzzled lawmen still seek clues in woman's slaying

By WAYNE MELTON

An unidentified woman found shot to death on Mount Rose in July has been buried without a funeral while frustrated detectives still try to learn her name.

She had been shot in the back of the head in what investigators say might have been an execution-style slaying. Hikers found her body July 17 in an isolated area of Sheep Flat on the Lake Tahoe side of the summit.

Grave diggers were the only people present when they recently buried "Jane Doe" at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery north of Reno, according to the Ross-Burke & Knobel Mortuary.

The burial cost the Washoe County Welfare Department about \$800, which paid for all services including labor, transporta-

tion and the casket, according to a funeral home spokesman.

He said no local churches were asked to attend the burial because unidentified bodies in Washoe County are not usually buried with a Christian service or eulogies.

"It's what we in the funeral business call a 'drop in'" because no other services are provided, said one funeral official.

Lynne Iacono, organizer of the Reno area chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, said she was disappointed that officials did not put a public notice in the paper saying the victim was going to be buried.

"They should have, so those who would have wanted to attend could," said Mrs. Iacono, whose group gives moral support to relatives of murder victims.

"Just because she was not identified, doesn't mean people would stay away from the funeral," she said. "I know I would have attended."

Vern McCarty, Washoe County's coroner, said the law requires that he wait at least 10 days before having an unidentified body buried, but that he decided to

wait more than one month to see if it would be claimed. He said the body was embalmed several days before burial.

The law also says unidentified bodies must be buried rather than cremated, although cremation probably would cost less than half as much, according to funeral officials.

McCarty said he used the name Jane Doe on the death certificate because a health ordinance requires he use that name for unidentified dead women.

Jane, an attractive woman of about 30 years old, had given birth to at least one child, according to McCarty. He said she had stretch marks on her lower stomach area and a scar indicating she had undergone a Caesarean section.

Sheriff's deputies described her as about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 112 pounds, with brown eyes and her brown hair worn in a bun. She was wearing a powder blue sleeveless T-shirt, blue jeans, white tennis shoes and a one-piece, laced swim suit.

Miss Doe had received "good quality gold dental work," indicating she proba-

bly lived in at least a middle class family, McCarty said.

Although the woman left the world with little fanfare, Washoe sheriff's detectives say they continue to work hard on the case.

Investigators have been especially perplexed because they usually are able to learn names of unidentified bodies soon after they are found.

McCarty said only two other fatality victims have remained unidentified since 1979 — a robber killed in 1980 after he held up a Sparks bank, and a man found floating in the Truckee River near Reno in 1979.

Mills Lane, Washoe sheriff's chief criminal deputy, said investigators probably will have a difficult time tracking down the woman's killer unless they can learn her identity.

"We have no idea in the world" who the woman may be, said sheriff's Sgt. Glen Barnes, a homicide detective in charge of the investigation.

The sergeant said his office has con-

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## NATION &amp; WORLD

DIGGING DEEPER

## Volunteers ID'd hiker, her killer 36 years later

Heather Murphy

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One could not select a more serene location for a homicide. On July 17, 1982, a woman's body was found in a meadow in the mountains that mark along the border of California and Nevada, near Lake Tahoe.

Footprints revealed that she and her killer had strolled half a mile or so from the road to an area known as Sheep's Flat. It appeared that she was seated on a log when she was shot in the back of the head. "I found that unusual," said Len Ilijana, who is a deputy at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at the time.

For years, he and his colleagues tried to identify the woman. They circulated news releases that stated she was in her 20s or 30s, 5 1/2 feet tall with hazel eyes and brown hair, which she wore in a bun at the time of her death. The quality of the dental work suggested she might be European. Her last meal was a salad. None of that led anywhere.

The team became desperate enough to explore leads from psychics, he said.

On Tuesday, more than 36 years after she died, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office announced her name: Mary Edith Silvani, born Sept. 29, 1948. Detectives also believe they now know who killed her.

These two puzzles of identity were solved with genetic genealogy, a technique that puts a name to DNA with the help of relatives on genealogy sites. Over the past year, the method has been used to advance dozens of cold cases. This is the first time officials have announced that the technique was used to identify an adult victim's body as well as the person's killer.

The role that a group of volunteer sleuths played in the investigation is a bit different from that in other recent cases. The role played by infidelity and adoption is very much the same.



(From left) Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, Dr. Margaret Press, Ruth Foreman, and Cheryl Hester, volunteers who helped solve the cold case of Mary Silvani's death, pay their respects to Silvani at Our Mother of Sorrows cemetery in Reno, Nev., on May 7.



The DNA tree that helped discover the identity of Mary Silvani (below) and a photograph of James Richard Curry, her killer. JACOB KERRY PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Naming the victim

In February 2018, investigators in Nevada heard about a method for identifying DNA developed by Colleen Fitzpatrick, a physician turned forensic geneticist. They contacted the DNA Doe Project, an organization founded by Fitzpatrick and Margaret Press, a mystery writer and software developer.

