

Massage Death Closed

'Bugging' Gear Also Cleared

By LARRY PALMER
Staff Writer

Pasadena police, who Thursday arrested a "massage parlor" employe for questioning in the death of an elderly customer, Friday declared the case closed, listing the death as "natural."

Representatives of the department also indicated that no further action is anticipated in connection with the confiscation of various pieces of electronic equipment from the business at 1188 E. Walnut St.

The equipment, which included microphones concealed in numerous cubicles in the establishment and wires leading to an attic, was initially believed to comprise an "electronic bugging system."

Upon further investigation of officers revealed that such equipment must be attached to a recording device to allow criminal charges, which they say was not the case when they arrived at the location.

Due to this, there is little chance of any future legal action in this case, they report.

The case came to light when Judith A. Slattery called the fire department and emergency center to get aid for Quentin Ralph Halls, 279 N. Euclid Ave.

Month-to-month resuscitation efforts by firemen failed and Halls was pronounced dead at 1:50 p.m.

Police questioned Miss Slattery as a suspect for investigation of murder. After talking with the woman and the district attorney's office, police released her.

'Obscene' Movie Case Trial Opens

A Pasadena Municipal Court jury spent all of Friday afternoon viewing films confiscated by the Pasadena Police Department as "obscene."

It will be the duty of the six men and six women to judge their obscenity.

There were a number of courthouse visitors who peered briefly through the glass panels in the doors to watch portions of the color movies, but few courtroom spectators sat through the whole show.

On trial is Stanley Hurst Smith, charged with exhibiting obscene films at the now defunct Cine 73 Inc. He was arrested Sept. 24, 1969 and had his trial postponed seven times before it finally began before Municipal Court Judge Daniel L. Fletcher on Dec. 9.

It required a full week to seat a jury. Defense attorney Robert McDaniels had requested a six-month continuance because he said he believed it would be difficult to find potential jurors not swayed by a recent Star-News series on commercialized sex. The judge denied the continuance.

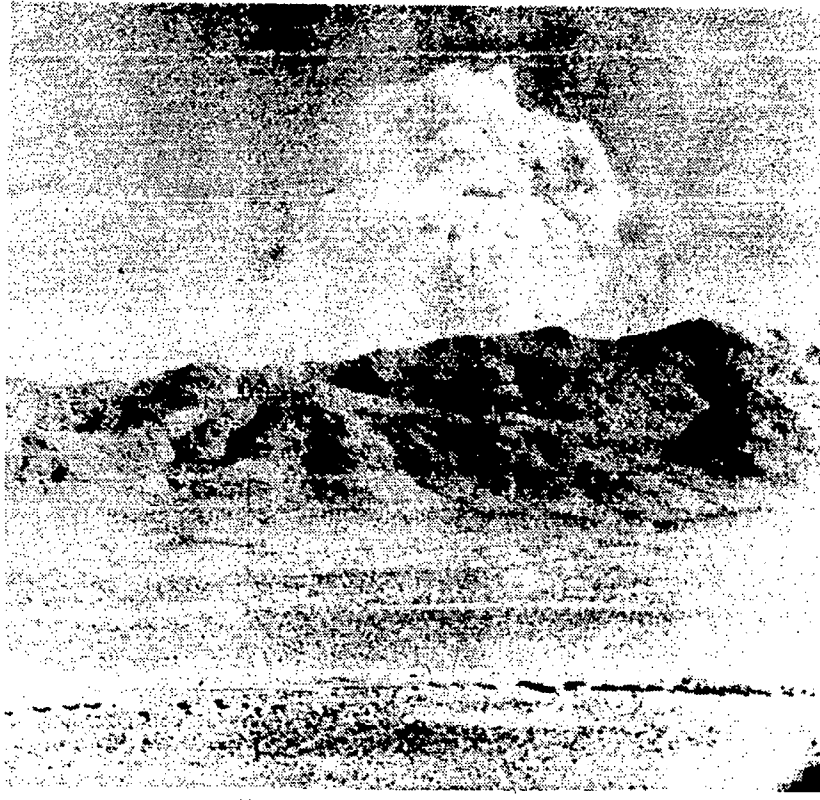
Smith is charged under state law, which leaves the question of obscenity to "contemporary standards." Pasadena's case is being prosecuted by Lillian Stegman, deputy city prosecutor.

