

Scrap Book



Heat Wave Mercury Zooms To 107 Degrees, Repeating Today

Turlock residents yesterday sweltered in 107 degree heat, the hottest June 23 on Turlock Irrigation District records, and the weatherman holds out no immediate hope for reduced area temperatures.

Today could possibly top yesterday's mark as this morning's minimum was 70 — three higher than yesterday's minimum.

Surprisingly, the reading June 4 tied yesterday's high mark for hottest-day-of-the-year honors in Turlock.

Plunge, Parks Filled
A capacity crowd of 300, lastest this year, jammed the Turlock Plunge in an effort to escape the heat. Huge crowds also packed Turlock City parks and Hagerman and McConnell Parks on the Merced River.

The weatherman predicted more of the same through Tuesday with a high today of 100-110. The TID registered 91 today 11:30 a.m.

LITTLE INDY WINNERS—Vic Irvan of Seaside has reason to smile as he has just won the 100-lap "Little Indy" at the Merced Speedway. The trophy (on top of the car) was presented to him by Carol Hyte of Merced. (Official NASCAR Photo)

FINALLY!

Weatherman Predicts Break In Heat Wave

Meteorologists finally have predicted cooling temperatures for Turlockers, who continued to sweat yesterday in heat that sent the mercury zooming over 100 degrees for the sixth straight day.

A northwest wind between 8-15 miles per hour is expected to lower temperatures to 90-100 today and 85-95 tomorrow, according to the weatherman.

Yesterday Turlock recorded an official 103 degrees at 3 p.m. it was the ninth day in June over 100 degrees and this broke the previous record of eight days set yesterday. Prior to this year, June, 1954, had prevailed with five.

Another Mark Threatened

If it does not cool off, the consecutive day mark of nine established between June 2 and July 6 in 1950 may be eclipsed. During the heat wave of 1950, the all-time high of 112 was set June 30.

The Turlock Irrigation District noted it was encouraging that today's reading at 11 a.m. is 81, down eight from yesterday.

All-time maximums for June 23, 24 and 25 were being set during the present wave. Highest mark this year was the 108 registered Monday.

1945

Death Notices

2 p.m. in East Lawn Chapel. Cremation. Contributions to the Heart Fund referred.
ACKMAN—In this city, Oct. 25, 1945. Jo Ann Brackman, beloved wife of Richard P. Brackman; mother of Dennis Allen Brackman, Judy Ann and daughter of Simon L. and Gladys Pipkin, all of Sacramento; loving sister of Eddie, George and Piopkin of Pacifica, a nee friend of Mrs. Missouri, aged, invited to attend are respectfully invited to attend at 10 o'clock Friday afternoon at the funeral home of J. N. COOK, 2100 FURNERAL HOME, corner 54th and Folsom Blvd., Interment East Lawn Cemetery.

BUSBY, Gerald C. (Jerry) — In Sacramento, Oct. 24, 1945. Husband of Barbara Winifrey Aving, father of Joseph Busby, and Karen Lynn Busby; dear brother of J. M. Curtis and Kenneth L. Busby. Mrs. Gertrude Worley of San Jose and Mrs. Harrison of Farmersville; a Delphia of Oklahoma, aged 34 years. Friends are invited to attend funeral services SATURDAY, 10 a.m., Oct. 28, in the Marysville FUNERAL CHURCH, 1770 Marysville, Shepherd, Sunset Lawn.

COOPER, ELLI — In El Centro, Oct. 23, 1945. Frank Campbell, Jr., dearly beloved husband of Alma Campbell, loving son

Obituaries

Roy J. Harrison

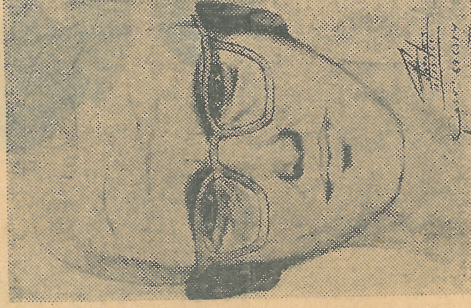
Roy James Harrison, 73, a resident of Modesto 28 years, died yesterday after a long illness.

A native of Gainsville, Tex., he came to California 38 years ago. He was a veteran of World War I and had been a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Audra; two sons, Roy J. Harrison Jr. and Douglas Harrison, both of San Jose; a daughter, Carol Painter of San Jose; two step-sons, Joe C. Stine of Vallejo and Paul Lee Stine of San Francisco; three step-daughters, Geneva Marriotti of Aurora, Ill., Carol Hyter of Greenville, Miss., and Iva Dean Killian of Missouri; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Ceres Cemetery.

Sketch Made Of Killer in Taxi Slaying



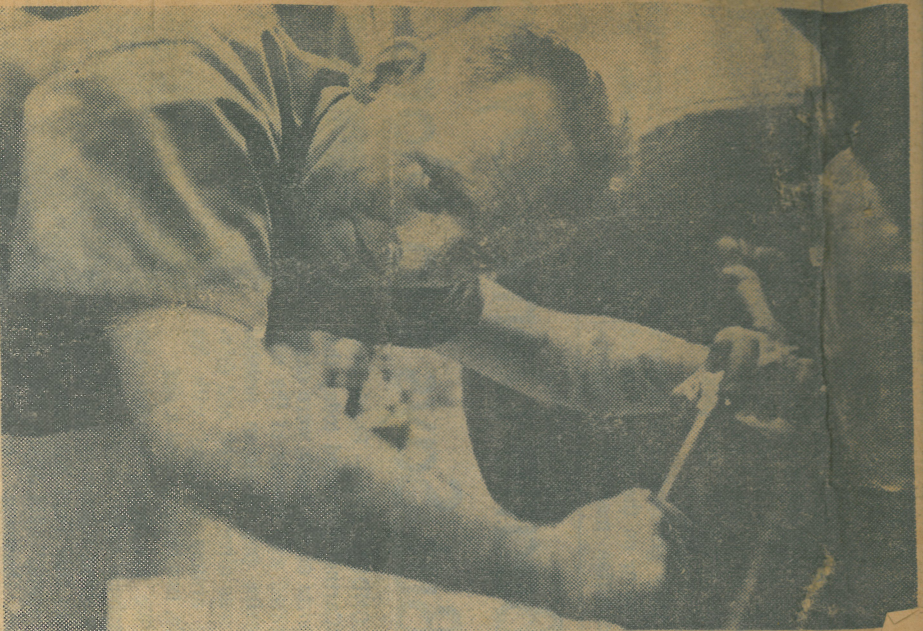
Police sketch of suspect in cab driver's slaying.

A composite drawing of the suspect wanted in the Saturday night slaying of Yellow Cab driver Paul Lee Stine has been released by homicide inspectors William Armstrong and David Tosche.

