

Ohta

Almanac

James Reston, of The New York Times, offers some gleanings from Poor Richard's Political Almanac, 1970 edition, on Page 34.

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Cloudy

Partly cloudy, with occasional rain late today, is forecast by the U.S. Weather Service. Tuesday's high was 67, low 52. Last year's range was 74-43. Details on Page 15.

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Canada Buries Laporte

Guards Shield 1,000 Guests

MONTRAL (AP) — The funeral of Labor Minister Pierre Laporte, kidnaped and slain in a terrorist campaign for Quebec independence, was held Tuesday. Security precautions were perhaps the tightest in Canadian history.

Before the 40-minute rites, police searched Notre Dame church with German shepherd dogs trained to sniff out dynamite.

The sewers were scoured for bombs or hidden agents of French Canadian separatists who killed Laporte and still held as hostage James R. Cross, British trade commissioner in Montreal.

As more than 1,000 guests began to arrive an hour before the 4 p.m. funeral, troops with rifles and machine guns took up positions facing a crowd on the barricaded sidewalks of the square.

Paratroopers flown here from Edmonton, Alta., trained guns on the square from the rooftops of buildings that surround it.

But there were no incidents. The crowd of perhaps 1,000, limited to the sidewalks, was composed mostly



DR. VICTOR M. OHTA
... Eye surgeon, 45



MRS. VIRGINIA OHTA
... Slain wife, 43



ESCAPE CAR FOUND --MANHUNT IN HILLS

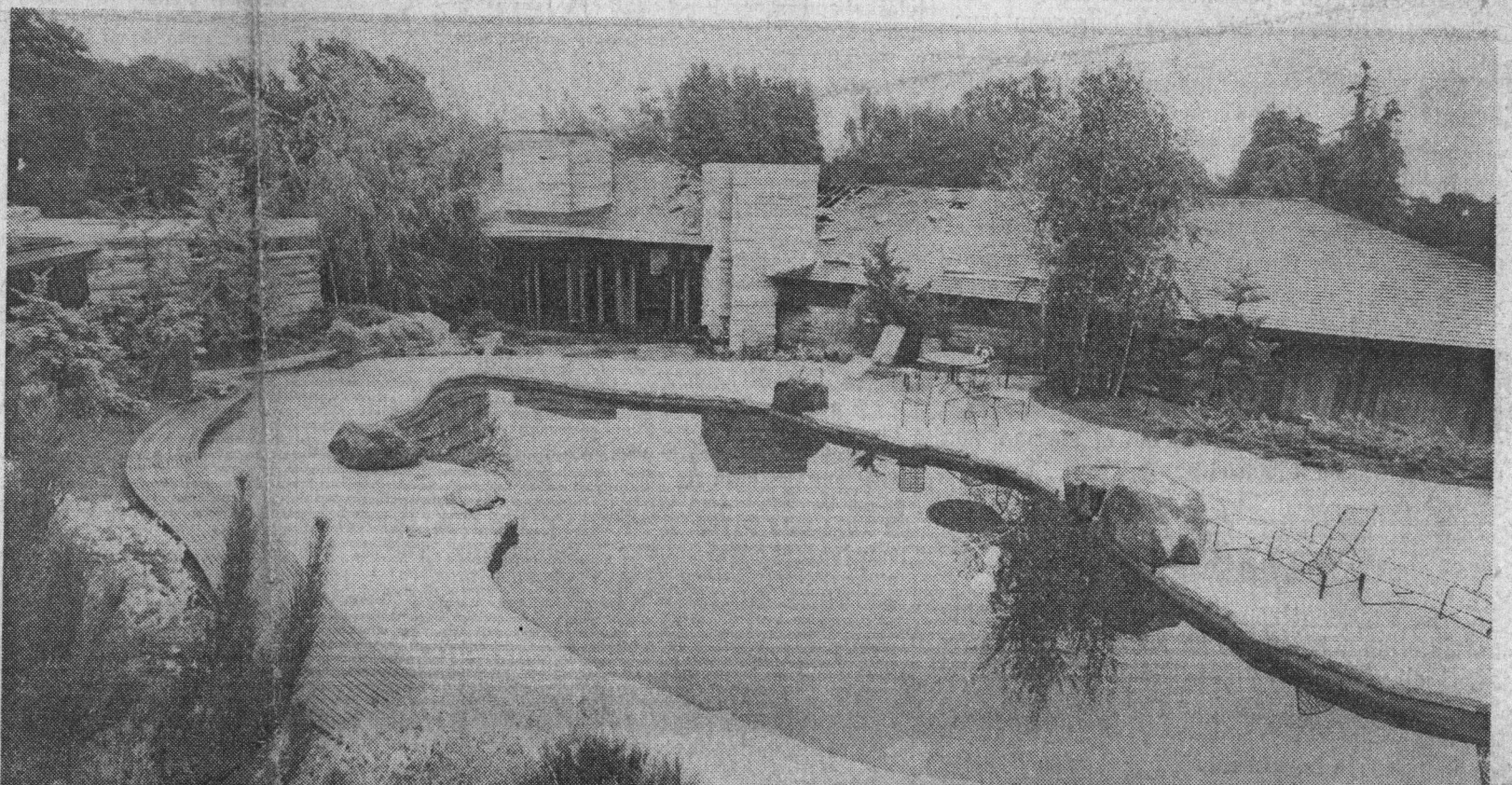
Killers Flee Wreck

Deputies Just Miss Suspect

By BOB LIGON
and PETE CAREY
Mercury Staff Writers

FELTON — A widely-sought car stolen from the scene of Monday night's Soquel massacre was found smashed by a switch engine in a tunnel near Felton Tuesday evening and scores of po-

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of English-speaking employees who work nearby.

After the Requiem Mass in the 141-year-old Roman Catholic church, the funeral procession sped off to Cote des Neiges cemetery on a slope overlooking the city.