SoPas Judge Transferred to Norwalk

By LUCIE LOWERY
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Former Superior Court Judge Lloyd S. Davis of South Pasadena failed Friday to win release from state custody as a mental patient, but he was ordered transferred from the maximum security facility at Atascadero to minimum supervision at Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk.

Davis, 55, was committed to state custody in May after a Superior Court jury in Los Angeles found him insane at the time he stabbed his wife, Mary, with a butcher knife. The attack occurred in October, 1969 at the Davis South Pasadena home, and Mrs. Davis recovered after 11 days in Huntington Memorial Hospital. At the hearing Friday before



DEATHLY DUST — Here's what happens after some underground nuclear tests in Nevada— a radioactive dust plume shoots into the air. Some 600 workers were evacuated Friday in the wake of an AEC low-yield blast. This photo taken in 1962, showing deathly cloud.

Lowe Hits Candidates On Recall

Pasadena Board of Education President Albert Lowe has urged candidates in the Oct. 13 school recall election to "please stop bad-mouthing the Pasadena school system."

In a prepared statement, Lowe took issue with comments attributed to Henry Marcheschi, defeated recall candidate, after Marcheschi and two other candidates dropped a suit contesting the recall election.

"The dropping of the election contest suit by the recall committee was a sensible act," said Lowe, "not because of legal technicalities as they claim, but simply because they had insufficient grounds to support their allegations."

"Their complaint stated no specifics — only generalities — and when it came down to the wire, they found there was no valid case. I'm surprised they didn't research and analyze the situation in advance before they created more community confusion and wasted hundreds of dollars."

In defending the Pasadena public schools, Lowe said, "It's a good system, and hundreds of people are doing their best to make it better and to meet some very difficult challenges. Even if recall proponents don't want to help, they should at least not hinder."

Lowe predicted the schools would reach an "ethnically stabilizing trend" during the next two years and challenged the recall proponents to come up with a "comprehensive alternative" to the board's Pasadena Plan for integration.

"It's time for them to put up or shut up," Lowe concluded.

New Storm Off Coast

Southland to Get More Rain Today

A new storm developing off the coast is expected to bring more rain to Southern California today.

Weather bureau forecasters are calling for thundershowers this morning, turning into scattered showers throughout the afternoon and night.

As previously predicted, rain fell throughout the Star-News area Friday afternoon, leaving as much as 0.1 of an inch between noon and 4 p.m. This brought the three-day storm total to approximately half-an-inch in the San Gabriel Valley.

With the help of this gentle rainfall, most cities in Star-News country have anywhere between three to five times as much rainfall as they had at this time last year.

The storm, which is surrounded by cold, moist and unstable masses of air, is also expected to bring snow flurries to the San Gabriel Mountains

— even as low as the 3,000 foot level.

A spokesman for the Angeles National Forest reported that it was snowing at the 3,600 foot level at 4 p.m. Friday and agreed with forecast of snow at lower levels.

Some roads in the Angeles Forest were reported open but in some areas chains are now required. The Angeles Crest Highway was closed Friday night.

The storm is reported by Forest Service spokesmen as "light and doing us a lot of good."

	Storm	Season	Last Year
Alhambra	.25	6.24	1.59
Altadena	.42	8.66	2.23
Arcadia	.40	7.32	2.42
Covina	.42	7.36	2.35
La Canada	.68	10.28	2.04
Pasadena	.51	7.93	1.53
San Gabriel	.35	6.50	—
So. Pasadena	.49	6.93	1.46

*to 4 p.m.

