



MRS. DARLENE FERRIN
... Slain in Mystery

CHILD

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southwest of the campground. She said she walked up the ridge because she saw a helicopter flying over the area Saturday afternoon.

"I knew my mother would call the ranger because she gets real worried," she said.

She said she slept in the bushes at night as temperatures plummeted into the '30s but didn't feel cold — just numb. She said she was most scared when she was climbing the ridge where she was eventually rescued.

"I was walking up the hill. I heard rocks falling down. I saw this bear coming straight at me — a big fat bear. I started yelling and shaking a tree and he left."

Park rangers, fire guards, conservation workers and campers combed the area near the Park's Dorst Campground at the 6,700 foot level for two days before the helicopter spotted the girl.

The helicopter dropped a ranger with food and water but was unable to land. The ranger was unable to land. The ranger led her down the hillside to a place where the helicopter could land.

"I wasn't hungry at all," she said. "I was just hot from walking and really thirsty." She said she drank from streams that course through the area.

Her father, Otto Hofke of Northridge, said the family, including three other children, would spend the night at campsite and would leave Sunday.

Asked if he would go camping again he said "Yes we will, only we'll watch our kids a little closer next time."

The rescue site is east of Fresno and 60 miles north of Visalia.

SPACE

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be the first man to step on the moon's surface.

"My recommendation was never asked nor given," Armstrong said in denying published reports that he exercised the commander's prerogative and excluded his crewmate, Air Force Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., from being the first man on the moon.

Armstrong said the lunar module's radio call name "Eagle" is the same name as a fictional spacecraft that made the journey to the moon in a Jules Verne story a century ago.

Armstrong said the "Columbia" name for the command module, which will remain in lunar orbit with the lunar module, descends to the moon's surface.

MORE ON MURDER

Interview May Solve Shooting

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male voice said: "I shot them. I used a nine millimeter automatic."

Police said the service station closed at 8:25 p.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Ferrin's body was found slumped over the steering wheel of her automobile, which was on a parking lot east of Columbus Parkway, about 75 feet away from a directional sign advising motorists they were at Blue Rock Springs Park.

Three young people who reported the shooting to police saw Mageau lying on the pavement at the rear of the car.

Of the bullets that hit Mrs. Ferrin, two pierced her upper body completely and two were recovered in an autopsy performed by a Contra Costa County pathologist Saturday at Twin Chapels. Police said any one of the four could have been fatal.

In describing the nine-millimeter pistol, a detective said:

"It's an offensive weapon — made to kill people. It packs more firepower than a .45."

BROWN CAR

The officers are looking for a stocky young white man who was driving a brown car.

Mageau was incoherent after the shooting but did manage to tell police the slayer "just walked up to the car and started shooting, without saying a word."

One "witness" who was not far away at the time did not see the shooting nor the killer's car — but he did hear the car drive into the parking lot. Then he heard what he thought was one gunshot, then a pause; another gunshot, then another pause, and then rapid gunfire.

"This took place shortly after midnight," said a detective sergeant. "He couldn't hear any voices. But he heard the car take off at a high rate of speed, peeling rubber and cutting corners. He wasn't sure, but he thought it was headed toward the freeway."

GUN EMPTIED

Asked why he thought the killer had left without being certain both victims were fatally wounded, the officer replied:

"I think he left because he emptied his gun."

He explained that nine 9-mm. cartridge casings were found near the car, and that the clip for the gun holds a like number of bullets.

The sergeant added that the "witness" had agreed to accompany officers to the shooting scene late last night and recreate as best he could everything he may have learned about the case.

BADLY WOUNDED

Police said Mrs. Ferrin's husband, Dean, was on duty as a cook in a Tennessee Street restaurant at the time the shooting occurred.

Mrs. Ferrin had worked a day shift Friday at Terry's, Friday night she accompanied her sister, Christina Suennen, 15, of Vallejo, in the lighted boat parade on Mare Island Channel.

as part of the Vallejo Fourth of July celebration.

Christina was a runner-up in the "Miss Firecracker" contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and as a result was invited to ride in the boat Genora, owned by Orrin and Gen French. The boat won first prize in the parade.

Afterwards Mrs. Ferrin went to the restaurant where her husband is employed, talked to him briefly, and left.

Where she met Mageau was not learned immediately, nor was it determined what prompted them to go to Blue Rock Springs Park.

The shooting occurred less than two miles from the "lovers' lane" parking area on Lake Herman Road where teenagers Betty Lou Jensen and David Faraday were gunned to death shortly after midnight last Dec. 20. Their slayings remain unsolved.

Mrs. Ferrin's killing was the 10th homicide in Vallejo since last September.

She was a 1965 graduate of Hogan Senior High School. After graduation, she worked in San Francisco and New York City.

Survivors besides her husband and child include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Suennen, five sisters, Mrs. Linda Del Buono, Mrs. Pamela Grant, Christina, Johana Sueanna, and two brothers, Leo, Jr., and Frank Suennen, all of Vallejo, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. V. W. Bigham of Ft. Worth, Tex.

A funeral service for Mrs. Ferrin is pending at Twin Chapels.

Solano County Council To Meet

The executive board of the Solano County Economic Opportunity Council will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at Vacaville High School.

All members of the board are asked to attend the meeting.

MORE ON COUNTY

Welfare Causes Budget Increase

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care, training for adults, and food stamps. The county share is up \$325,834 from last year, an increase of over 30 per cent.

Balmer says in the preliminary budget report there is no "discernible single cause" for the 19.1 per cent increase in public assistance caseloads, although a fairly high unemployment rate in Solano probably had some effect.

BREAKDOWN GIVEN Major public assistance programs and the amounts budgeted for 1969-70 are:

Old Age Security — The average monthly caseload has been increasing at seven per month and is now 1,605. Cost of the program has gone from \$1,813,014 to \$2,134,464. The

Two Escape From Prison

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Two honor prisoners at California Men's Colony near here escaped Saturday by stealing an ambulance from the prison firehouse.

The escapees, as minimum security inmates, had access to the firehouse, which is outside prison fences, officials said. The keys to the ambulance were hanging on the firehouse wall.

Officials said the two were discovered missing about 20 minutes after the ambulance disappeared, at 9:30 a.m.

The escapees, dressed in blue denim, were Howard B. Rook, 35, of Los Angeles, and Kenneth Herr, 34, of Long Beach. Officials said the two might head for Los Angeles, 200 miles south.

Dope Suspect Killed By Cop

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A narcotics suspect was killed and a San Francisco police officer seriously wounded Saturday night in a Haight-Ashbury gunbattle.

The officer, who was shot once in the back and once in the leg, was identified as Darryl Nash. The narcotics suspect was not identified.

The gunbattle erupted when Nash and four fellow officers tried to arrest the suspect in his Cole Street apartment, police said.

Police said Nash and another plainclothes officer had made a narcotics buy from the suspect just moments before the shooting occurred. The two men left the suspect's apartment and met with a third plainclothesman and two uniformed officers.

Day Camp Will Resume Monday

Day Camp will resume its summer run Monday with children from Beverly, Davison, and Steffen attending.

Bus stops will be at the Washington Playground at the three schools at 8:15 and at Springs Road and Maple, Heartwood and Rollingwood at 8:15.