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The slayings stopped, but the search continues motives in the cases he believes ate

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assaulted.

Kim Wendy Allen and Therese Walsh were strangled and had been raped.

Carolyn Davis died from strychnine poisoning, but since she had been dead two weeks when her body was found - in almost the same spot as those of the first two victims - pathologists could not say if she had been assaulted.

Lori Lee Kursa died from a broken neck caused by a blow or fall; she had not been raped.

Despite certain dissimilarities among the cases, they have much in common, too, including the nudity and dumping of the bodies in rural areas near Santa Rosa.

Also, not a single piece of the girls' clothing or any of their personal belongings ever have been found.

And all are linked by another thread: Highway 101. Kim, Therese, Jeannette and Carolyn disappeared while hitchhiking on the freeway; the other three were known to thumb rides along the highway.

Another similarity is that all except Kim were from broken homes scribed by friends as a religious cult.' person, nevertheless was dressed in Although suspects have been ar-

a "hippie costume" at the time of her disappearance, according to au-

Two other important questions remain unanswered. Are police looking for a single killer or more than one person?

And why did the murders stop?

Since he took charge of the inves-tigation in 1973, Sergeant Carlstedt has spent untold hours studying the crimes, trying to uncover patterns in he slayings, hoping to find hidden evidence

He has collected a list of some 126 suspects, individuals who for one reason or another can't be eliminated as suspects in the killings.

Even today, the detective spends an average of two or three hours a week on "the girls," often talking with law enforcement officers from other areas suddenly confronted with a similar murder.

"It's unbelievable how many young females are killed around the United States in a year and most of them end up as unsolved homicides because the police have nothing to go on," he said. "As in our case, many of them don't have a crime scene, only a dumping ground. And, and identified with "the hippie if the bodies are nude, it makes the scene." And Kim Wendy Allen, de- investigations that much more diffi-

rested in a few similar cases elsewhere, most policemen have found themselves in the same spot as Carlstedt - with hardly a shred of solid evidence.

'Even if the guy confessed to me, that wouldn't be enough to convict him," he said. "We'd need corroborating evidence, such as his leading us to their clothing.

One reason for the upsurge of murders, Carlstedt believes, "is the availability of victims.

"An estimated 85 per cent of these kinds of killings involve hitchhiking; it's a very acceptable, easy way to

get the girl into the car," he said. Driving down the street past the Steele Lane approach to Highway 101, Santa Rosa is favored spot for thumbing rides, Carlstedt gestured toward several young girls waiting for someone to give them a lift at the very location where several of the youthful victims were last seen.

"When I was going to school, I never thought of hitchhiking and I can't ever remember seeing a girl doing it," the sergeant noted. "But now kids do it all the time and their parents often don't have any idea what they're doing. A girl says she's going to visit her friend, Jane, and then hitches to the Russian River.

"If people only knew how many

After years of exploring every possible angle in the seven killings, Carlstedt has developed his own theories, among them a conviction that a single individual killed Yvonne Weber, Maureen Sterling, Carolyn Davis and possibly Therese Walsh

He thinks that Kim Wendy Allen killed by someone else, since was her slaying had sado-masochistic elements which the others lacked. And Carlstedt is not at all certain that Lori Kursa's death was not some kind of accident since she died from a blow to the spinal cord, possibly caused by a fall. As for Jeannette Kamahele, her case will continue to be the most mysterious of the seven until her body is found. When there are almost no clues,

police are forced to use speculation and painstaking study of even the smallest detail, hoping to discover a pattern which could lead to the killer.

Carlstedt and policemen involved in similar murders in other areas have met on several occasions, looking into every aspect they can come up with, from the longitude and latitude where the bodies were found to the phases of the moon at the

kids are killed through hitchhiking; time of the murders to the time of the murders to the time of day the victims were last seen.

'We even found out the special sacrificial times used by the ancient Druids to see if we could come up with a connection," Carlstedt said. "Up in Washington, for instance, there was a group of witches which had been sacrificing goats and cats on certain days. So we felt we had to explore everything.

"Unfortunately, it hasn't done us any good.

A couple of years ago, in an effort to develop a profile of the murderer in the related Sonoma slayings, the Sonoma sheriff's office asked a Marin psychiatrist, Dr. Edward V.

Shev, for help. After studying the cases, Shev said the killer probably was between 17 and 25 years old, from an unhappy, contentious family with a domi-nant mother he hated and a passive father.

Shev concluded the man would have enough education to be able to approach the girls, most of whom had attended college. "The manner in which he has dumped these girls tends to confirm his low opinion of woemn, regarding them as garbage to be dumped."

Carlstedt himself has searched for says.

Galvin, the court was told.

Escape try

is foiled

Young told officers, the prosecutor

said, that even though Galvin had

been shot, Young wasn't sure the bullet hit him and he was afraid

Galvin was going to attack him.