Arcadia Mother's Request

Hospital Care Ordered For Girl Held Prisoner

A juvenile court commissioner ruled Friday that 13-year-old Susan Wiley, the girl who was kept a virtual prisoner in her Arcadia home most of her life, should remain in the care of Children's Hospital for the time being.

Commissioner Julius Libow set the next hearing on the disposition of Susan's case for Nov. 19, 1971. Libow's ruling was based on a request by attorney John W. Miner, who is representing Mrs. Irene Wiley, the girl's mother.

Miner said the mother — who Tuesday had child abuse charges dismissed against her — wanted the child to be kept at Children's Hospital because

"it's her only hope to progress toward normality."

The district attorney's office agreed with the ruling and, according to Miner, Mrs. Wiley was "very pleased."

Earlier Mrs. Wiley told newsmen that she had been visiting Susan three times a week and eventually hoped to regain custody of her daughter.

Susan's father, Clark Wiley, 70, shot himself to death last Nov. 20 shortly before he was to be arraigned on child abuse charges.

The young girl allegedly had been held captive by her parents at their modest Arcadia home for most of her life, living on a diet of pabulum and milk.

Nuclear Workers Flee Testing Site

New Polish Disorders Erupting

WARSAW (AP) — Strict curfews were enforced in rebellious Polish cities Friday night in an attempt to end the bloody clashes that have taken up to 20 lives and left hundreds injured. But there were reports of disorders at a new spot, Slupsk, in the north.

Rioters protesting government-imposed consumer price increases have fought militiamen, looted shops and burned buildings in the Baltic cities of Gdansk, Gdynia and Sopot and the western industrial city of Szczecin in disorders that began Monday.

All was reported quiet in the Baltic cities, but in Szczecin, 180 miles west of Gdansk, radio appeals for calm hinted at more trouble there after a night of burning and looting.

A Western diplomat returning from Gdansk said tanks were deployed at 100-yard intervals on the main street to enforce order.

Gdansk, the former free city of Danzig, has a population of 380,000, Gdynia 170,000, Sopot 40,000, Szczecin 370,000 and Slupsk 67,100.

From Slupsk, a city of light industry 120 miles west of Gdansk, came reports that authorities used tear gas to quell demonstrators.

The steep increases announced last Saturday at the height of the Christmas season followed years of price stability.

The price of meat, a chronically short item in Poland, was raised 17 per cent. Other price increases included 25 per cent for cheese, 16 per cent for flour, 11.7 for fish and 8 per cent for milk.

The government estimated the various increases would raise an additional \$208 million a year in revenue.

Laundry Chemical Said Unsafe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health and antipollution officials announced Friday they have persuaded the detergent industry to abandon as unsafe a chemical gaining wide use in washday mixtures.

The government acted after a Public Health Service experiment showed that rats and mice were 10 times more likely than normal to have stillborn or deformed offspring when fed a combination of two metals and the detergent chemical, NTA.

The findings raised the possibility, officials said, that pregnant women might be harmed if NTA gained the wide use that was once expected. Exposure to the chemical would come from drinking water contaminated through sewer runoff.

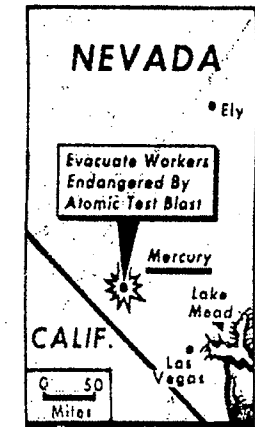
Health officials said there is no present hazard except in some rural areas where septic tanks seep into airless well water supplies. Use of NTA products in such areas should be stopped immediately, they said.

"There is no evidence at this time to indicate that anyone has been or is being harmed by the combination of NTA with metals in the environment," said Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld and William D. Ruckelshaus, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

At least 13 washday products now contain NTA, short for nitrilotriacetic acid, as a partial substitute for phosphates, officials said.