This was before GEDmatch, the genealogy database their investigation would rely on, had adjusted its privacy agreement to permit law enforcement uploads. The investigation team's next steps are to find that the group that cracked the case of the Golden State Killer

was not the only one willing to cross ethnic lines.

The pair assigned about a dozen volunteers to the case. "Some are in their 20s, some are in their 70s," Press said, and "some are grandmothers, some are former law enforcement."

After uploading the victim's DNA to GEDmatch, the group had a list of relatives to work with. Each volunteer was assigned to build a tree around one match. Whenever volunteers ran into trouble, they knew they could throw it out to others, said Ruth Foreman, a retired human resources director who serves as a team

leader for the group.

One common reason to do a DNA test is to find a parent, so many people on genealogy sites are adoptees. One close relative of Silvani's fell into this category. The volunteers helped identify her mother. From there, they quickly arrived at a couple who seemed as if they could be the victim's parents: John and Blanche Silvani of Detroit.

A relative said the Silvani had one son and two daughters. The volunteers found that in 1982, the year Mary Silvani was killed, the son, Charles Silvani, jumped off a parking structure in San Diego

and died. His life had been troubled for years. In 1972, he killed a bar owner in Fresno, California.

A tip from a man claiming to be Mary Silvani's nephew revealed that there was another brother, Bob, whose profile page on the Internet Movie Database revealed mostly pornography projects from the 1970s, according to Cheryl Hester of Provo, Texas, a volunteer charged with taking screenshots of his face. "They never looked at the camera," she said. "It was awful."

Eventually property records led to a former neighbor of John and Blanche Silvani in Detroit. He clarified that the couple had two sons and one daughter — not one son and two daughters. That meant Sheep's Flat Jane Doe had to be Mary Silvani, who was 33 at her death. Had she lived, she would be 70. Detective Kathleen Bishop of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office located a 1971 misdemeanor arrest for loitering in Reno. The fingerprints matched.

## Finding the killer

The DNA Doe Project seeks to identify only bodies, not killers. Fitzpatrick leads a separate organization, Identifinders, that tracks down suspects.

A DNA profile was extracted from semen discovered at the scene. Around the time the team was ready to upload it, GEDmatch changed its privacy policy to permit uploads of DNA from violent crimes. This development was encouraged by the positive response to the Golden State Killer case. Still, some feel that the shift violates users' privacy.

Fitzpatrick quickly identified a second cousin in Texas. From there, Hester, who honed her genealogical skills by helping Vietnam War babies find their fathers, took the lead. She eventually identified a man who seemed likely to be the suspect's father. Family records showed he had one son.

Law enforcement was dispatched to collect discarded DNA from the son's house. But the man never gave officers an opportunity, Fitzpatrick said, because he had recently died.

That was not the end. Investigators located a son of the newly deceased man in a criminal database. It ruled out his father as the killer. What did that mean? It meant the deceased man had a half brother, one he might not have known about.

Sometimes, to get from point A to point B, you must build a tree containing 10,000 people. That is what Hester did. Eventually, another critical match emerged, and a 90-year-old relative agreed to upload DNA.

That led to James Richard Curry, born in Texas in 1946. He had confessed to three homicides around the time of Silvani's death and went after people he knew. He killed himself in January 1983, but his children offered their DNA, providing investigators with the confirmation they needed.

The team was elated. And frustrated. Mary Edith Silvani had a name, but she was still just a collection of facts. She was born in Pontiac, Michigan, to a mother who spent her life in and out of mental hospitals and a father who died when she was 16, leaving her homeless. She may or may not have had a baby whom she gave up for adoption in Detroit. She never had a driver's license, as far as the team could tell. She was never reported missing. She wore a blue bathing suit under her Lee Rider jeans, hinting at plans to swim on the day she died.

Mary Silvani's nephew, Robert Silvani Jr., 53, was the closest living relative located. He barely knew his own father and had never met his aunt.

"She gets to be remembered now," he said, adding that, in a family with the background misdeeds, he's grateful any time something works out.

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# Hearing is set in Falls murder

ONTO (PG) — A preliminary hearing was scheduled Friday afternoon for David Lee Delmas, 25, Ontario Falls. He is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Julie Baker, 17, slayer of Ontario Falls.

The hearing was set for 10 a.m. Jan. 20. Judge John Walsh said another judge will be appointed that day because of congestion in the courts.

Delmas appeared in Ontario County Court with his court-appointed attorney, Dennis Duffy.

Ms. Baker's body was found Jan. 9 after she was reported missing Dec. 20. Delmas was arrested after he was questioned at the Ontario Falls police station by other police and special agents from the state division of criminal investigation.

His bond was continued at \$10,000.

In other court cases: ■ Brian LaCombe, 18, Ontario, pleaded no contest to a second charge of theft of several guns on Dec. 17 from the residence of Charles Berman, 47, of town of Morgan.