Bridge board denies concession claim

The stage for a \$2 million suit of harassment" and with delaying gainst the Golden Gate Bridge the awarding of the contract for against the Golden Gate Bridge District was set yesterday by the bridge board's denial of a claim for the sum by an unsuccessful bidder for the ferryboat concession contract.

The claim charges the district with "an unprecedented campaign

Body is found south of bridge

The body of an unidentified person was found floating in the bay south of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge today, the Coast Guard reported. A spokesman said the body was brought ashore in San Rafael for examination by the county coroner. No further information was available on the victim's identity, sex or cause of death.

months to break the financial back of the minority-owned firm, GG&B Enterprises of San Francisco.

District directors denied the claim unanimously without discussion.

One of the firm's three partners, Bernard Goldstein, said the denial means a suit will be filed in San Francisco Superior Court. The filing of a claim is a ritual required by law before it can become a suit.

Goldstein and his two black partners had to drop their bid in June when they ran out of money. Bids had been pending since early March.

The two-year contract went to the next bidder, D&M Concessions of Corte Madera, which already had operated the concession on the Larkspur and Sausalito ferries. Some \$2 million a year in gross sales is expected under the contract, which is renewable for a third and fourth vear.

Computing energy savings

Would you like to know how much you'd save on your heating bill if you installed insulation or turned your thermostat down?

A computer at the Marin County Fair will be able to tell you if it's fed a few simple details about your home.

The computer, which uses a program developed at the University of California at Berkeley, also can predict how long it will take for savings on energy bills to pay for insulation or storm windows.

For example, insulation added to the ceiling of a home in Oakland would cut heating bills by 34 per cent. The insu-lation would pay for itself in about 18 months if the home was heated electrically, according to the computer. To determine your savings,

San Rafael man's trial on murder charge opens

The trial of a 20-year-old San gave officers after their arrests, Rafael man charged with slaying a Sotel fired the pistol which killed Greenbrae Boardwalk man last March 7 opened in Marin Superior Court yesterday with Deputy District Attorney Art Lusse asking jurors for a first-degree murder conviction.

On trial is Jesse Young, a former College of Marin student accused of murdering 29-year-old Michael B. Galvin at his Greenbrae houseboat during a cash and heroin robbery.

Another man, Luis A. Sotelo, 22, of Los Angeles, also was charged with the murder and has been convicted

Lusse outlined what he called the scenario of the offense, which he said took place in the early morning hours when Young accompanied Sowith Sotelo to collect money owed Sotelo.

the chest, Lusse said, adding that Young later admitted slashing Galvin in the head with a knife Sotelo

the work of one killer. Since all but one victim came from unhappy or broken homes, he says it's possible "that the guy feels sorry for them and believed he was putting them

out of their misery." The series of slayings seemed to end with the death of Therese in

December 1973.

Why has the killer stopped? "The guy has left the area, is locked up someplace or he's dead," according to the homicide detective.

If the killer is dead, his identity may never be uncovered, he admitted. But if he's still living, Carlstedt thinks that "eventually we're going to find him."

'He's got to have bad luck sometime," he said. "And he can't live forever, so someday he'll die and then maybe we'll find the girls' property. Our theory is that he considers the dead girls a conquest and keeps their clothing and possessions as a fetish. Or else why not leave it where he dumped them since he made no other attempts to prevent their being identified?"

Naturally, Carlstedt is hoping to be around long enough to see that day. He's worked hard enough for it. "I'd just like to get that guy," he

How they voted

SACRAMENTO (UPI) -Here are major rollcall votes in the legislature this week:

Senate Floor Unemployment - Prevents students from receiving unemployment benefits. The bill (AB28) by Assemblyman Dixon Arnett, R-Redwood City, was sent back to the Assembly for consideration of amendments on a 32-1 vote.

Democrats for (20): Alquist, Ayala, Dills, Foran, Garcia, Ayala, Dhis, Foran, Gareta, Greene, Gregorio, Holden, Holmdahl, Nejedly, Presley, Rains, Robbins, Roberti, Rod-da, Sieroty, Song, Stiern, Wil-son, Zenovich.

Republicans for (12): Behr, Beverly, Briggs, D. Carpenter, Cusanovich, Deukmejian, Johnson, Marks, Nimmo, Richardson, Russell, Stull. Democrats against (1): Dunlap. Republicans against: None. Absent or not voting (6): Campbell, P. Carpenter, Garamendi, Mills, Petris, Smith, Vuich. Malpractice - Makes ittougher for a client to sue his lawyer for malpractice. The bill (AB298) by Assemblyman-Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, was sent to the Assembly. for consideration of amendments on a 21-14 vote. Democrats for (17): Alquist; P. Carpenter, Dunlap, Foran, Garcia, Gregorio, Holmdahl;" Mills, Nejedly, Rains, Robbins, Rodda, Sieroty, Smith, Song, Wilson, Zenovich. Republicans for (4): Beverly," Campbell, Deukmejian, Nim-... mo. Democrats against (5): Ayala, Holden, Presley, Roberti, Stiern, Republicans against (9):" Behr, Briggs, D. Carpenter, Cusanovich, Johnson, Marks, Richardson, Russell, Stull. Absent or not voting (5): Dills, Garamendi, Greene, Per. tris, Vuich.