Phosphates are considered undesirable because they promote the rapid growth of algae causing premature aging of some lakes and streams.

Proctor & Gamble Co. alone has invested \$6.8 million for conversion of NTA in its detergents and has placed orders for \$167 million worth of the chemical, company officials confirmed.



BLAST SITE — The map locates Mercury, Nevada, where an underground nuclear test explosion sent a radioactive cloud into the skies and caused hurried evacuation of 600 workers at the site.

VC Rocket Blasts Slay 6 in Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong gunners fired two big rockets into Saigon early today, killing six Vietnamese and wounding eight in an attack coinciding with a weekend of Communist anniversary observances.

The six—including four children—were killed and seven persons were hurt when one of the 100-pound 122-mm missiles crashed into a crowded housing area in Saigon's 9th precinct, across the Saigon River from the main downtown section.

One Vietnamese policeman was hurt when the second rocket exploded in a gas station in downtown Saigon, two blocks from Brink Hotel the city's biggest U.S. officers quarters.

Then, just before dawn, a terrorist bomb exploded in the entranceway of a building housing Tin Sang (morning news), Saigon's most controversial newspaper. It wounded four youths, two seriously.

Today is the 24th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnamese war against the French in Hanoi in 1946.

Tin Sang, owned by national assemblyman Ngo Cong Duc, is vocally anti government and has been confiscated by officials more than 70 times in the past two years for its attacks on President Nguyen Van Thieu's regime.

While the motive remained unclear, the blast was one more in a series of terrorist bombings and grenade attacks that have rocked Saigon in the past week, killing at least three Americans and three Vietnamese and wounding more than 30 persons.

End to Germ War Stocks Planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$12.3 million plan for the complete destruction of all germ warfare stocks was announced by the Pentagon Friday, 13 months after President Nixon renounced the use of these disease-carrying weapons.

Vast quantities of biological agents in poisonous toxins capable of spreading global epidemics and killing crops will be destroyed under elaborate procedures guaranteed, the Army said, to provide "absolute safety and security."

Destruction will get under way early next year after all federal, state and local environmental agencies have reviewed the Army's plan.

Officials declined to reveal how large the stockpile is, saying that information is classified. But the Army said it will take a year to finish the job, which gives some indication of its size.

The materials will be destroyed at their storage sites at Pine Bluff, Ark.; Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colo.; Ft. Detrick, Md.; and Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

Radioactive Dust Escapes

MERCURY, Nev. (AP) — About 600 workers were evacuated from the Nevada Test Site Friday after an underground nuclear test shot blew a plume of radioactive dust 8,000 feet in the air, the Atomic Energy Commission said.

It was the largest number of persons reported exposed to radiation at the 1,350-square-mile test site, located in barren desert 80 miles northwest of Las Vegas, since underground testing began in 1963.

The AEC said a radioactive air mass was moving "north and northeast very slowly" but that radioactive levels were "dropping very rapidly."

The AEC emphasized the level of radioactivity traced beyond the test site boundaries was "very low" and said it was well within permissible levels for humans.

No towns in the immediate area of the test site were reported evacuated. The closest town is Alamo, with about 250 residents some 10 miles north.

An AEC spokesman refused to say if it was possible the radioactive air mass would cross the United States' boundaries.

Such an occurrence, if it happened, would violate the 1963 above-ground nuclear test ban treaty signed by the United States, Russia and other nations.

The radiation was the second reported in four underground nuclear test shots here since Wednesday, when minor spillage from one test rose 400-500 feet above ground and was confined to within the test shot site.

Code-named "Baneberry," the latest device, planted 900 feet below ground, had a listed force of less than 20,000 tons of TNT. Like the three previous shots, it was a military weapons development test, the AEC said.

The AEC said about 300 of the 600 workers evacuated from the test site's northeastern corner "were found to have radiation on their clothing and vehicles."