■ A nine-month jail sentence was stayed and he was placed on probation for two years with the 120 days in jail. He was given higher level privileges and was ordered to make restitution for 17 guns not returned. The amount will be determined by the district attorney.

■ Michael Hritz, 22, Marquette, pleaded innocent to three charges by means of mental disease or defect when he appeared at his arraignment Friday.

■ He was charged with theft from Ontario regional fleeing from an officer and driving a car without a valid license. The case was continued until Jan. 8 and a jury trial was scheduled for Feb. 14.

Feb. 14-15. Motions will be heard Feb. 11.

The charges stemmed from an incident Dec. 28 in the town of Little River, Ontario, and Newburgh. Bond was continued at \$15,000.

■ Beverly Harmon, 18, state 2, Florence, pleaded innocent to two charges at his arraignment. He was charged with hit and run with injury and causing bodily harm to another while intoxicated. Motions are to be held by March 15 and trial was set for April 28. Bond was continued.

■ David Topps, 20, Ontario, appeared in court for a preliminary hearing on a misdemeanor relating to the gun of Charles Berman of Morgan about the same time and transferring two guns owned by Berman on Dec. 15. The case was continued until Feb. 4 and bond was continued at \$10,000.

# FMC moves headquarters to area

By HARRY MAIER  
The Green Bay plant of the FMC Corp., 975 Lombardi Ave., on larger in for sale and instead is now the headquarters for FMC's Packaging and Machinery Division.

A spokesman for FMC in Chicago confirmed Friday that the plant has been named division headquarters with the closing of another FMC operation at Horsham, Pa., near Philadelphia.

"Horsham is a somewhat smaller operation than Green Bay," according to Richard Johnston, the FMC spokesman in Chicago.

He said the move of division headquarters to Green Bay only involves one or two persons and is not likely to create new jobs.

Green Bay is the only plant within the packaging machinery division, Johnston said.

The Horsham plant is in the process of being shut down and its property will be sold.

It had been the manufacturer of box machines and laminators, and had a repair parts operation. The repair parts operation is being transferred to the Green Bay plant and the remaining product lines will remain.

George C. Thib, former operations manager at Horsham, has been named acting division manager and will continue between Horsham and Green Bay until the former facility is closed.

Last June, the Green Bay Economic Development Authority approved a \$10 million industrial revenue bond for Sheldon Erickson, Ann Arbor, Mich. Erickson said he was chairman and chief executive officer of a newly formed company called SRE Inc.

Although Erickson did not announce at that time what the proceeds were to be used for, it was learned that he and a group of investors intended to acquire the FMC operation.

The Green Bay FMC plant has been the subject of sales talks for several years. Now, however, it has been taken off the market.

When Erickson received approval of the BDA for the revenue bond issue, he said he expected he would close on the transaction by late summer. That never materialized.

FMC employs about 350 persons in the manufacture, assembly and distribution of packaging machinery.

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# Suspect in murders called 'cold-blooded'

By HAN JOBE, Calif. (PG)

The arrest and suicide of the suspect in the murders of two former De Puts residents probably prevented a more lengthy trial, say San Jose police, who describe him as a "cold-blooded" killer.

Richard James Curry, a 39-year-old ex-convict from Texas, had Jan. 1 after he bagged himself in the Sesta, Calif., jail.

Curry had been arrested in connection with the slayings of former De Puts residents Gerald and Sharon Nowoski. The couple moved from California from De Puts about four years ago.

Nowoski had operated a landscaping business when he lived in De Puts.

LA. Don Trujillo of the

San Jose Police Department described Curry as a "cold-blooded" killer.

"It's my opinion other murders were prevented by his arrest," Trujillo said. "He was a man with a violent temper. If he had a personal conflict with someone or wanted someone as other persons had, he would murder to get it."

Nowoski and Curry were arrested before morning yards for the same company.

Nowoski, 35, was shot to death while he sat in a recliner chair in his apartment. Mr. Nowoski, 36, was kidnapped and later found shot to death in a ditch just south of San Francisco.

San Mateo County police said that while Curry was in jail, he proposed that police officers shoot him during a gun scene situation. The gun case 24 hours before Curry hanged himself in his cell.

Curry also was a suspect in the slaying of Michael Lemmon, 38, Lemmon rested a locker vault from Curry and lived in his truck at the storage yard.

Lemmon, who was slain last February during a disagreement over some personal property, police said Curry told police he shot Lemmon as he walked out of his rental stall and placed the body in a storage locker.

Curry's correspondence body was discovered Jan. 5.

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# UW duck experiment angers Humane Society

MADISON (AP) — The Humane Society of the United States has asked University of Wisconsin System President Robert O'Neil for assurances the UW will not permit humane research projects.

The group's letter follows a recently published UW report in which the wings of 74 mallard ducks were intentionally broken or tied to determine if ducks could live in the wild.