Defense attorney J. Michael Anthony declined to present an opening argument but told the court he may do so later in the trial, which is expected to last about three weeks. Presiding is Superior Court Judge David Menary Jr.

and sentenced to a life prison term.

telo to Galvin's houseboat. Young later told sheriff's officers he went

Galvin died of a gunshot wound in at San Quentin An escape attempt was foiled yes-

thorities

Obituaries

Edmund C. Reedy

dy of Sonoma will be at 11 a.m. the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Monday at Duggan's Mission Chap- 1943 of Sonoma. el, Sonoma.

Reedy, 77, died Thursday at a local hospital after a short illness. A native of San Francisco, Reedy

moved to Sonoma 25 years ago with his wife, Eleanor. He retired in 1970 from a job he

held for 10 years as a Veteran Service Officer for Sonoma County.

Before and after a tour of duty in the Navy during World War II, Reedy worked for the state Franchise Tax Board in Sacramento and San Francisco. As a young man, he worked as a fireman in San Francis-

Reedy, who also was a veteran of World War I, is past Commander of the American Legion, Jack London Post 489 of Sonoma, past Fifth District Commander of the American Legion, past Vice-Commander of the state American Legion organization and a member of Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 1943 of Sonoma.

In addition to his wife of 27 years, Reedy is survived by a brother, William Reed of San Francisco; and two sisters, Marie Sportello of San Francisco and Josephine Reedy of Pomona.

Funeral will be under the auspices of the American Legion, Jack Lon-Funeral for Edmund Charles Ree- don Post 489 of Sonoma, jointly with

Burial will be at Mountain Cemetery, Sonoma.

The family prefers memorial contributions to Hanna Boys Center, Sonoma, or the Sonoma County Heart Association.

Berton B. Nagley

A memorial service for former radio announcer Berton Bennett Nagley of Tiburon will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Hilary's Church in Tiburon.

Nagley, who used the name Ber- Free lectures ton Bennett during a show business career that spanned 30 years, died Aug. 2 at age 74.

Nagley was born in Tacoma, Wash., and got his first radio job as a singer while in college in Seattle.

He also sang in musical comedies, appeared in several movies, and worked as a radio announcer for KGO in San Francisco until retiring in 1952.

Thereafter, he remained active in community theater.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen, and a stepson, Gordon Carlson of Oroville.

you fed the computer the floor area of your home, its location, the number of stories, basic shape and fraction of the

walls that is windows. The computer will be in the Exhibition Building at the Marin County Civic Center from

Sept. 1 to 5. The project is sponsored by the Marin Citizens for Energy Planning and funded by the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. The computer is sup-plied by the Lawrence Laboratory in Berkeley.

on art history

A series of free illustrated lectures on art history will be presented at Sonoma State College beginning Sept. 9.

Lectures on "Art Through the Ages" will be given on Fridays at 1 p.m. in Stevenson Hall through Dec. 16. Speakers will include faculty members from the art, history, India studies, philosophy and ethnic studies departments.

Registered students may take the series for two units of credit.

gave him. According to statements both men

Novato man dies after car wreck

A Novato man died today of injuries suffered when his car went out of control on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard near Inverness and struck a tree.

John W. Lehman, 24, 1421 Indian Valley Road, died at 6:30 a.m. at Marin General Hospital of extensive head, chest and abdominal injuries, according to a hospital spokesman. A passenger in the car, Randal C. Herman, 25, 133 Maestro Road, No-vato, was treated for minor injuries and released.

The accident occurred about 1 a.m. a half mile west of Inverness near the boundary of Point Reyes National Seashore.

A California Highway Patrol spokesman said Lehman's sports car went off the road "at a high rate of speed" and hit the tree. He had no other details on the crash.

Lehman was Marin's 15th traffic death this year, compared with 24 fatalities during the same period in 1976

teruay at San Quentin Frison Decause the convict - or convicts involved didn't take a coffee break on time.

A prison spokesman said that when a break was called in the prison's furniture factory and machinery was shut down, a supervisor heard tapping sounds coming from beneath the wood floor.

He went down to investigate and found a cut lock on a door leading to a crawl space. Inside, guards discovered an electric drill, two shovels, a light and "evidence of chipping and scraping' to the foundation.

The would-be escapers had gone, apparently leaving after they heard the supervisor walking over the area. The spokesman said "they hadn't gotten anywhere," and would have been faced with 70 yards of tunneling to reach the wall sur-rounding the factory.

GOP picnic

The Marin County Young Republicans will sponsor a picnic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17 at Angel Island at a cost of \$4.

The price includes the ferry ride to and from the island, beverage and games, but those attending should bring their own lunch.

Vital statistic.



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