World Roundup

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Youth Fends Off Attackers Who Raped His Girl Friend

HOUSTON (UPI) — Police say a teen-ager "acting out of desperation and fear" grabbed a knife from one of his attackers and fought off the three men who raped his girlfriend and were trying to sexually assault him.

One of the attackers, stabbed 14 times by the young man, was listed in critical condition today.

"You wouldn't want to recommend it (the stabbing defense), but the kid used his head," Sheriff's Sgt. Chris Price said Tuesday.

"It's a classic case of acting out of fear and desperation and he demonstrated a great deal of courage," Sheriff's Lt. Jody Johnson said. "You don't know what you're gonna do. When the world turns sour around you, you go by instincts."

The 18-year-old man and his 16-year-old date, who were returning from a swimming outing late Sunday, were abducted at a service station where they stopped because of problems with his truck.

Police said the young man had left his truck to call his father for help when the three suspects, who had apparently been drinking, forced him and his date into another car at knifepoint.

The girl was shoved in the front seat with two suspects and her date was pushed into the back seat with the third suspect.

The three attackers drove west on Interstate 10 and Price said somewhere between Katy and Brookshire, one of the suspects stripped and raped the girl in the front seat and another sexually abused her.

Johnson said the men also tried to sexually abuse the young man, but the teen-ager noticed one suspect holding a knife in his left hand and he grabbed it.

The youth struggled with the men. The car stopped. A door flew open. The girl fled nude and flagged down a passing tractor-trailer rig and the couple escaped.

Johnson said the assailants all were bigger than the teenager, who he said stands about 5-foot-10 and weighs about 150 pounds.

"It really was an act of courage," he said. "The kid really felt like they were taking them out to kill them. He saw a chance to possibly escape and save both lives."

Johnson described the man as "a modest, very clean-cut young high school boy."

After the victims escaped, witnesses said the suspects gave pursuit in their car and rammed the truck. But Johnson said he thought the suspects, who investigators said had been drinking, probably were just trying to escape from police.

Johnson said the most seriously wounded suspect was found by the roadside and taken by helicopter to a hospital, where he was admitted in critical condition. He said the other two turned up at another hospital explaining they had been in a fight.

James Roy Carter, 26, of Houston, the critically injured man, was charged with aggravated rape and aggravated kidnapping. John Timothy Cantrell, 50, also of Houston, was hospitalized in stable condition. He was charged with aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual abuse.

Billy Howell Williams Jr., 24, was charged with aggravated sexual abuse, aggravated robbery — theft of the girl's class ring — and aggravated kidnapping.

Two Namesakes Of Jimmy Carter Get Into Trouble

DETROIT (UPI) — Richard Nixon arrested Jimmy Carter early Tuesday.

Nixon was among a team of Detroit police officers assigned to stake out a north side business area where a number of burglaries have been reported recently.

The stakeout paid off at 7 a.m. with the arrest of a man caught breaking in through the front door of the Peerless Co.

Police said the suspect, Jimmy Carter, 25, of Detroit, will be charged with breaking and entering a business.

Nixon joined the police department in July 1973.

MOSCOW (UPI) — They threw Jimmy Carter out of the Moscow Olympics because he got drunk and went wild, smashing up property.

Carter, a Scottish member of the British Olympic swimming team and no relation to the American president of the same name, was told to go home Tuesday after he and teammate Gary Abraham reportedly got drunk and unruly at the Olympic Village Sunday.

Abraham also was ordered home, said Irish team spokesman Jack McGouran.

"They were sent home for smashing property in the Olympic Village. I understand they had a jar or two (too much beer), and got a bit carried away," McGouran said.

"We felt that they had not behaved in a manner that we expected from them," said British team chief Dick Palmer, who declined to give further details.

In a statement, Palmer said: "Jimmy Carter and Gary Abraham, two members of the Great Britain swimming team, have had their departure from Moscow moved forward two days following an incident in the Olympic Village on Sunday."

Abraham, from Southampton, will be 21 on Friday and won a bronze medal in 4 x 100 meters medley relay. He was Commonwealth Games silver medalist in 1978 and was competing in his second Olympics.

Carter, 23, from Greenock, Scotland, was competing in his third Olympics.

Two Charged in Torture-Slayings

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A truck driver and a magician have been charged with 14 murders in the "Freeway Killer" case, but authorities say there are at least two other suspects in the string of grisly murders involving as many as 41 young victims.

William Bonin, a 33-year-old trucker, Vietnam veteran and registered sex offender, and Vernon Butts, Bonin's 22-yearold friend and a magician, appeared in Municipal Court Tuesday on murder and robbery charges.

Bonin was charged with 14 counts of murder, 11 counts of robbery, one count of sodomy and one count of mayhem. Butts was charged with helping Bonin commit six of the murders and with three counts of robbery.

Both men requested and were granted delays in their arraignments, Bonin until Aug. 8 and Butts until Aug. 13.