The suspect who got \$10 or \$11, is described as a white man, 25-30 years old, 5'8", or 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds. He has reddish brown hair which he wears in a crew cut, and was wearing heavy-rimmed glasses and a navy blue or black jacket at the time of the slaying.

Stine, of 1842 Fell St., was 29 years old. He had been working 9 p.m.-5 a.m. as a Yellow Cab driver for the past several months to pay his way through San Francisco State College, where he was a Ph.D. candidate in English.

He was also a part-time insurance agent.



CHALLENGER — Joe Stine of Modesto, brother of a slain San Francisco car driver, works in a southwest Modesto service station. Will he be the Zodiac's next victim?

Modestan Offers To Be Killer's Victim

By S. J. Ringhoff

Joe Stine, 34, of Modesto, brother of a San Francisco cab driver slain by the killer known as Zodiac, offered himself today as the Zodiac's next victim.

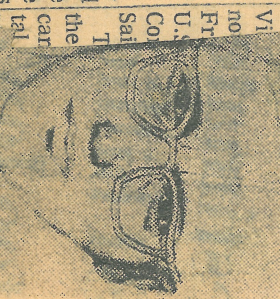
"I've been thinking about it since they found that little girl killed in San Jose," Joe Stine said as he tightened a tie rod on a car in the southwest Modesto service station where he works as a mechanic.

Brother Died

"I decided to do it this morning and called the (San Francisco) Examiner and told them," Stine said.

"It's pretty hard to lose a brother and just forget about it. Maybe if he makes an attempt on me they can close the area off and get him."

Joe's brother Paul, 29, was shot to death Oct. 11 while working the night shift for the Yel-



ZODIAC KILLER?
S.F. police sketch

This is the Zodiac speaking. I am the murderer of the taxi driver over by the Washington St & Maple St last night, to prove this here is a shed stained piece of his shirt. I am the same man who did in the people in the north bay a-a-a. The S.F. Police could have caught me last night if they had

Modestan Makes Offer

KILLER WROTE
Cloth

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has called himself the Zodiac.

While Joe Stine, who lives with his mother in a small home in south Modesto, admits to being nervous about the prospect of the killer taking up his challenge, the only evidence of any nervousness is the precaution he takes when leaving the lube room for the gas pumps.

Checks Driver

A man in a pickup truck pulled into the station, setting off the customary gong. Joe walked slowly to the lube room door then, satisfied the driver was not Zodiac, walked out to wait on him.

Joe was asked if he thinks the killer will accept his challenge. "I hope he does, though I'm not real brave about it. Actually I figure he will," Stine added.

Joe Stine is small, balding and has flashing blue eyes. He wears a brown uniform when he works at Merle Barnes Richfield service station at Sutter and Rouse Avenues. His arms are cuts on his knuckles from slips of the wrench.

"I gave the Examiner my work schedule to make it easier for Zodiac," Joe says. "I go to work at 7 a.m. and am off at 5 p.m. I go to lunch every day

at the Walking Chicken up at the corner at noon."

Doesn't Know

What is the reaction of the woman whose youngest son has already been slain by Zodiac and whose oldest son has offered himself to be a target for the killer?

"She doesn't know yet," Stine answers. "But I'm going to catch hell when she does. I'm going to catch hell from my relatives too."

Audra Harrison, mother of Joe and Paul Stine, has been under heavy medication since the death of Paul, Joe said. Joe lives alone with his mother. His ex-wife has Joe's only child, an 8-year old boy. Joe will not tell where they live.

Joe graduated from Sonoma High School, spent half a semester at Modesto Junior College and a semester at business school before he joined the Army. He spent seven years in the service and was stationed in Korea and France.

Although Joe spends his days working on cars, he does not own one. He rides a rickety bicycle to work.

Joe has not asked for any police protection. He is not carrying a weapon.

"I'd rather have him get me than to have that nut kill a bunch of kids," says Stine.

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'Zodiac' killer

Police seek astrologer's help in murder spree

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—A 10-man team of detectives has consulted an astrologer for help in its search for a man who calls himself "Zodiac" and brags of five murders he has committed in the past 10 months.

Captain Marty Lee said Thursday the astrologer gave the detectives background on the science which apparently fascinates the slayer, who says his next target may be a busload of school children.

"We are going to have to learn something about it (astrology)," Lee said. "I am

adamittdly apprehensive about another murder occurring in the near future."

The killings began last December when a teen-age couple was slain in a lovers lane near Vallejo, about 30 miles northwest of here.

Another girl was slain in Vallejo in July. Then "Zodiac" began sending mail letters to newspapers and police departments in the Bay Area.

Translations of his earlier letters indicated he felt killing people is "more fun than killing animals." Later notes were written in ungrammatic-

al English and began: "This is the Zodiac Speaking."

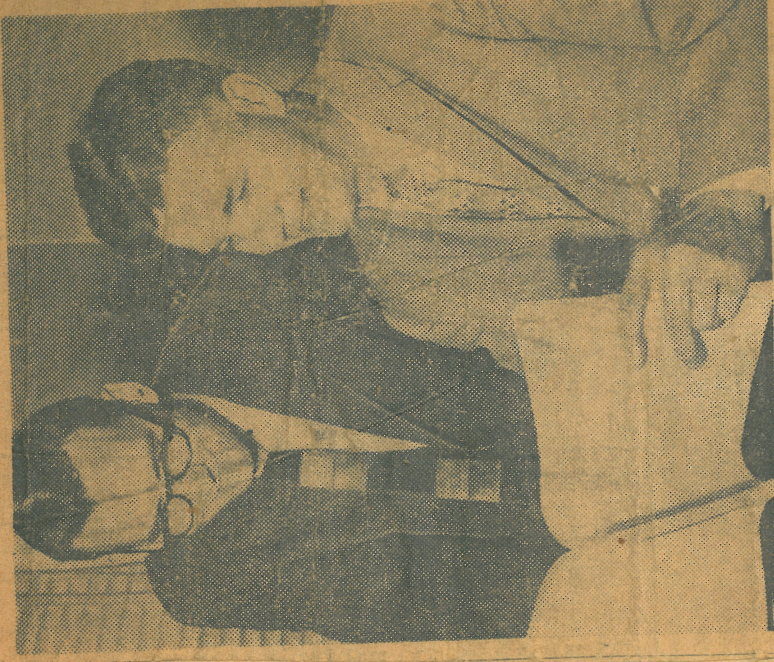
The fourth slaying occurred Sept. 27 near Lake Berryessa, where a college coed was stabbed to death and her boyfriend was seriously injured. The attacker wrote the dates of the Vallejo killings on her car door.

The fifth victim was Paul Stine, 29, a cab driver killed and robbed in San Francisco last Saturday night. A taunting note and a bloodstained piece of Stine's shirt was mailed to a San Francisco newspaper later in the week.

