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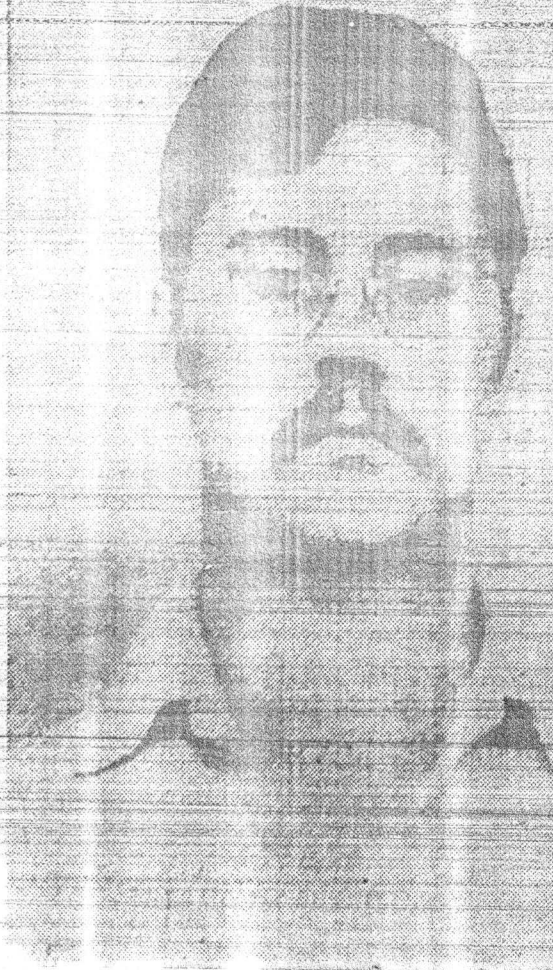
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## Weather

Monterey Bay Area Forecast -  
Low overcast and fog night and morning, but mostly sunny Thursday afternoon. Continued cool. Highs Thursday in the mid 50s to upper 60s. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Westerly winds 10 to 20 mph afternoons.

Temperatures for 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today: High 62, low 40.

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## Law Mum On Link To Slaying Of Coeds

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Local authorities are still making no comment on reports out of Colorado that accused slayer Edmund Emil Kemper has confessed to the slaying of six young women in Santa Cruz County.

Kemper, 24, 609A Ord Drive, Aptos, was arrested early Tuesday in Colorado while talking by telephone to Santa Cruz police. He told authorities at that time he was responsible for murdering his mother, Clara Nel Strandberg, and her close friend, Sara Taylor Hallett. Sheriff's deputies went to Mrs. Strandberg's residence in Aptos, where they found the two bodies.

Asst. Sheriff Lee Davis said late Tuesday Kemper told police by telephone that he was about to go on "a killing spree" if someone didn't pick him up. Policemen kept the man on the phone while notifying Pueblo authorities, who arrested Kemper while he was still on the phone.

A Pueblo police spokesman quoted Kemper as saying he had killed six other young women in the Santa Cruz

area, the Associated Press reported. The AP quoted Pueblo Police Capt. Robert Simon as saying, "We replayed a tape today in which Kemper explained each killing in detail." Police Chief Robert Mayber said Kemper "was fully advised of his rights, but he insisted on making a statement."

Santa Cruz Dist. Atty. Peter Chang, a DA investigator and detectives from both the Santa Cruz sheriff's department and city police department arrived in Pueblo late Tuesday.

Sheriff's chief investigator Ken Pittenger said there is "a faint possibility" that Kemper will be returned to Santa Cruz late today. Pittenger added that because Kemper was put under arrest in Colorado, he had to make an appearance in court there today.

At the arraignment in Pueblo this morning Kemper waived extradition proceedings, the Associated Press reported. Chang said he expected to return Kemper to Santa Cruz immediately, the AP reported.

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AP said the 6-foot-9 and 280-pound Kemper appeared subdued as he entered Pueblo District Court. Wearing washed-out blue jeans and a long-sleeved plaid sports shirt, he glinted in the bright lights of television cameras but appeared unbothered by a cluster of reporters.

In the Aptos apartment where Kemper and his mother lived, sheriff's investigators spent the entire day Tuesday combing the apartment for evidence.

Found in the apartment were two empty boxes, one of which was for a shotgun and the other a .22 rifle.

Investigators also revealed today they had recently taken a concealable revolver from Kemper.

The record of the sale of every such gun is sent to local law enforcement men, and if the buyer of the gun has no record of a felony, the purchase is approved.

Authorities, when they received record of Kemper's desire to buy a revolver, remembered that nine years ago he confessed to killing his grandparents in North Fork, Calif. However, Kemper was a juvenile at the time, and after spending over five years at Alascadero State Mental Hospital, he had his record sealed and expunged.

Such a sealing of the record requires law enforcement agencies to get rid of all documents connected with the conviction. So by law, deputies had no right to confiscate the gun.

Investigators said they went out and talked to Kemper, and he agreed to give up the revolver. The next step was to have been a judicial review of the case to see if the gun would be returned to Kemper.

At a press conference late Tuesday, Sheriff Doug James positively identified the second slain victim as Mrs. Hallett, 59, 229 Moore St.

Kemper's mother, the sheriff said, had a severed head and severed right hand. Although the coroner's office has made no official finding on the causes of death for the women, James said preliminary investigation indicates that both victims were killed by blows to the head with blunt instruments.

The deaths occurred sometime prior to Sunday, James said.

According to Pittenger, Kemper drove Mrs. Hallett's car to Reno following the slayings. There, he rented a car and drove to Pueblo.

Authorities only had sketchy information about Kemper's relatives. Deputies said he has two sisters, one living in Montana, the other in Fresno. Any other relatives of the man were unknown at this time, deputies said.

Funeral arrangements for the two victims are pending at Wessendorf and Holmes chapel Mortuary.

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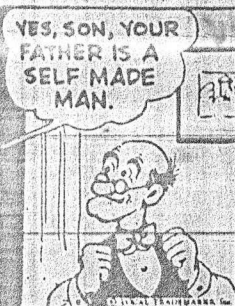
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