The string of 41 killings, which began in 1972, became known as the "Freeway Killer" slayings because the victims' bodies were dumped along or near freeways in five Southern California counties. The victims, all young males, were strangled, tortured and in some cases, sexually mutilated.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday that Bonin was a suspect in at least another seven of the Freeway Killer slayings, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department said Bonin would be charged with five killings in that county.

Bonin, a registered sex offender on probation from Atascadero state mental hospital, was described in psychiatric reports as having had experiences with both sexes while in the Army in Vietnam.

He was released from the hospital because doctors said he was untreatable. One report said, "He wanted to straighten himself out but doesn't know how to go about it."

Despite the arrests of the two men, Deputy District Attorney Aaron Stovitz said there were two other suspects in the Freeway Killer case. Another prosecutor said there could be three or four other people involved.

Prosecutors said no deals had been made with either Bonin or Butts in exchange for testimony and that they had enough evidence to convict them independently of the killings.

Draft Signup View Gets Her in Trouble

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — Diana McGinnis, a postal clerk for 10 years, is in trouble because she won't register young men for the draft.

"My grandmother was a Quaker, and her thinking has influenced me," she says. "My decision not to register was a personal thing. I work for the post office, not the military."

Ms. McGinnis avoided registering anyone last week by directing men to a specially designated window, but on Monday that window was closed.

"This gentleman at my window was insistent," she says. "I told him to go to another clerk, but he didn't. The postmaster was standing behind the counter, and he heard the whole thing."

Ms. McGinnis was suspended for the day and told that the next time she refused to register a man for the draft she would be fired.

On July 19, the day registration of 19 and 20-year-old men began, she informed postal officials by letter of her convictions.

The postal workers union, of which Ms. McGinnis is not a member, arranged other duties for clerks in San Francisco and at some other locations who oppose registration.

Car Bomb Kills Two

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A radio-controlled car bomb exploded in a suburb of Christian East Beirut today, killing two people and wounding at least five others, the Phalangist radio said.

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Storms Drench East, Killing One

By RON KOEHLER
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Thunderstorms packing high winds and hail pounded much of the Midwest and East, downing power lines in Michigan and dumping more than 3 inches of rain in New York City in a rush-hour downpour. At least one storm-related death was reported.

Nassau County, N.Y., police said James Walsh, 18, of South Farmingdale was literally sucked into a conduit and drowned by turbulent waters rushing along a normally dry stream bed. Another youth was pulled under but saved himself by grabbing onto a tree limb.

New York's rainfall — a record for the date — drenched rush-hour commuters Tuesday morning and flooded subway lines. In the city's suburbs, the storm disrupted electric service to some 15,000 customers.

The National Weather Service said the city received 3.37 inches of rain in two hours. Subway service was temporarily curtailed on several lines and roadways around the metropolitan area became flooded in spots, causing detours and slowing traffic.

Severe thunderstorms packing winds of up to 50 mph, golfball-sized hail and torrential rains rolled across sections of Michigan, downing trees and power lines.

There were no immediate reports of injuries in the storms, which battered parts of more than a half-dozen counties. One-inch diameter hail pelted portions of Clinton and Shiawassee counties, and trees and power lines were downed in Livingston County.

Up to 3 inches of rain fell in portions of New Jersey, prompting agriculture officials to predict a brighter future for the state's blighted field, fruit and vegetable crops.

The National Weather Bureau said the rains helped bring the monthly total to just about an inch under the normal 4.03 inches.

"We are much improved from about a week ago, when we were experiencing high temperatures and a lack of moisture," said John Buche of the New Jersey Crop Reporting Service. "It still all depends, though, on what the rainfall and temperatures are like in the next several weeks."

In Delaware, the skies had just been seeded for rain when the state was deluged with colossal thunderstorms. The rains flooded some crop land, causing extensive damage. Officials said the cloud-seeding was not related to the heavy rainfall.

Temperatures again soared in portions of the parched Southwest, with record readings of nearly 110 degrees reported in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.

NEW YORK (UPI) — More than 51,700 U.S. and Canadian towns and cities are included on the maps in the 1980 Road Atlas published by Rand McNally. The smallest is Stanley, Idaho, pop. 47.

The publisher reports that size and population are, of course, major considerations in deciding whether a community shall be shown on the map, but a town which has a "special characteristic or unique attraction" is most likely to be listed no matter how tiny it is.