"Zodiac" concluded his note with a chilling threat.

"School children make nice targets," he wrote. "I think I shall wipe out a school bus some morning. Just shoot out the front tire and then pick off the kiddies as they come bouncing out."

Captain Lee noted the shortening time span between the killings—seven months between the two Vallejo incidents, almost three months until the slaying at Lake Berryessa, and only two weeks between that killing and the death of Stine.



INITIATION—County Supervisor Bert DeLoitto, right, shows Paul Stine some of the county budget papers as an introduction to public service. Stine, under a Citizenship Clearinghouse grant, will learn about politics and public service by helping DeLoitto and Charles B. Garrigus in their campaigns for assembly seats.

—Bee Photo



AP Wirephotos

"ZODIAC" CLAIMS HE KILLED THESE PEOPLE
From left, Paul Stine, Cecilia Shepard and Bryan Hartnell



REVERSE PROCEDURE—Howard Hobbs offers a cigar to a candidate, Assemblyman W. W. Hansen. It is all right, though, for two or three reasons. Hobbs became a father Tuesday, Hansen is his new boss under a political internship — and Hansen does not smoke.

—Bee Photo

Maniac in the Ne

Californians Terri

By DAVE SMITH

LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWS SERVICE
NAPA, Calif. — Somewhere in the

shady hill country around Napa and Vallejo, 25 miles north of San Francisco, lives an inconspicuous man. He has a fantastic secret, though, and if people only knew . . . well, then they wouldn't ignore him.

He's fairly bright, but his spelling and grammar indicate a poor education, so he probably doesn't have a very good job.

He's about 6 feet, 35 or perhaps younger, has wavy, light brown hair, and he's fat — well over 200 pounds — so he probably doesn't do too well with girls. In fact, he has unwittingly indicated a sexual inadequacy. But he would never knowingly admit it. He's very guarded about personal matters.

He could be old Mrs. So-and-So's boy, who never says boo and still lives at home. Or that bachelor who keeps to himself and never seems to have any fun. Or that poor guy who works so hard at that lousy job and never complains and never lets on that his marriage is miserable, that his wife is a slut, or a shrew.

Oh, and he's an astrology fan. He's adopted a nickname: "The Zodiac." And when the signs are right, he goes out and finds young boys and girls together — who symbolize everything life has denied him.

And he kills them.

FIVE DAVS before last Christmas, David Faraday picked up Betty Lou Jensen to take her to a Christmas concert at her high school.

David was 17, an Eagle Scout who had won the God and Country Award, and a popular member of the wrestling team at Vallejo High School. Betty Lou, 16, was a member of Rainbow Girls at Hogan High. It was their first date.

THE CONCERT ended well before midnight, and David and Betty Lou drove out to Lake Hernan Reservoir, a few miles east of Vallejo, to a spot where the view was nice. The stars were bright and there was a big moon. . .

About 11 p.m., the young couple were startled by the thin beam of a pencil flashlight very close by. They hadn't heard a sound. A gun spat, and David fell out the open car door, shot through the head.

Betty Lou scrambled out the other side and raced desperately into the dark, but the needle of light followed her and she was brought down some 30 feet away, five bullets in her back and head.

When a rancher's wife happened upon the two bodies at 11:24 p.m., the car's motor was warm and the heater was running. The killer had vanished.

There were no witnesses. How the youngsters were killed was described by

the killer himself. But that was not until seven months later.

IN THE SMALL hours of July 5, Mrs. Darleen Ferrin, 22, a Vallejo waitress, was in her car in a lot off Columbus Parkway in Blue Rock Springs Park with Michael Mageau, 19, a Vallejo youth who worked for his father.

They parked less than two miles from where David Faraday and Betty Lou Jensen had parked one night in December.

Shortly after midnight, Mageau later told police, a man "just walked up to the car and started shooting, without saying a word."

Three passersby later found Mrs. Ferrin slumped dead behind the wheel, her chest riddled by four bullets from a 9-mm. pistol. Mageau, critically wounded, lay sprawled outside near an open rear door, shot in one leg, the right elbow and shoulder and in the neck, this bullet ripping his tongue and shattering his jaw.

A fourth passerby soon reported being within earshot of the crime and hearing a car speed out of the lot, engine racing and tires screeching.

It was a brown car, its body similar to a 1963 Corvair, police were tipped later.

WITHIN AN HOUR after the shooting, police received an anonymous call from a Vallejo pay phone. A youthful-sounding voice announced, "I shot them. I used a 9-mm. automatic." Then he hung up.

Remarked one officer: "We've got a crazy man on the loose."

But no "crazy man" — no frothing psychopath, no hot-eyed maniac, no one at all turned up. For nearly four weeks, while Mageau slowly recovered, police searched the victims' backgrounds — for a love triangle, for jealousy, for any motivation in their selection.

Police found none because there was none. They were shot simply because they were there.

IT WAS ON Aug. 1 that the madness really bubbled to the surface.

The bulky envelope, postmarked July 31 in San Francisco and marked "please rush to editor," arrived Aug. 1 at Gibson Publications, publishers of the Morning Vallejo Times-Herald and Evening News-Chronicle.

It contained a cryptogram, made up of letters and strange symbols arranged in eight lines of 17 characters each. And this crudely printed, eerie note:

"DEAR EDITOR,

"I am the killer of the 2 teen-agers last Christmas at Lake Hernan and the girl last 4th of July. To prove this I shall state some facts which I only and the police know.

"Christinas

"1. Brand name of Ammo Super X

"2. 10 shots fired

"3. Boy was on back feet to car

"4. Girl was lyeing (SIC) on right side feet to west

"4TH OF JULY

"1. Girl was wearing patterned pants

"2. Boy was also shot in knee

"3. Brand name of ammo was West-ern

"Here is a cypher (SIC) or that is part of one. The other 2 parts have been mailed to the S.F. Examiner and the S.F. Chronicle.

"I want you to print the cipher on your front page by Fry afternoon Aug. 1-69. If you do not do this I will go on a kill rampage Fry night that will last the whole weekend. I will cruse (SIC) around and pick of (SIC) all stray people couples that are alone (SIC). Then move on to kill some more until (SIC) I have killed over a doxen people."

At the bottom was a "signature" consisting of a circle bisected by a cross, its arms extending beyond the circle.

The anonymous writer had mailed the other parts of the cipher to the San Francisco papers, along with similar notes warning that he would go on a killing rampage if the ciphers didn't make Page 1.

Police set cryptographers to work to crack the difficult code.

THE ASSEMBLED cryptogram contained a bewildering mixture of English letters, Greek letters, English letters reversed and upside down, and symbols that have been used in primitive mythologies since the dawn of man.