The study, published in a fall 1982 issue of the state Department of Natural Resources Magazine, showed there was only one survivor.

The researcher, Fred Van Dyke conducted the experiment in 1977 and 1978 while a UW graduate student and now attends State University of New York at Syracuse. He concluded that ducks could not survive in the wild with broken wings.

In a letter to O'Neil from his Washington, D.C., office, Society President John Hoyt said "while the Humane Society... accepts the necessity and legitimacy of research using animals under certain conditions, we find this project to be totally without justification or meaningful purpose."

O'Neil would not comment on the letter.

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# Psychic's tips haven't led to Jane Doe's killer

By WAYNE MELTON

Statements by a nationally known psychic from New Jersey have not helped Washoe County sheriff's detectives in their investigation into the death of an unidentified woman found last summer on Mount Rose, police said.

"So none of it appears helpful to the case," said Capt. Bill Mathews, head of the sheriff's detective division.

But 37-year-old Dorothy Allison still says her "visions" are good and that she is determined to help catch the killer.

"I'm still willing to help police, if that's what they want," Mrs. Allison said.

The woman, who has been on several national television programs and the subject of numerous magazine articles, said Washoe investigators have not yet contacted her directly about the case.

Mathews said he still may consider contacting the woman, but noted he is not "excited about psychics."

The Reno Gazette-Journal interviewed the woman on the case in mid-November and the newspaper gave information from her statements to Milo Lane, sheriff's chief criminal deputy.

Lane, Washoe's district attorney-elect, gave detectives the information, which Mrs. Allison said included the name of at least one of two people she said killed the woman.

Investigators across the country say the woman has found scores of missing bodies and given investigators information that eventually helped identify, apprehend and convict murderers.

A feature movie is being planned on her life and a book, "Dorothy Allison: A Psychic Story," was published in 1980 about dozens of cases she has helped solve. It is one policeman's view that the unidentified crime cases she has quickly given vital information from the top of her head, that frustrated detectives often had been seeking for months.

Mrs. Allison said that if detectives seek more of her assistance in the Jane Doe case, the unidentified woman's killers "definitely will be apprehended. I don't care where they are, where they have lived or if they have moved," Mrs. Allison said in a telephone interview. "I will go after a killer until I get him. I love to catch them."

The woman had said that the first peak in December would be important for detectives in the case. But Mathews said there have been no major developments since he was told of the case.

The psychic had said "December and January are going to be the months for this case."

Mathews said detectives still have not found solid leads since hikers found the body July 17 in a rugged area of Sheep Flat on the Lake Tahoe side of the Nevada summit. She was shot once in the back of the head, investigators said.

"We do not have enough to disregard any information that comes to us" on an investigation, particularly on a homicide case, Mathews said. "We follow up on any information we get. We'd be derelict in our duties if we didn't."

"We've put an awful lot of work on this case," Mathews said. "We're a little disappointed we haven't come up with anything."

# Climber sits on perch over Colorado River

By ROBERT MACY/The AP

LAS VEGAS — A guard promised "no tricks" when he offered Steve McPeak a cup of hot coffee, but then grabbed the dazed climber perched on cables 800 feet over the Colorado River.

However, a security chief ordered the guard to release McPeak and he scrambled back Wednesday as his windy perch above the Hoover Dam, where he set up camp to prove to U.S. aid to Brazil.

McPeak, 39, had climbed onto the cables Tuesday and said he would not leave his equipment bag, attached to the cables about 1,000 feet from the Nevada side of the river gorge.

But chilled by near-freezing temperatures and 30 mph winds, the Las Vegas man accepted the security guard's offer of hot coffee Wednesday morning.

"No tricks," McPeak asked.

"No tricks," the guard replied.

The guard placed the coffee on a rail and McPeak sipped off the cables onto the tower platform. After talking for a few minutes, the guard said, "I'd like to shake your hand."

"All of a sudden there were these two burly arms holding onto me," McPeak said later in a two-way radio transmission. "The guy said 'I can't let you go back up here.'"

While McPeak and the guard wrestled on stairs near the edge of the tower, witnesses on the ground bowed the security officer.

Larry Jacobson, the head of the dam's security force, then ordered that McPeak be released.

Earlier in the day, McPeak said that despite bad weather, he was "good for another week" on the cables, where he was protesting President Reagan's announcement of \$1.2 billion in foreign aid to Brazil. He said the government first should deal with unemployment in this country.

Joel Cameron and Lance O'Brien, both of Las Vegas, said McPeak has talked of staying on the cables until Christmas if he does not receive a telephone call from Reagan.

Asked if the venture were worth it, McPeak replied via radio: "absolutely. I'm not out of line at all."

Since venturing onto the cable, McPeak has received calls and letters of support. One union representative was at the dam Wednesday to express his support for McPeak's effort, Cameron said.

Julian Hinderhart, a spokesman for the Department of the Interior, said Wednesday that security officers at the dam would continue to leave McPeak alone, although he could be charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace when he descends.

