

People in the news

Sex case tipster raped, strangled

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A pretty college student who tipped authorities to a bizarre sex and blackmail ring and planned to write a book about it was buried in a private service Thursday in Knoxville, Iowa. She had been strangled during a sexual attack, police said.

The nude body of Marie Lisa Peak, 21, was found Tuesday in a cornfield a few miles from Wartburg College at Waverly, where she was a sophomore majoring in journalism.

"After the experience she had, I can't imagine her putting herself in any situation where she would get hurt," said Chuck Offenburger, a newspaper reporter who was working with her on the book. "She was really wary of people."

In 1975, Miss Peak was lured into a sex and blackmail scheme operated by John Joseph Carmody Jr., a used car salesman from nearby Mason City.

Authorities found that as many as 15 women — most them young and attractive — were told by Carmody, 38, that he was a Mafia

don, and that if they did not submit to him sexually, give him money and introduce other female friends to him, he would have them killed.

The Mafia story was a hoax, police said. Last May, Carmody pleaded guilty to rape and extortion and is serving a 40-year sentence in the Iowa State Penitentiary.

Offenburger, a reporter for the Des Moines Register, said Miss Peak had received threats after Carmody was imprisoned.

"Women who said they loved him and wanted to marry him called and said they knew she was the one that blew the whistle. They swore to kill her."

Offenburger last talked to Miss Peak 10 days ago. She told him, "When I walk around campus I hear people whispering about it. Some people asked me about it, and I would say, 'Yes, it's me, but it's all over now.'"

Craig Beck, director of the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, said no link has been established between Miss Peak's murder and the Carmody case.

"Sure we're looking at it, but that's pure speculation," he said. Offenburger described Miss



MARIE LISA PEAK

Peak as "a very gutsy young woman who never indicated any fear. She told me she was anxious to go talk to Carmody in prison and look him in the eye so he'd know she wasn't afraid anymore."

Offenburger said Carmody's lawyer had refused to permit the interview, saying Carmody planned to write his own book.

The girl's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Peak, were to have met with Offenburger on Wednesday to discuss the book.

"Just tell everyone she was a great girl," said Mrs. Peak, "and that the tragedy of losing her is terrible."

Victims

The traffic accident was minor and no one was injured. But two passengers in the car involved were killed to keep them from "spilling the beans" about what really happened, Miami police say.

Officers said John H. King Jr., 23, of Miami, and Herman Anderson, 30, of Homestead, were afraid the man and woman would tell police that King was driving the car when it wrecked. King had no driver's license, officers said.

"People don't kill people for very intricate reasons down here," said Sgt. George Lucas, a Dade County police spokesman. "Those two men were furiously afraid of the accident."

"Driving without a license is only a minor offense and they killed for it," Lucas said.

King and Anderson were charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of James R. Wilson, 30, of nearby Perrine, and Marion Williams, 50, of Miami.

Under Florida law, driving without a license is a misdemeanor which carries a maximum penalty of 60 days in jail or \$500 fine. First-degree murder carries a penalty of life in prison or death.

Detectives wouldn't say whether King had ever had a license. Nor would they give any other background about him.

Police said the accident occurred last Friday morning when King lost control of a borrowed vehicle and it ran into a field in Miami. No one was reported injured.

Amy Carter

Doll clothes valued at "under \$25," sent to Amy Carter by the makers of the Barbie Doll, have been returned to the Mattel Company with a letter signed by the 8-year-old daughter of the Democratic presidential candidate.

The letter, typed by a secretary, offered a thank-you but added, "I can not accept any gifts of great value."

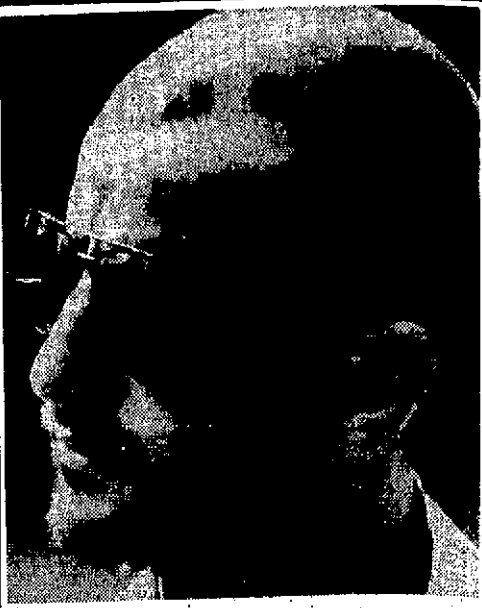
An enclosed handwritten note affirmed the gift policy, according to a spokesman for the toy company, and ended, "I need your strong support in the fall campaign." It was signed "Jimmy Carter."

Susan Ford

Susan Ford has moved out of the White House and into an Alexandria, Va., townhouse with three classmates — and a Secret Service detachment, which is housed in the basement of the townhouse.

The President's 19-year-old daughter will share the rent with three other sophomores from Mt. Vernon Junior College for women, but she still plans to attend the University of Kansas at Topeka in January.

"She has been talking about (the move) for some time" and made it with her parents' approval, Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, press secretary to Betty Ford, said Thursday. She said Miss Ford borrowed furniture from the house the Fords still own in Alexandria and left most of her wardrobe at the house.



A Starr is shorn

Former Beatle-turned-actor Ringo Starr sports a drastic change in hair styles during filming in Hamburg, West Germany, recently. He had his hair shorn to beat the summer heat.