Virtually all the symbols appear variously in the ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead, in works on the legendary lost continent of Mu, in Asian and South Pacific primitive mythology, in American Indian rock carvings, in foreign alphabets, ancient and modern, and in astrology and astronomy.

THE WRITER had said that "when they do crack it they will have me." Was his name, or some other vital clue, written in the cryptogram?

The code was tackled by Donald Harden, a high school history and economics teacher in Salinas, and his wife.

On Aug. 8 the Hardens cracked the code. The madman's message — misspelled, ungrammatical and containing errors in the use of his own code — was this:

"I like killing people because it is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal of all to kill something gives me the most thrilling experience. . . The best part of it is that when I die I will be reborn in paradise and all the I have killed will become my slaves. I will not give you my name because you will try to slit down or stop my collecting of slaves for my afterlife. . ."

The last line consists of four unintelli-

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gible words: "Ebeo riet emeth hpiti." A name? An address? A town? They are still a puzzle.

Vallejo Det. Sgt. John Lynch was at last convinced: "There is no doubt in my mind that this is a true translation of the cipher" and that the murderer wrote it," he said.

"I THINK perhaps the man's name is in the cryptogram, possibly in the last four words."

Harden, after cracking the code, formed these general theories about its author:

- He is bright enough, but not necessarily of high intellect.
- He may be in or near middle age, because he uses one term (not revealed by police) that has dropped out of general slang use.

Dr. Leonti Thompson, a psychiatrist at Napa State Hospital 15 miles north of Vallejo, has found a number of different meanings in the killer's crossed-circle "signature." In one primitive culture it represents the earth; in another, the ancient notion of the four elements that make up the world: earth, air, fire and water.

Still another symbol, the "X," represented water in the alphabet of the legendary continent of Mu. "And the killings took place near water," Thompson notes speculatively.

AND THE USE of astrological symbols in the code, in addition to the killer's nicknaming himself "The Zodiac," have caused police to wonder if he might be following his horoscope in choosing when to kill again.

A psychiatrist at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, contacted by Vallejo police as soon as the cipher was cracked, said on Aug. 11 that it was "the work of someone you would expect to be brooding and isolated."

"HE PROBABLY is a guy who broods about cutoff feelings, about being cut off from his fellow man . . . comparing the thrill of killing to the satisfaction of sex is usually an expression of inadequacy. He probably feels his fellow man looks down on him for some reason."

The belief that his victims would be his slaves in an afterlife reflects a feeling of omnipotence, the unnamed psychiatrist added, indicating a paranoid delusion of grandeur — expressed through a belief common among primitive peoples throughout history.

And the taunting notes and phone calls may be a plea to be found out, exposed, perhaps cornered — in which event, the psychiatrist said, a grandiose paranoid quite likely might take his own life, as a grand gesture, to punish the world for its neglect of him in life.

And could it still be a hoax? The psy-

chiatrist was asked, "If this is a put-on, then it's the product of a very, very disturbed person. If this is not a put-on, the man probably will kill again."

It was no put-on. The psychiatrist was correct, horribly correct.

IT WAS A sunny, warm Saturday, Sept. 27, and Bryan Hartnell and Cecilia Ann Shepard decided to go on a picnic to Lake Berryessa Park, about 20 miles north of Napa.

Hartnell, 20, of Troutdale, Ore., was a junior at the Seventh-Day Adventist Pacific Union College in nearby Angwin. Miss Shepard, 22, of Loma Linda, had dated him when she was at PUC, but she transferred to the University of California at Riverside to study music in her senior year, and the day's date was just "for old times' sake."

SO THEY DROVE up to the lake in Hartnell's small sports car. And, about two miles from the ranger station, they sprang out their picnic. By the water.

It was about 6:30 p.m. — not even dark yet — when they saw a dark-clad gloved man approaching. Over his head he wore a dark blue hood, with large slits for his eyes and mouth. He wore glasses with flipped-up clip-on sunglasses attached. And on the front of the hood, over his chest, was a white-painted crossed circle.

THE MAN HELD an automatic pistol on the couple, told them he was an ex-convict from Colorado, that he had also escaped from Deer Lodge State Prison in Montana, that he had killed a guard there — which later proved false — and that he wanted their money and car keys so he could get to Mexico.

Ranger Sgt. William White later reported Hartnell's gasped account of what followed:

"The man said, 'I have to tie you up first.' He had some plastic clothesline cut into 6-foot strips which he tied them with, their hands behind their backs and then between their legs. Then the man said, 'I'm going to have to stab you people.' Hartnell said, 'Please stab me first. I'm chicken. I couldn't stand to see her stabbed.'

"The man told him, 'I'll do just that.' He stabbed Hartnell until he passed out. The poor girl, she just had to watch. Then he knifed her until she fainted. When he stabbed Hartnell it was deliberate. When he stabbed the girl he laughed in a frenzy."

HARTNELL HAD been stabbed 10 times with a thin, 12-inch blade. Miss Shepard, whose writhing provoked her attacker to laughter, had been stabbed 24 times.

And it was done in a significant way.

As she was being knifed in the back, officers said, she apparently rolled over in pain and was stabbed in each breast, in the stomach and in the groin, in the pattern of a cross.

MEANWHILE, only an hour after the attack, the phone rang at the Napa police station and a voice said:

"I want to report a murder — no, a double murder. They are two miles north of park headquarters. They were in a white Volkswagen Karmann-Ghia."

There was a pause . . . "And I'm the one that did it." Then the line went dead. Police soon traced the call to a Napa pay phone outside a main Street carwash.

The receiver was dangling off the hook.

And soon Napa authorities knew that Vallejo's code killer had moved north. They found Hartnell's car, and on the door, written with same kind of felt-tipped pen that had drawn the cryptogram, was the by-now-familiar crossed-circle signature. Under it was written.

Vallejo

Dec. 20, 1968

July 4, 1969

Sept. 27, 1969 — 6:30 p.m.

At Queen of the Valley Hospital, Cecilia Ann Shepard lay barely alive for nearly two days. On Monday afternoon, Sept. 29, the pain finally ceased; the insane cryptographer had claimed his fourth life.

Hartnell began a slow recovery.

LAST SATURDAY night the Zodiac killer claimed his fifth victim. San Francisco police announced Wednesday that a letter had been sent to the San Francisco Chronicle, in the same handwriting as the Zodiac killer's previous messages, in which the murderer admitted killing San Francisco cab driver Paul Stine, 29. The shooting of Stine had appeared to be a routine robbery and murder, except for one bizarre detail: a small piece of Stine's blood-soaked shirt was torn out.

The missing swatch of gray-and-white striped fabric arrived with Tuesday's mail at the Chronicle. With the swatch was a letter of warning:

"School children make nice targets. I think I shall wipe out a school bus some morning. Just shoot out the front tires and then pick off the kiddies as they come bouncing out.