McPeak has ventured onto the Hoover Dam cables twice previously. He spent three days on the cables in 1976 and rode a unicycle across the previous year.

The cables are used to transport heavy equipment to the middle of the canyon and lower it to the dam's power plant below.

# Vegas officer out of hospital

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Metropolitan Police officer shot in the head during a routine traffic stop was released from the hospital Wednesday.

James MacLaren, 35, is "making a lot of progress" from the shooting more than a month ago, his wife, Jeanne, said.

MacLaren was shot once in the head Halloween night while making a traffic stop. A 13-year-old boy has been charged with attempted murder in connection with the shooting.

# Commissioner Kjer won't take TRPA post

MINDEN — Outgoing Douglas County Commissioner Ken Kjer has declined speculation that he might accept a county appointment to continue as the county representative to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency by announcing a firm "no."

Kjer, who has served as the county appointee to the agency for the past four years, said he will recommend that both Pruitt, who defeated him in both the primary and general elections, be named to the agency by the

board of commissioners.

The possibility of Kjer remaining as the county representative gained momentum after the general election when re-elected Commissioner Herb Witt said he would not rule out a Kjer appointment.

Dispelling the rumors, Kjer said he would not accept any Douglas County appointment to any governmental agency after his term of office ends in early January.

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It would be Elvis' 48th birthday — 48th birthday — his name remember
Washington and Green Bay both win big
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Today

JAMES RH HADD CUBRY the suspect in a triple murder case in Santa Clara, died yesterday after doctors removed a life-support system.
Washing-ton and Green Bay both win big.
FRESHLY FANS gathered at the late singer's mansion in Memphis to observe the 48th anniversary of his Elvis Presley.

Economists say Reagan silverlines job outlook

WASHINGTON — President Reagan worked and relaxed at Camp David today after putting out a message that the long-awaited economy to recovery will begin in the second half of the year.
But private economists were predicting that unemployment will remain at double-digit levels through much of 1983.

The Reagan administration, in a year-end economic forecast, predicts the unemployment rate will be at 9.5 percent or higher through 1983 and will be above 9 percent through the fall of 1984.
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MAMMOTH LAKE (AP) — Swarming quakes returned to the Sierra Nevada early today, with at least one every six or seven minutes.
The strongest registered between 2:30 and 3:30 on the Richter scale, according to U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

World
SALVADORI'S best general, at least in the eyes of the American Air, has turned his troops against the government, demanding the mayor of the Salvadoran de-fense minister Page A1.

Sports
LORENZO BOMAR may be headed for another NBA deal of disappointment, and the Warriors may come up with a reserve center. Page M1.

Business
THE NATION'S MONEY supply rose \$500 million in late December, according to Federal Reserve Board figures, prompting some analysts to worry that efforts to revive the economy could require further inflation. Page A4.

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NANCY BEAGNS' breast with skin cancer has probably removed naturally as one of the commonest — and potentially most curable — of all cancers. Page A8.

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RAY AREA FORECAST — Heavy sleet after rainy morning fog and low clouds. Continued fog with light rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s to low 40s. Highs in the 40s to mid 50s. Details, Page B2.

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Triple-slaying suspect dies in San Jose

By Lydia Gasarra
Examiner staff writer
SAN JOSE (UPI) — A triple homicide case, in which police said they had found blood spattered in a hospital bed last night after doctors and relatives declined to disclose what the life-support system...

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Here's what's hot on a cold Saturday night:
Music
Elio de Wert conducts the San Francisco Symphony in a new album to compare himself with a program at #1 of Philo Country in Capetown. The concert includes pieces: "Drama for Orchestra," Simpson's Symphony No. 36, "Piano and Violin," Volka Concerto in D/Oriana Aronson, Saturday Floor 9:00-9:45.
Arts/Films: "The Shakespeare in the Park" at 7:30. "The Shakespeare in the Park" at 8:00. "The Shakespeare in the Park" at 8:30.

Chery was arrested after voluntarily appearing for questioning by police.
The information investigators obtained from Chery and witnesses police searched the Santa Clara Jail where he lived and worked early Wednesday. They seized a wooden crate containing the body of a 30-year-old woman, as well as several guns.

The victim, tentatively identified as 26-year-old Richard Lemmon Jr., whose parents live in Los Angeles, also had been in the jail, investigators say.
The crate holding the victim's remains was discovered around 4 a.m. Wednesday. Less than 22 hours later, Chery was found hanging from a makeshift noose in a maximum security cell in the Santa Clara County Jail.
Chery was charged with first-degree murder and was held in lieu of \$2 million bail.
Chery was charged with the murder of Sharon K. Sorensen, 28, and her 26-year-old husband Gerald.