They were made to take what the spokesman described as "nominal precautions" such as showering, changing clothes, and washing their vehicles. Some underwent tests to determine if any radioactivity was present in their bodies. The AEC said there was no immediate indication that such was the case.

The AEC said six aircraft, including two helicopters from nearby Nellis Air Force base, were tracing the radioactive air mass.

The evacuated workers, hired by firms under contract with the AEC, were all in the test site's northeast corner.

It was the 17th time the AEC has announced radioactively escaped the reservation since the underground testing began under the treaty. A total of 230 tests have been announced at the site — 30 of them this year.

There were both above and below-ground explosions at the testing ground from the time it opened in 1951 until the treaty signing.

The wife of a worker at the site said that her husband telephoned that he saw a "mushroom" cloud after Friday's device was detonated but the AEC denied that the cloud was mushroom shaped.

Along Nevada highway 25, the AEC said, the radiation was measured at less than one milliroentgen an hour — extremely low. A person must be exposed to 170 milliroentgens a year to be in any danger, the AEC said.

The shot was detonated at 7:30 a.m. The radioactive spill was not announced until several hours later by the AEC, which said it was monitoring the extent of the spill and would report "any significant developments."

The AEC said that approximately 7½ hours after the shot minute traces of radioactivity had been detected as far as 30 miles from the test site.

'No Contest' Plea In Accident Death

William L. Cronk, 41, of 1210 Gravelia St., Altadena, pleaded "no contest" in Pasadena Superior Court Friday to the charge of felony drunk driving in the death of a motorcyclist on Oct. 14.

Originally he was charged with vehicular manslaughter and hit and run, as well as felony drunk driving. The other charges were dropped with his "no contest" plea in the latter charge.

Pasadena police credited Jack Davis, night city editor of the Star-News, with the apprehension of Cronk after the accident, and later awarded him a citation.

Davis witnessed the collision of Cronk's camper truck with the motorcycle of Robert N. Alexander, 22, of 55 Hurlbut St., followed the camper, stopped it several blocks away, held the driver until police arrived.

Cronk is to appear before Superior Court Judge H. Burton Noble on Jan. 28 for probation report and sentencing.

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The Tate-LaBianca case has cost Los Angeles County taxpayers \$645,595 to date, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said Friday. Page 3.

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Davis Loses Hospital Release Effort

San Diego County Superior Court Judge Eli H. Levenson, Davis' petition for release was withdrawn after an Atascadero psychiatrist testified he did not believe the judge has totally recovered.

Dr. Alfred Owre Jr., who said he had given the former judge a psychiatric examination several days ago, declared he had made an "excellent adjustment" that he no longer needed maximum security, and would "do much better in Los Angeles, close to home, where he could have visitors and grounds privileges and work his way back."

But the doctor said that Davis is still has "some involved problems," and that "when stressed he could be somewhat dangerous to his wife."

Davis' attorney, Grant B. Cooper then withdrew the petition and asked for his client's transfer to Norwalk, Dep. Dist. Atty. Warren Haas joined in the recommendation.

Levenson made the necessary orders for the change, and a sheriff's deputy escorted Davis out of the courtroom for the ride to Norwalk.

Levenson has presided at all proceedings in the case, because all Los Angeles County Superior Court judges disqualified themselves. Currently hearing the San Diego city council bribery case, Levenson recessed his home court Friday to hear the Davis matter.

While court was in recess, Davis chatted amiably with Cooper, Haas, Dr. Owre, and his own psychiatrist, Dr. Robert T. Sedgewick. He kissed his wife and talked with her and his parents; Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Davis, about Christmas plans.

He was obviously disappointed that he would not be home for Christmas. Both Mrs. Davis, and his parents said they were pleased, however, that he would be nearby, to make visiting easier.

At the beginning of his trial, Davis pleaded "no contest" to the stabbing of his wife during an argument over religion, but testified he had no recollection of it. He also pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity."

In court Friday the former judge looked fit. He has retired from the bench with a disability pension.