"This is the Zodiac speaking. I am the murderer of the taxi driver over by Washington St. and Maple St. last night, to prove this here is a blood stained piece of his shirt. I am the same man, who did in the people in the North Bay area."

Throughout the crudely printed note was the same "signature" which has figured in the previous killings — a circle bisected by a cross its arms extending beyond the circle.

FSC Students Begin Political Internships

The inside of politics is being learned by two Fresno State College students under internships established by the Citizenship Clearinghouse of California.

They are Howard E. Hobbs of 936 Michigan Avenue and Paul Stine of 2333 McKinley Avenue.

Stine, a Democrat, is assigned to the Democratic County Central Committee to aid in the campaigns of Bert DeLotto and Charles B. Garrigus.

Joins Hansen Staff

Hobbs, a Republican, will work out of the county Republican committee headquarters on the campaign of William W. Hansen, who is seeking reelection as assemblyman from the 33rd, Fresno County, district.

Garrigus is seeking to unseat Hansen. DeLotto, now a Fresno County supervisor, is campaigning for election as assemblyman from the 32rd, Fresno district. He is opposed by Blaine Pettitt, a Republican, who also may get a student campaign aide if the Republican central committee finds a donor to pay the expenses.

Hobbs and Stine each will get \$50 a week for 10 weeks. The Clearing House, with a grant from the Ford Foundation, is providing half the money, the central committee the rest.

School Will Interfere

Each student hopes to continue during the final weeks of the campaigns but they will be back in school then and will have to help in their spare time.

In a way it is a part time job for Stine now.

He also is holding down part time jobs as a dishwasher in a drive in restaurant and as a kennelman in a pet hospital.

Each is expected to work side by side with his candidate, learning about everything which goes into political campaign.

Must Learn Chores

According to Dr. Karl Falk, the head of the FSC social science division, the interns

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Boasting Letters

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Letters to newspapers, marked with a cross-hair symbol of a rifle sight, have boasted of killing a city taxi driver, Paul Stine, 29, here last Saturday and of four earlier weekend slayings, all in San Francisco Bay area lovers lanes.

Stine a 1956 graduate of Hughson High School and would have received his doctor of philosophy degree from San Francisco State in January. He worked part-time as a cab driver in San Francisco.

His mother, Audra Harrison, and his brother, Joe Stine, both live in Modesto. They have been told by the San Francisco Police not to reveal their addresses for

Paul Stine formerly was employed by the Turlock Journal.

of Vallejo, Dec. 20; and Cecelia Ann Shepard, 22, Sept. 27, near Napa. The male escorts of Miss Ferrin and Miss Shepard were wounded.

A deciphered cryptogram sent to three newspapers in this area said: "I like killing people because it is so much fun it is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal of all..."

Other Victims

Other victims were Darlene E. Ferrin, 22, killed last July 4 near Vallejo; Betty Lou Jensen, 16, and David Faraday, 17, both said.

The letter boasting of the taxi driver's death contained a piece of bloodstained cloth from the victim's shirt. Hand writing in all the notes is identical, Lee said.

Armed Pair



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Robbery Victim

Cabbie Slain in Presidio Hts.

A yellow cab driver was found shot to death in his cab last night, the victim of an apparent robbery attempt in Presidio Heights.

He was identified by the company as T.L. Stine.

Police said three youngsters saw a scuffle near the cab, which was stopped on Washington Street near Cherry Street, about 10 p.m.

They said they saw a man wipe off parts of the cab with

wearing glasses. He was wearing dark shoes, and dark grey trousers and jacket.

Company officials said Stine apparently picked up a fare on the street while en route to a call on Ninth Avenue.

He was shot in the back of the head, apparently with a .38 caliber revolver. The engine and meter of the cab still were running.

Wounded Cab

Driver May Be

'Zodiac' Victim

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — A cab driver was found shot and critically wounded in the posh Pacific Heights area early Sunday. Police said they were investigating the possibility his assailant was the mysterious killer who calls himself Zodiac.

Police on routine patrol found Charles Jarman, 28, of Daly City, slumped behind the wheel of his cab, a bullet wound in front of his right ear. He later was reported in very critical condition at a hospital.

The cab, with its lights on and motor running, was parked just 10 blocks from where cab driver Paul Stine, 29, was shot to death last Oct. 11.

At that time Zodiac, in a letter to a local newspaper, enclosed a torn scrap from Stine's bloody shirt, and took credit for the killing. Zodiac has been linked by police to a total of five Bay Area murders.

In a recent letter to attorney Melvin Belli, Zodiac claimed eight murders and said he may take "my ninth and possibly tenth victim" unless he receives help soon.

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They also paid special attention to the Fairmont Hotel, where the caller at first said he would meet Belli. A waitress in a hotel coffee shop said she saw a man who looked like a drawing of the killer.

That was the case everywhere in the Bay Area. Police were inundated with calls from people who "saw" or thought they saw the man.

A police guard of school buses continued in most cities and counties, since the killer's last note said he was considering wiping out a busload of school children.

Once in the conversation the caller, who claimed he was having headaches, said, "I've got to kill those kids."

He made about a dozen short, untraceable calls to Belli in which he said he needs help, is sick and has to kill.

Search for 'Zodiac' Continues

The hunt for a mystic mass murderer who calls himself Zodiac continued today while police tried to assess yesterday's weird television conversation between attorney Melvin Belli and a telephone caller who represented himself as the slayer of five persons.

Many people were convinced the whole thing was a hoax in which a teen-age boy was leading Belli on a wild goose chase.

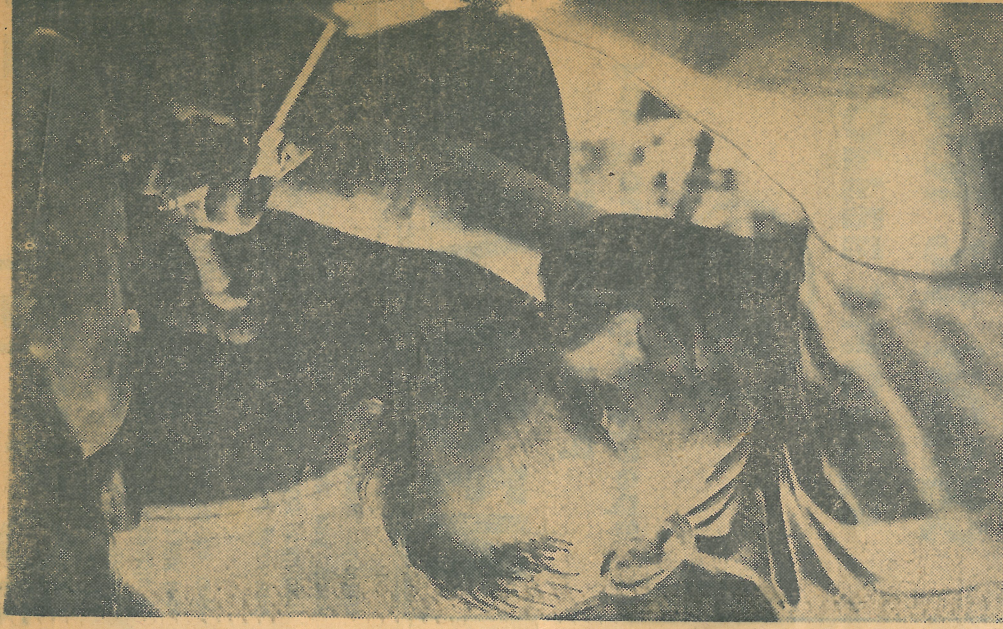
Police are convinced the caller was "mentally disturbed" but they have no way of knowing for sure whether he was or wasn't Zodiac.