Threat to 'liberate' El Salvador province

Paraiso Region, interviewed by U.S. advisors. Page A2
Garcia shows uncanny knack for hanging on to power. Page A2

San Salvador, El Salvador (AP) — Battalion army Lt. Col. Sigfrido Ordoz went today to declare his province "liberated" if the army does not oust Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia in a short time.

Other army officers in his Cuba Battalion pledged to continue supporting Ordoz's power play, which is aimed at ousting the defense minister and not helping the Salvadoran government.
"Garcia does not want to resign, but we are demanding his resignation," said Maj. Jose Paraiso Rivero, 40, one of Ordoz's followers in the Cuban provincial capital of Sonsonatepe, 40 miles northwest of San Salvador.

Stage

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Movies

Brown's "Back to Back," a Vietnam comedy starring Chuck Lyndon and Peter Hostenomus, at 6 & 868 Divisadero St., 94703.
The Screaming Meeves come around at 8:30 at the Chie Theater Club, 40 Broadway Street, 94703.

Books

Ken Kesey is a front-running Oscar candidate for his role in Richard Attenborough's "Gandhi." Paul Newman is an attorney who joins the crew of a lobster in "The Verdict." "Twelve" starring Dustin Hoffman has been given to big audiences throughout the holiday season.

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PIYRADO LAKE - Tonight and Tuesday: Variable high clouds. Low near 40. ... NORTHWEST NEVADA - Tonight, Clearing. North winds 5-15 mph. ...

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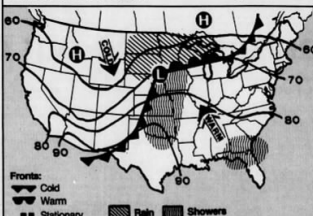
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Tylenol

From page 1A. In the alertness," he said. The attorney general declined to reveal any other leads. ... Investigators already have interviewed and arrested many suspects and now believe someone acting alone obtained bottles of Extra-Strength Tylenol, filled the capsules with cyanide, and sealed them in "salted" store shelves with the cyanide poison, Father said.

Court

From page 1A. From page 1A. The regulatory commission has said it will begin considering whether the price a pipeline pays for its natural gas is too high, it is driving industrial customers off the market. ... The law was passed in a time when many natural gas companies were refusing to sell gas outside the state in which it was produced because of cost differentials. Built into the law are various incentives pricing schemes to encourage interregional trade.

Agency

From page 1A. The regulatory commission has said it will begin considering whether the price a pipeline pays for its natural gas is too high, it is driving industrial customers off the market. ... The Energy Department predicted last week that residential users of natural gas would pay 19 percent more this winter than last, bringing the average household winter bill to \$100. ... The department said the increase would result from Congress' decision in 1978 to

gradually remove price controls from new supplies of natural gas

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Memorial

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# Slugging it out on TV

List, Bryan take campaigns to airwaves. Page 3C.

# A funeral for 'Jane Doe'

Final respects paid to unidentified murder victim. Below.



# Recession takes edge off America's palate for wine

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## MONDAY EVENING

### Police seek suspect in rape of girl, 4

Sparks police today asked for the public's help in finding the unidentified man who kidnaped a 4-year-old girl from a playground Saturday and raped her.

Police said the girl returned to her grandmother's residence, near the playground, 40 minutes later. Police believe she had been taken to another residence, where she was raped.

An older girlfriend, ran to the grandmother's house at 3 p.m. and said a man was trying to get the victim into a car at the playground at Vane Way and Rock Boulevard. The grandmother called to the man, but he pulled the girl into the car and drove away, police said.

Based on statements by the 4-year-old, the grandmother and other children, police checked the neighborhood for the car, but didn't find it. It's believed to be a white two-door sedan with a sloping hood similar to a Gremlin's.

Police are looking for a heavyset man between 20 and 30, who has shoulder-length, brown hair. Witnesses said he was shirtless and wearing slippers.

Anyone with information about the car or the man is asked to call the detective division of the Sparks Police Department at 356-2224.

### Republican Party chief to quit

WASHINGTON — Richard Richards said today he is quitting as Republican Party chairman when his term expires in January and insisted his departure is voluntary.

"I jumped," he replied when asked whether he had been pushed out or had quit.

Richards said he informed President Reagan of his decision last Friday.

In response to a question, he said, "The president did not ask me to stay."

Richards said the party chairman a job in the administration, but Richards said he declined for personal financial reasons. He declined to say what the job was.

Despite Richards' insistence that it was his decision to leave, other party sources indicated he was forced out.

"They've told him he's leaving," said one source, who insisted on anonymity.

### Draft resister gets 2½-year sentence

SAN DIEGO — Convicted draft resister Benjamin Sawaw, who said he was "reedy and willing" to go to jail, was sentenced today to 2½ years in a federal prison camp.

U.S. District Judge Gordon Thompson said he would consider granting the 21-year-old college student jail pending an appeal. But the judge would not let Sawaw out of federal custody until the defense lawyer presents a plan to insure he will remain in the San Diego County area.