—AP Wirephoto

Promoted

Lt. Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., who won a battlefield commission in World War II, Thursday was named the new U.S. commander in tense South Korea.

Vessey, 54, will replace retiring Gen. Richard Stilwell as commander of the U.S. Eighth Army and United Nations command in South Korea early next month.

President Ford nominated Vessey for promotion to full general in his new post.

He now serves at the Pentagon as the Army's deputy chief of staff.

Winners

Miss Minnesota, Dorothy Kathleen Benham, took the talent competition and Miss South Carolina, Lavinia Merle Cox, won the swimsuit phase Thursday in the second night of preliminaries at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.

Miss Benham, 20, of Edina won the talent contest by singing Johann Strauss the younger's "Adele's Laughing Song" from the opera "Die Fledermaus," to thunderous applause from the 5,000 persons in the audience.

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American prisoners given Mexican parole promise

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MEXICO CITY — American prisoners ended a 36-hour hunger strike in Mexican jails after they were assured by Mexican officials that they would be released within two months and sent to the United States, a strike organizer said Thursday.

"Everyone is leaving!" exclaimed James Dean Brown, 34, a strike leader

held in Reclusorio Norte, one of three Mexico City prisons. "When we got up this morning it was a new ball game."

The prisoners marked the termination of the hunger strike by issuing a press release through the office of Dr. Sergio Garcia Ramirez, undersecretary of government and head of the federal prison system.

A federal prison official said Thursday a report that Mexican prison guards and Mexican prisoners had staged a counter-strike to protest the Americans' hunger strike was "absolutely absurd."

"I can tell you that there was absolutely no counter-strike or protest of any kind by the guards or Mexican prisoners," said the official in the director's office of Mexico City's Northern Prison. Brown confirmed there was no counter-strike.

The prisoners' statement, written by Brown, said, "In view of the action taken by the Mexican government, the hunger strike is officially terminated as of this date."

Brown, of San Francisco, appeared tired and haggard when he was interviewed in the prison Thursday. He said he had served more than three years of a seven-year sentence for importing half a gram of cocaine in a Rolls Royce.

President Luis Echeverria proposed a constitutional amendment that will allow the president to sign prisoner exchange agreements with foreign governments and legislation that will allow drug violators to qualify for parole, a right taken away by legislation in 1971.

16 killed in rioting

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Police gunfire killed 16 persons, including an eight-year-old boy, during a wave of violence, arson and looting by mixed-race and black Africans in this coastal city and its environs, police reported.

At least 12 of those killed died in the mixed-race township of Mannenberg, where police fired on looters and rioters.

The latest confirmed deaths bring the official toll to 26 persons killed in three days of anti-government rioting—with unofficial estimates as high as 29.

161 die in fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Clashes between Christian militias and the alliance of Moslems and Palestinians went on without letup Thursday in divided Beirut, in mountain resorts near the capital and around the northern port-city of Tripoli.

The casualty figures for 24 hours, compiled from hospital sources, indicated there were at least 161 killed and 218 wounded.

Smugglers jailed

MOSCOW — A Soviet judge Thursday sentenced two British men to eight years each in a labor camp for smuggling 73 pounds of marijuana into the Soviet Union.

The sentence, close to the maximum possible of 10 years, is the third for foreigners in as many weeks.

A British Embassy spokesman said it was almost certain that Laurence Donoghue, 26, and Andrew Burgess, 24, both of London, would appeal their sentences.

Train crash kills 11

VIGO, Spain — A passenger train and a locomotive collided head-on Thursday near this northwestern Spanish seaport city, killing 11 persons and injuring 25, railway officials said.

Four of the injuries were described as serious.

Boston school attendance up

BOSTON — Attendance was up and tensions were down during the second day of classes for the new school year, but sporadic street violence for the third night in a row upset the city's calm.

In the racially troubled sections of South Boston and Charlestown, school buses discharged their black commuters in the white neighborhoods without incident Thursday.

But during the evening, gangs of white youths in South Boston threw rocks and small cardboard squares imbedded with roofing nails at police cruisers near the high school.

A 13-year-old youth was arrested. No injuries were reported.

In the city's predominantly black South End district, a white youth was seriously injured when he was set on fire by a group of blacks, police said. They termed the incident racially motivated.

Earlier in the day at South Boston, dozens of tenth graders who had waited of street corners in the morning slowly marched up the steps of the school building, calling to those who lagged behind, "Chicken."

In Charlestown, where stone and bottle-throwing marred the opening day of school, 265 of an expected 564 pupils showed up for class. That was well above the estimated 140 who showed up Wednesday.

B1 funds held up

WASHINGTON — The House approved a record \$104.3 billion defense bill Thursday which holds up full production money for the B1 bomber in case Jimmy Carter is elected president and wants to scrap it.

The House approved the bill 328 to 45 and sent it to the Senate for Congress' final approval.

President Ford has said he favors putting the bomber into production to replace the B52, but Carter, the Democratic nominee, has criticized the plane and indicated that if elected president he would scrap it.

Under a compromise worked out by House-Senate conferees, the bill will allow present B1 work to continue at \$87 million a month but prohibit full production spending until next Feb. 1.

Job fund compromise

WASHINGTON — House and Senate conferees agreed Thursday on a compromise plan to extend and nearly double the emergency jobs program.

The compromise would extend the public service jobs program through September 1977.

There is no dollar figure in the bill but the House Budget Committee has allocated enough money to provide for 550,000 jobs under the program, known as the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

As of May 30, there were 330,000 persons working under CETA programs.

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