The brother of one of the victims, meanwhile, offered himself as a living target for Zodiac.

Joe Stine, 34, a Modesto mechanic, said, "Let him come and get me. I'm still tough enough to handle Zodiac."

His brother, Paul, 29, a San Francisco cab driver, was shot in cold blood by Zodiac, who ripped a piece of the vic-

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JOE STINE, 'ZODIAC' VICTIM'S BROTHER Modesto mechanic dared killer to get him.—(AP)

'Zodiac' TV Talk Considered Hoax

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tim's bloody shirt from his body and mailed it to police.

The elder Stine, an Army and Air Force veteran, listed his daily itinerary, challenged the murderer to come and get him and added:

"I was very close to Paul. Now I want a chance at his killer."

Two victims who survived attacks by the murderer, who mails cryptograms and bragging notes to newspapers, listened to tapes of the television conversation yesterday, but could not say for sure the caller was their assailant.

Nothing said during the conversation linked the caller

with the killer, who calls himself Zodiac in the notes.

Belli is convinced he was talking to the right man and said, "Something desperate is going to happen. This guy is a madman and I can feel a storm brewing up inside him. I hope he will get in touch with me soon."

Police arranged for the famed attorney to appear on the KGO Jim Dunbar talk show yesterday morning after a man called them and said he trusted only Belli or F. Lee Bailey, the "Boston Strangler's" lawyer.

A meeting in Daly City was arranged, but Belli waited 45 minutes without results. Police had the location under surveillance and temporarily quizzed one man who fitted the killer's description, which has been supplied by witnesses.

Zodiac's New Message

Here are portions of the seven-page letter, with the original spelling and grammar, which Zodiac sent to The Chronicle:

This is the Zodiac speaking up to the end of Oct I have killed 7 people. I have grown rather angry with the police for their telling lies about me. So I shall change the way the collecting of slaves. I shall no longer announce to anyone when I comitt my murders, they shall look like routine robberies, killings of anger, & a few fake accidents, etc.

The police shall never catch me because I have been too clever for them.

1. I look like the description passed out only when I do my thing, the rest of the time I look entirle different I shall not tell you what my descise consists of when I kill.

2. As of yet I have left no fingerprints behind me contrary to what the police say in my killings I wear transparent finger tip guards. All it is is 2 coats of airplane cement coated on my finger tips — quite unnoticable & very efective.

3. My killing tools have been boughten through the mail order outfits before the

*This is the Zodiac speaking
I though you would need a
good laugh before you
hear the bad news and i
you wont get the news for a while yet
PS could you print this new cipher
in your front page? I get awfully lonely
when I am ignored,
so lonely I could
do my Thing!!!!*

A portion of the killer's latest letter

ban went into efect except one & it was bought out of the state.

So as you see the police don't have much to work on. If you wonder why I was wipeing the cab down I was leaving fake clues for the police to run all over town with, as one might say, I gave the cops some bussyy work to do to keep them happy. I enjoy

needling the blue pigs. Hey blue pigs I was in the park — you were using fire trucks to mask the sound of your cruzeing prowl cars. The dogs never came with in 2 blocks of me & they were to the west & there was only 2 groups of parking about 10 min apart then the motor cicles went by about 150 ft away going from south to

north west.

ps. 2 cops pulled a goof abot 3 min after I left the cab.

I was walking down the hill to the park when this cop car pulled up & one of them called me over & asked if I saw any one acting suspicious or strange in the last 5 to 10 min & I said yes there was this man who was running by waveing a gun & the cops peeled rubber & went around the corner as I directed them & I disappeared into the park a block & a half away never to be seen again.

Hey pig doesnt it rile you up to have your noze rubed in your boobos?

If you cops think Im going to take on a bus the way I stated I was, you deserve to have holes in your heads.

Have fun!! By the way it could be rather messy if you try to bluff me.

Zodiac at this point signed the letter with his familiar sign: a circle with two lines drawn through it.) Then he added:

PS. Be shure to print the part I marked out on page 3 or I shall do my thing.

To prove that I am the Zodiac, Ask the Vallejo cop about my electric gun sight which I used to start my collecting of slaves.

Victims

The Pattern of Zodiac's Killings

"Zodiac" previously has claimed credit for four savage attacks in which he killed five persons and critically wounded two others. Here is an account of those crimes:

• December 20, 1969, near Vallejo — David Faraday, 17, and Betty Lou Jensen, 16, were both fatally wounded when Zodiac came upon them in the couple's car parked at the Lake Herman reservoir, a local lovers' lane, a few miles east of Vallejo. It was 11:14 p.m.

The weapon was a .22-caliber pistol. Faraday died instantly of a shot that smashed his skull. Miss Jensen, attempting to flee, was brought down by five shots fired into her back. She, too, was dead when a passing motorist saw the bodies and notified the Solano county sheriff's department.

The seemingly senseless murders were not immediately linked to the Zodiac. He had not yet begun to boast.

July 5, 1969, in Vallejo — Darlene Ferrin, 22, was killed and Michael Mageau, 49, was critically wounded when Zodiac attacked them in their parked car in a secluded area of Blue Rock Springs park, also a lovers' lane. It was a few minutes after midnight.

The weapon was a 9-mm. Luger pistol. Mageau said a man appeared at the car window and, without saying a word, suddenly began shooting. One of several bullets that struck Mageau shattered his jaw and he lost consciousness. Mrs. Ferrin was also hit several times, by stings that passed through Mageau's body as well as the bullets fired directly at her. Again, a passing motorist discovered the crime and notified the Vallejo Police Department.

CALL

Within an hour of the attack, the police received an anonymous call in which a man's voice said: "I shot them. I used a 9-mm. Luger automatic."