The plan was the second man convicted of failure to register with the Selective Service System since the Vietnam War. Sawaw was convicted Aug. 16 in Honolulu. He was placed on three years' probation and on 90 days to register or face prison.

### 4 Iranian hijackers seek asylum in U.S.

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Four hijackers seeking asylum in the United States left aboard an unspecified destination today aboard an Iranian military transport after fleeing more than 10 hostages during a stop at the Persian Gulf port of Dubai.

The Gulf News Agency said the Hercules C-130 made a refueling stop at the Beirut airport in the United Arab Emirates in the early afternoon after leaving Dubai hours earlier.

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# Police track down leads to 'random murderer'



CYANIDE INVESTIGATION: Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner briefs reporters on investigative efforts to locate whoever "salted" Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules with lethal doses cyanide.

## Israeli sorties hit Syrian positions

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes struck at Syrian positions east of Beirut today and the Voice of Lebanon radio reported that the Israelis also attacked Palestinian forces in the air raid.

The Israeli air strikes were the first in three weeks and followed Sunday's ambush of an Israeli bus in Lebanon in which six Israeli soldiers were killed.

Earlier in the day, President Amin Gemayel asked acting Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan, a Muslim, to continue in office and form a Cabinet. Wazzan said he was honored by the Christian Palestinian president's request and "accepted with thanks this trust."

The Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said the warplanes destroyed a

SAM-5 anti-aircraft missile battery at Dahr el-Baidar, 26 miles east of Beirut, and returned safely to their bases.

The rights Voice of Lebanon radio, without elaboration, said Syrian and Palestinian positions in Dahr el-Baidar and two other places, Ein Dara and Ubnar Cheir, were hit. All three areas are in the central mountains east of the capital.

The Israeli command said the strikes showed Israel was determined "not to allow the Syrians to bring anti-aircraft batteries into Lebanon."

But the sorties were seen as retaliation for Sunday's ambush of an Israeli troop-carrying bus. Six Israeli soldiers were killed and 22 wounded in a spray of hand and automatic weapons fire at Aley, about 10 miles southeast of Beirut.

## First lawsuit in Tylenol deaths

CHICAGO (AP) — A task force has two dozen suspects and several "very substantial" leads in its hunt for a "random murderer" who killed seven people by placing cyanide in Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules, authorities said.

The leads include the discovery of Tylenol bottles and capsules in a suburban motel parking lot on Tuesday, one day before the deaths began. The two Kane County sheriff's deputies who found the capsules strewn on the ground got sick the next day with symptoms that one specialist said could have been caused by cyanide.

Evidence from the parking lot was being tested.

Meanwhile, U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Arthur H. Hayes said today that federal and drug industry experts will look for ways to prevent tampering with over-the-counter drugs in stores.

Medicine packages "won't be absolutely foolproof" it is too ingenious when he has evil on his mind — but we think that perhaps there are ways that we could make them more secure — in a drug or grocery store," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The widow of one of the victims filed a lawsuit today against the manufacturers of Extra-Strength Tylenol, seeking \$10 million in damages. Named as defendants were McNeil Consumer Products Co., the

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manufacturer; Johnson & Johnson, McNeil's parent company; and two Jewel Food Stores.

Teressa Janus's husband, Adam Janus, 27, of Arlington Heights, died Wednesday. Two other members of the Janus family subsequently died from cyanide poisoning after taking capsules from the same bottle.

Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner discounted reports that investigators think more than one person is involved in the crimes.

"The only thing we have suggesting more than one is involved is that some of the labels were put back together with great care, and cautions. Others were a messy job."

Fahner said at a news conference Sunday night that among the task force's suspects are "malcontents ... and weirdos who don't act right or did something extremely odd of the ordinary."

"We're trying to understand what kind of person could do these things," said Fahner, the chief of a local, state and federal task force with more than 10 investigators looking into the case's details. "It is an act of a random murderer who filled the capsules with cyanide and then

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## Agency aids natural gas consumers

WASHINGTON — American beleaguers by skyrocketing natural gas bills may be getting a reprieve, courtesy of the agency that is usually cast as the villain responsible for the escalating costs.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the federal agency that regulates pricing of energy, has warned pipeline companies that such increases may not be tolerated in the future.

A spokesman for Sierra Pacific Power Co., which supplies the Reno area and most of Northern Nevada, said he was optimistic about the commission's warning, but "without seeing the whole story, I don't know if I could say for sure."

Dante Pistone said it still was too early to tell whether the commission's move would curb the cost of producing gas in the Southwest Gas Co., which supplies gas to Sierra Pacific.

Pistone said about 70 percent of gas supplied to Sierra Pacific comes through the Northwest Pipeline from Canada to Southwest Gas.

"Fuel costs are the major factor in utility bills ... and so any reduction of that certainly would be of help" to Sierra Pacific and its customers, Pistone said.

Sierra Pacific constructed a multi-million dollar natural gas generating plant at Valley because of the rising gas and oil costs. Coal is much less expensive.