Laporte's widow had requested a private service but the dignitaries in attendance gave it the aspect of a state funeral.

The list was headed by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa and Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau.

They arrived under the utmost security. One limousine was preceded by two police motorcycles and followed by an army truck with three riflemen.

Trudeau and Mayor Drapeau traveled in a cavalcade of 25 cars, most carrying plainclothes police.

The Mass was celebrated by Maurice Cardinal Roy, archbishop of Quebec and primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada; Most Rev. Andre Cimichella, auxiliary bishop of Montreal, and an uncle and a cousin of Laporte, both priests.

Only the pews on the main floor of the church were occupied. The galleries and the choir loft were empty.

As Laporte's coffin was carried out of the church, police formed an aisle to the hearse for Mrs. Laporte, supported by her 10-year-old son, Jean, and 20-year-old daughter Claire. Laporte's mother walked behind with other relatives.

Outside, squads of police and paratroopers formed the tightest security ring ever seen at a Montreal funeral. Paratroopers armed with machine guns kept watch from roofs of high buildings.



DERRICK OHTA
... Eldest son, 12



TAGGART OHTA
... Younger son, 11



MRS. CADWALLADER
... Secretary, 38

lice fanned out through the surrounding redwood forest looking for its occupants, suspects in the brutal murders of five persons.

The stolen vehicle was empty when it was hit by the engine, but its motor was still warm and an attempt had been made to burn it, authorities said.

Finding the car was the first solid lead for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department in its search for the killers of Dr. Victor M. Ohta, 45, his wife, Virginia, 43, their sons, Taggart, 11, and Derrick, 12, and Mrs. Dorothy Cadwallader, 38, Dr. Ohta's secretary.

Their bodies were found in the family swimming pool at Soquel Monday night. Each had been bound and shot from behind in execution style.

Firemen found the bodies after being summoned to the Ohtas' palatial home to quell a fire apparently set by the killers.