It was not until August 1 when The Chronicle and two other newspapers received parts of the now famous cryptogram and notes from Zodiac, that the two Solano

attacks were proven the work of the same man.

A Salinas high school teacher cracked the code a week later. It read, in part:

"I like killing people because it is more fun than killing wild game."

It went on to say that the killer believed "when I die I will be reborn in paradise and all the people I have killed will become my slaves."

The man who was to become known as Zodiac said the cryptogram, when deciphered, would reveal his identity.

• September 27, 1969, at Lake Berryessa — Cecilia Ann Shepard, 22, was killed and Bryan Hartnell, 20, was wounded when Zodiac, wearing a black hood and the crossed-circle symbol, came upon the couple picnicking on an isolated peninsula of the Napa county lake. It was about 6:30 p.m.

The weapon on this occasion was a long kitchen knife. But Zodiac at first told the couple it was merely a hold-up. He told Miss Shepard to tie up Hartnell with a piece of plastic clothesline and then he tied her up. There was conversation between the killer and the couple for some 15 minutes.

STABBING

Suddenly, with no warning, Zodiac shoved the pistol he was holding into his belt and drew the knife. He started stabbing Hartnell first and then turned his attention to Miss Shepard. Hartnell suffered more than a dozen wounds. Miss Shepard was stabbed some 23 times.

A fisherman in a boat finally heard their cries for help and, several hours after the attack, they were taken to Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa where, two days later, Miss Shepard died. Hartnell was released from the hospital on October 9 and returned to Pacific Union College where he is a pre-law major.

At the scene of the Lake Berryessa attack, Zodiac scrawled his sign on the side of Hartnell's car and the dates of the Vallejo killings. The Napa county sheriff's department said there was no

doubt all three cases were related.

• October 11, 1969, in San Francisco — Paul Stine, 29, a Yellow Cab driver, was fatally shot by a passenger in Presidio Heights. It was a few minutes before 10 p.m.

The weapon was a 9-mm. pistol. Police at first believed it was a routine holdup murder.

Three days later, The Chronicle received a letter from Zodiac. He said he had shot Stine and, to prove his claim, enclosed a bloody piece of the cabdriver's shirt. San Francisco homicide investigators checked the morgue where Stine's clothing was being held as evidence. A piece of the shirt was missing. The piece sent by Zodiac matched the missing section.

There were now five victims dead, and a threat of more to come. Zodiac boasted school children might be his next target.

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Message on Car

After the September attack at Lake Berryessa, the killer also phoned police and wrote the dates of the previous killings on the door of Hartnell's car. His messages were all signed with the crossed-circle symbol which is thought to be the killer's representation of the sign of the Zodiac.

He also begins his chilling letters with the statement: "This is the Zodiac speaking," causing authorities to speculate that the killer may be an astrological fan who picks his death-dates by consulting his horoscope.

Armstrong said his department was consulting with experts in sorting through the killer's communications in an effort to determine whether there are other messages, buried on a deeper level of translation than the messages thus far decoded.

Meanwhile, police and sheriff's officers in the Bay area have checked out hundreds of persons in their hunt for the killer. More than 1,000 tips were telephoned to authorities Saturday from alarmed residents.

As the days pass with no likely suspect being captured, Armstrong notes that psychiatrists believe the killer may be accelerating in the psychotic rage that causes him to kill.



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Boastful 'Zodiac' Writes Again

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The Search For Zodiac's 4 Weapons

By Paul Avery

Homicide detectives are looming for four different murder weapons in their search for the killer called Zodiac.

Chief of Inspectors Martin Lee yesterday confirmed that ballistics examinations of slugs and shell casings prove Zodiac fired a different gun each time in two shootings in the Vallejo area and one in San Francisco in which a total of four persons died.

The murder weapon in the other slaying Zodiac boasts of was a long-bladed kitchen knife.

PATTERN

"It's part of the pattern in that there's no pattern at all," said one of the dozens of investigators assigned to the Zodiac manhunt.

Another advanced the possibility that Zodiac has an arsenal of weapons at his disposal.

It may be, the detective said, that Zodiac has a reason known only to himself for, thus far, using a weapon but once.

GUNS

These are the guns Zodiac has used:

• A .22-caliber pistol, assumed to be an automatic, with which he shot and killed David Faraday, 17, and Betty Lou Jensen, 16, at Lake Herman reservoir near Vallejo last December 20.

• A 9-mm. pistol, again assumed to be an automatic, which he fired to kill Darleen Ferrin, 22, and wound Michael Mageau, 19, at Blue Rock Springs park in Vallejo last July 5.

• Another 9-mm. pistol, also believed to be an automatic, with which he murdered cab driver Paul Stine, See Back Page

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'No Closer to Him'

Lawmen Pool Their Zodiac Clues

By Keith Power

Twenty-seven detectives from seven police agencies discussed the "Zodiac" killer in an extraordinary meeting at the Hall of Justice here yesterday.

For three hours they listened to spokesmen for the various jurisdictions describe what slim evidence they have from "Zodiac's" five murders.

The scenes of the crimes were sketched on the blackboard and the psychotic killer's sign—a cross over a circle—was chalked there.

CANDID

But at the end, the officers candidly acknowledged "Zodiac" was as far from capture as ever.

"I couldn't say we're any closer to catching the suspect," Captain Marty Lee, San Francisco's chief of inspectors, told the press.

He added, however, that the meeting was valuable because it indicated to the different agencies that their knowledge of each other's cases "was not as sharp as it might be."

PICTURE

"I've learned things I didn't know and I think the other detectives had the same experience," he said. "We now have what we believe to be a better picture of the suspect."

Lee emphasized that this was a meeting of police professionals and there were "no soothsayers or anything like that" in attendance.

Besides San Francisco, detectives came from the Napa Sheriff's department and Napa Police department, Solano Sheriff's department, Vallejo Police department, the California Highway Patrol and the State Bureau of

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more than 1,000 tips phoned in by the public.

Inspector William Armstrong said the tips ranged from the possibility the killer "might be identifying" with a Dick Tracy comic strip character named "Scorpio" to "every other conceivable thing you can think of."

State Attorney General Thomas Lynch made a personal plea for the Zodiac to surrender, promising to see "that he gets help and that all of his rights are protected." Vallejo Police Capt. Wade Bird believes the killer "will

prove to be a genius who got so far out he went over the edge." Bird has been pursuing the cipher-writing slayer since a teen-age couple was found shot to death in a lovers lane last December.

The next two victims were young women killed in attacks on July 4 near Vallejo and Sept. 27 near Lake Berryessa in Napa County. In each case the male companion of the victim was seriously wounded.

A massive search for the killer got underway a week ago after a cab driver was shot to death in San Francisco. The killer mailed a bloody piece of the victim's shirt to a San Francisco newspaper and warned that his next target may be a school bus full of children.