National Mercury Readings

By United Press International

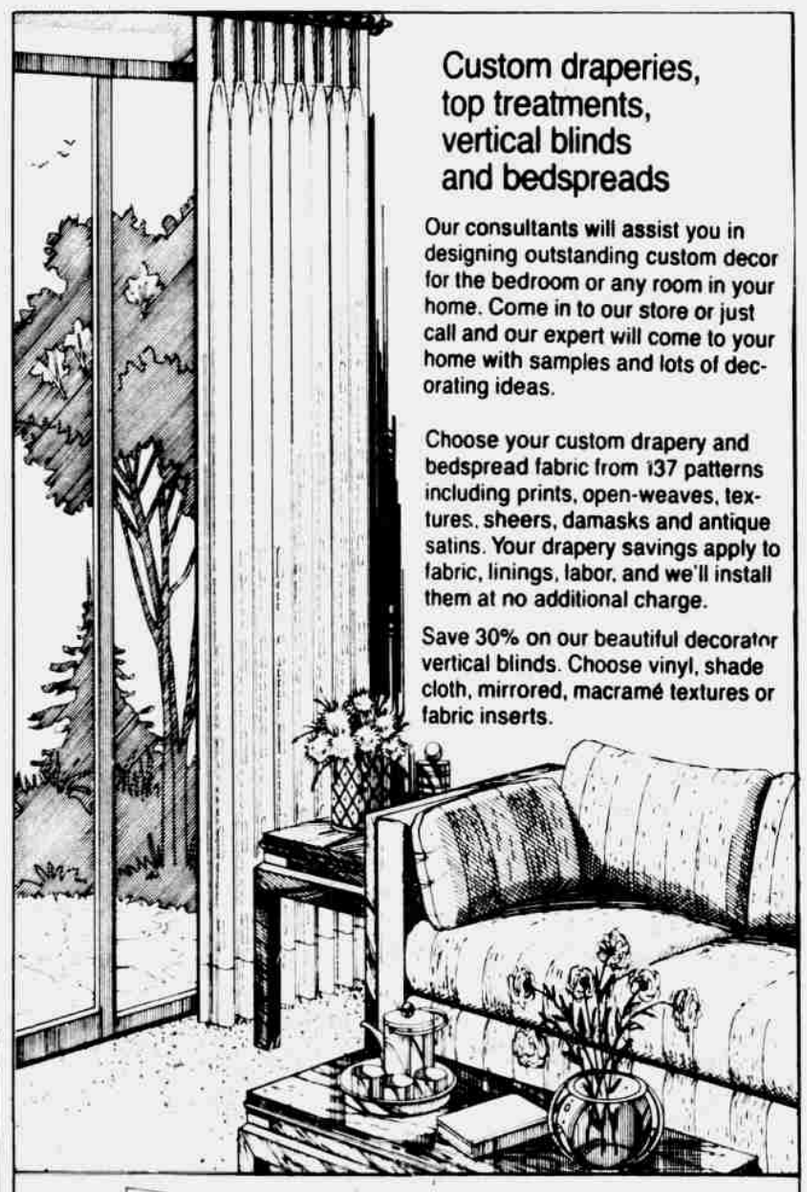
Temperature and precipitation table for the 24-hour period ending at 4 a.m. Pacific time, as prepared by the National Weather Service in San Francisco

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Albany	76	65	11
Albuquerque	99	66	
Atlanta	93	70	
Bakersfield	109	83	
Bismarck	98	60	02
Boise	90	68	
Boston	71	66	1.36
Brownsville	97	78	
Buffalo	79	66	
Charlotte	89	68	
Chicago	85	62	
Cincinnati	82	67	
Cleveland	82	62	
Dallas	102	67	
Denver	97	73	
Des Moines	88	72	
Detroit	83	58	05
Duluth	80	65	
Eureka	64	52	
Fairbanks	67	48	01
Fresno	109	79	
Hartford	73	66	1.09
Helena	90	53	
Honolulu	88	77	
Indianapolis	87	66	
Kansas City	99	73	
Las Vegas	108	88	
Los Angeles	97	75	
Louisville	87	70	
Memphis	96	78	
Miami	92	75	21
Milwaukee	77	59	
Minneapolis	85	69	
New Orleans	94	75	
New York	77	71	3.47
North Platte	106	64	
Oakland	79	60	
Oklahoma Cty	108	73	
Omaha	89	80	
Palm Springs	111	81	
Paso Robles	105	63	
Philadelphia	87	73	
Phoenix	106	89	
Pittsburgh	82	67	20
Portland, Me	68	63	80
Portland, Ore	84	56	
Rapid City	106	70	
Red Bluff	106	67	
Reno	96	56	02
Richmond	89	68	
Sacramento	103	69	
St. Louis	94	71	
Salt Lake	95	66	07
San Diego	86	76	
San Francisco	70	57	
Seattle	79	51	
Spokane	87	55	
Thermal	105	87	
Washington	91	76	

Weather Extremes

NEW YORK (UPI) — The highest temperature reported Tuesday to the National Weather Service, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, was 112 degrees at Coolidge, Ariz. Today's low was 38 degrees at West Yellowstone, Mont.

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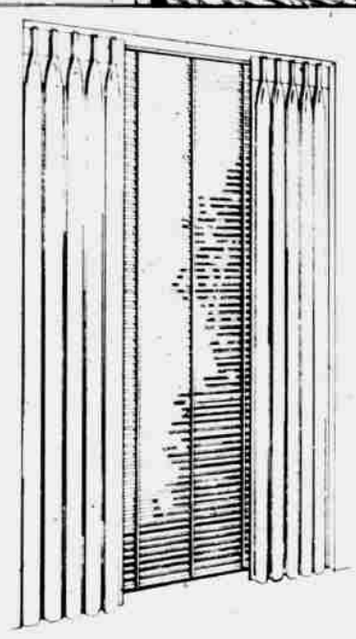


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