Santa Cruz County law officials compared the case as similar to the Sharon Tate murders, but refused to speculate further.

A family friend, Mrs. Luke Chamness, Steater, Ill., reported Tuesday that Mrs. Ohta had told her in August that the Ohtas had had some trouble with "hippie-types." She said on one occasion Dr. Ohta chased six off his porch, Mrs. Chamness said.

After the engine rammed the car, about 200 officers and firemen attempted to seal off a nearby seven-mile-long gorge in case the suspects were somewhere in the rugged, redwood lined cut made by the San Lorenzo River.

Sheriff's deputies, Santa

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DR. OHTA'S LIFE

A Happy, Devoted, Friendly Family

By DAVID JOHNSTON
Mercury Staff Writer

SOQUEL — Dr. Victor Masashi Ohta, who along with his wife, sons and a secretary was murdered Monday night, was a poor boy who made good but never lost his humble respect for his fellow man.

Ohta came to Santa Cruz County about 1960 to practice

ophthalmology. He specialized in cataract surgery, using special techniques that won him many patients.

He enjoyed the economic benefits that come to a successful suburban physician. Dr. Ohta had a special love for fast sports cars, luxurious surroundings and custom-tailored clothing.

He also was a family man, whose children were described by friends and classmates as popular, carefree and extremely intelligent.

Dr Ohta was born in Montana, a first generation American.

In the 1940's he went to Chicago to study for a medical career at Northwestern University. While still a student he met Virginia Ann (Toby) Tobias, a comely office worker from Streater, Ill.

They were married in a "small, simple" ceremony that a friend of the Ohtas, Mrs. Luke Chamness of Streater, said Tuesday reflected the couple's modest backgrounds. Mrs. Ohta helped put her husband

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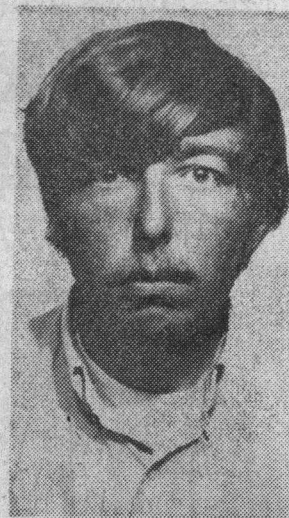
Washington Hair Sold For \$550

NEW YORK (UPI) — Several strands of George Washington's reddish-brown hair given to a New York friend by Martha Washington were sold at auction Tuesday for \$550 to an unidentified California private collector.

Locks of hair were favorite keepsakes among Washington's friends and admirers.

The hair in Tuesday's sale was given to Kitty Durer, a sparkling society belle who was a favorite of the Washingtons when they lived in New York, then the nation's capital, from 1789 to 1790.

Home of slain Santa Cruz surgeon's plush hillside home and swimming pool where five bodies were found



THOMAS DE CECCO
... Murder victim

SOQUEL, SARATOGA

No Link Between Cases, Police Say

By BILL ROMANO
Mercury Staff Writer

SARATOGA — Thomas De Cecco was a good worker. He pumped gas for a service station here.

If there was anything about his job the boss could find fault with, it was the youth's practice of leaving the door unlocked at night while counting the receipts. It was that habit, perhaps,

that contributed to his death, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department suggested Tuesday.

The 19-year-old attendant was found slain earlier in the day on the floor of the Phillips 66 Station, Saratoga Avenue and Bucknall Road — victim of an "execution" killing.

He had been struck with a bullet in the back of the head, his hands bound with friction tape, were tied behind him. Approximately \$50 had been stolen from the till.

His murder — believed to have occurred around midnight — followed by a few hours the slaughter of five persons in a Santa Cruz mountain mansion Monday evening. Their bodies had been dragged outside and the home then burned to the ground.

Investigators here were working with Santa Cruz County authorities during the day in an effort to establish links between the separate cases, but were unsuccessful.

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DROUGHT ENDS

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While the rainfall is expected to taper off Thursday,

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