He said in a note he might just shoot out the front tires and then pick off the kiddies as they come bouncing out."

Bird said he believes the killer must be of superior intelligence because of the complex codes used in his cryptographic letters, each signed with the astrological sign of a Zodiac. He also doubts the man holds a steady job. "I don't believe a man so

disturbed could hold down a regular, steady job," Bird said. "He's too far gone for that."

Zodiac has been described as white, 30 to 40 years old, heavy in build, with short brown hair. Witnesses to the slaying of the cab driver said he wore glasses and had on a parka-like jacket.

This much police already know from information provided from two survivors of his first two attacks: He has sandy hair, is of stocky build, 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet tall, and his age is between 35 and 40.

'9-mm Pistol Is a Gun for Killing'

The gun used by "Zodiac," killer of five Bay Area persons in the past 10 months, offered police their best clue today in the hunt to stop him before he strikes again.

Only 143 weapons similar to that which fired the fatal 9 mm. slugs used in two of the murders have been sold in San Francisco over the past three years.

Applications of everyone who bought such a weapon were being examined today to compare the handwriting with that on the "Zodiac" notes the killer has sent to newspapers boasting of his deeds.

Investigators concentrated on this lead today as police in San Francisco and Napa and Solano Counties continued their special guard on school buses, announced by the psychotic "Zodiac" slayer as his next target.

'Gun for Killing'

The killer has taken five lives — three in the Vallejo area, one at Lake Berryessa and the latest a San Francisco taxi driver, one week ago. Police officials from the three counties gathered here, meanwhile, to pool their information in the search.

The 9 mm. pistol, according to Crime Laboratory technician Walt Ihle, is not the "ordinary" handgun normally bought by civilians.

"It's a gun for killing," he explained. "It has a terrible impact quality."

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2-Year-Old Killed in Vineyard

Special to The Examiner

LOS GATOS — Sheriff's deputies started a finecomb search at dawn today for the knife used to stab and slash a two year old girl to death in a vineyard behind her home here last night.

The body of Shelley Irene Holmboe was found by one of a group of neighbors looking for her after her parents reported her missing.

Shelley had been seen playing in the yard of her home, 1709 Peony Lane, during the afternoon. She was gone about 6 p.m., and the body was found two hours later.

The vineyard, about 100 yards wide and several blocks long, stretches out behind the child's home. It was sealed off immediately to permit the search for a weapon this morning.

Neighbors reported, among other leads, that a man in a T-shirt was seen running

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cab was an abrupt and baffling departure from the maniacal style of "Zodiac's" previous murders.

In the past, the killer has descended on young couples in romantic, lonely spots, leading investigators to conclude they were dealing with a psychotic driven by dark, sexual motives. There was no serious attempt at robbery.

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The 29-year-old Stine was shot dead at Washington and Cherry streets. The murderer paused to take the cab driver's wallet.

"This was definitely out of his previous line," detectives said. "It's very puzzling."

But police are convinced they are hunting one man.

The latest letter Zodiac sent to The Chronicle claiming the murder of Stine was in the same handwriting of past taunting, messages—"There are no dissimilarities," Captain Lee said.

All the letters were postmarked San Francisco, but police are not sure whether they are pursuing a man who lives here or in the area of the other murders.

On the first of August, Zodiac sent cryptograms to newspapers with a note claiming the first three murders and saying the puzzle contained his name.

It apparently did not. When finally cracked, the code proved to be a rambling, chilling declaration by the writer that killing people "is more fun" than killing animals.

Zodiac said he believed that all the people he killed will become his slaves in paradise.

Authorities consulted a psychiatrist at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville. On the basis of the boasting messages and the method of murder, the doctor speculated:

"He is probably a guy who broods about cutoff feelings about being cut off from his fellow man . . . Comparing the thrill of killing to the satisfaction of sex is usually an expression of inadequacy. He probably feels his fellowman looks down on him for some reason."

The taunting notes and telephone calls could be a hidden plea to be captured.

The Search For Zodiac's 4 Weapons

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29, in San Francisco's Presidio Heights on October 11.

Until laboratory tests were concluded, Lee said, it was thought the 9-mm weapon was the same one Zodiac had killed with in Vallejo.

The search for three guns was pressed yesterday throughout Northern California. Gun dealers were being questioned about purchases of .22-caliber and 9-mm. handguns, and ammunition for such weapons. Signatures on gun registration forms were being compared with handwriting on notes authored by Zodiac.

Investigators don't feel Zodiac will be found this way.

SMART

"He seems smart enough to know that a handgun sold through a store in California would have to be registered and therefore could be traced to him," said one. "But we are checking all such sales on the chance he made a mistake."

Chief Inspector Lee guessed that there are thousands of .22-caliber and 9mm. pistols in Northern California.

The .22 caliber is a favorite of target shooters, although not automatic models.

The 9-mm. is a more unusual weapon in the U.S. It was made famous by the Germans through the Luger model. There are also other well-known 9-mm. handguns such as the Astra 600, P-38 and Mauser models.

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Until new Federal gun laws went into effect earlier this year, many foreign-made 9mm models could be purchased through the mail from dozens of outlets advertising in as many magazines.

The search for the knife seems almost as hopeless. Napa county sheriff's investigators said the description fits kitchen carving knives commonly sold in all sorts of retail outlets such as department and hardware stores and even supermarkets.

The knife, with a blade believed six to eight inches long, was wielded by Zodiac in a savage attack at Lake Berryessa last September 27 in which Cecilia Ann Shepard, 22, died of the more than 20 wounds he inflicted. Her companion, Bryan Hartnell, 20, survived a dozen wounds.

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Bay Killer's Shrinking Timetable

By Keith Power

The bragging, psychotic killer who wants to be known as "Zodiac" appears to follow a compulsive timetable of his own and the periodic, murderous outbursts are drawing closer together.

This ominous pattern emerged yesterday as police, working on the assumption that one man is responsible for five Bay Area killings, chased down scores of leads.

Investigators also noted that the murder of San Francisco cab driver Paul Stine occurred on a weekend — as have all the other killings that "Zodiac" claims.

The dates of the murders are December 20 (1968) in the Vallejo area (two victims), July 5 in the Vallejo area, September 27 at Lake Berryessa near Napa and October 11 in San Francisco.

Almost seven months elapsed between the first and second murders; not quite three between the second and third attacks; two weeks between the third and the killing of Stine in San Francisco.

Captain Marty Lee, chief of inspectors, said: "It doesn't make us any happier that they are getting closer together."

The killing of Stine in his

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Northern California communities continued yesterday to provide school buses with police car escorts or adult riders because of Zodiac's threat to "wipe out" a busload of children.

They were also checking leads and tips from among the thousands phoned in by the public.

But, they said, they still had no idea of who Zodiac is.