"We're not even talking about using an A-1"

Agency aids natural gas consumers

## High court takes on gas price dispute

By RICHARD CARELLI/The AP

WASHINGTON — With billions of dollars at stake for consumers nationwide, the Supreme Court today agreed to settle a dispute over natural gas prices.

The court also agreed to study how far states can go in providing tax help to parents who send their children to private schools.

The justices said they will review decisions upholding a Minnesota law that allows state income tax deductions for actual costs of tuition, textbooks and transportation.

The court's eventual decision could affect the ultimate success of efforts by the Reagan administration and some members of Congress to provide special federal tax credits to help offset the costs of private education.

Such federal tax tuition credits have been proposed but never enacted by Congress.

The gas pricing and deduction matters were among hundreds of cases on which the Supreme Court took action today as it begins its 100th term. On other subjects, the justices:

- Agreed to decide whether Congress can give veterans' group an exemption from the law that forbids prying, tax

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## Memorial service for 'Jane Doe'

By LENITA POWERS

The gathered today to pay their final respects to a stranger who lay buried in an unmarked grave in the indigent section of a Reno cemetery.

The seven men and women attending the memorial service for "Jane Doe," an unidentified murder victim, were drawn together by feelings of sorrow for a fellow human being who had been buried anonymously.

Jane Doe, found shot to death on Mount Rose in July, was buried almost two weeks ago in the pauper's section of Our Center Cemetery. Her identity, although given, was the only one present at the burial, paid for by the Washoe County Welfare Department.

Ben Sutton, bishop of the Universal Life Church of God in Reno, was chosen by the unconventionally burial and organized

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MEMORIAL SERVICE: Bishop Ben Sutton of the Universal Life Church of God delivers the eulogy at the funeral of "Jane Doe" this morning at the chapel/museum of the Mother of Sorrows Cemetery in Reno. "Jane Doe" had been found shot to death on Mount Rose in July.

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# Missing man may be 4th victim of murderer who killed himself

By Leslie Guevarra  
Examiner staff writer

SANTA CLARA — Police here are baffled by the apparent disappearance of a 40-year-old Tulare man who they fear may have been a fourth victim of admitted triple-murderer James Richard Curry.

James DeWitt Robinson was last seen five years ago when he and Curry worked as locksmiths in the town of Waukena in Tulare County.

Police recently found a handgun, legal documents and old checkbooks belonging to Robinson in a locker at the store-it-yourself facility Curry managed here before his arrest on murder charges and subsequent suicide in January.

"We've tried to locate him, but we just can't get anything on him," police Lt. Bruce Lindberg said yesterday. "We don't know if he's alive or not."

The search for Robinson began last month after Curry confessed to the Jan. 2 shooting deaths of former business associates Gerald Novosvitz, 36, and his 34-year-old wife, Sharon, whose bodies were found the same day.

Curry also told police he shot his friend, 36-year-old Richard Lemmon Jr., in February 1982 and stuffed the body into a wooden crate, which he kept in a locker at his storage lot.

While Curry was jailed on suspicion of the murders, police searched the lot at 1700 De La Cruz Blvd. and found Lemmon's body, Robinson's property and items stolen from locker renters.

But Curry's jail cell suicide, the day after his arrest on Jan. 4, cut short investigators' ability to obtain more firsthand information about the homicides and the stolen property.

"With him hanging himself, we were left with a lot of

questions unanswered," said police Sgt. Chuck Seymour, the detective who is trying to locate Robinson.

Police were able to return stolen clothing and household goods to their owners, but with Robinson's property, "we drew blanks," Seymour said.

A check of court records revealed Robinson received a \$100,000 settlement from a personal injury lawsuit in 1976, Seymour said. Shortly after, Robinson purchased property in the city of Tulare and sold it in June 1977, according to a trust deed found with his belongings at the storage lot.

The property has been resold twice since then, Seymour said.

"The possibility could have existed that Curry killed Robinson for his money," Seymour said.

Police said Curry confessed he killed the Novosvitz couple because of a social slight, and killed Lemmon because he wanted his motorcycle.

Investigators believe that Curry came to Waukena shortly after his 1977 release from Huntsville prison in Texas, where he served seven years of a 20-year term for robbery by assault. He and Robinson were neighbors in the small rural community, Seymour said.

Records dating back to 1978 provide the most recent information on the missing man. Robinson's driver's license

expired that year and was not renewed.

Earlier the same year, he had obtained a concealed weapon permit for the .38-caliber handgun found at the storage lot. Police believe Curry used the bloodstained weapon they recovered to shoot Lemmon.

Lemmon's parents reported their son missing, however, no such reports have been filed on Robinson, Seymour said.

The detective said he has questioned former acquaintances of Robinson and Curry, but failed to turn up any solid information about Robinson's whereabouts.

Police have asked anyone with information about the missing man to call the department at (415) 666-3100.



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