

Weather

MONTEREY BAY AREA — Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little temperature change. Highs Wednesday in the low 60s. Lows tonight in the 40s.

Temperatures for 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today: High 70, low 45. Rainfall: .52 inches.

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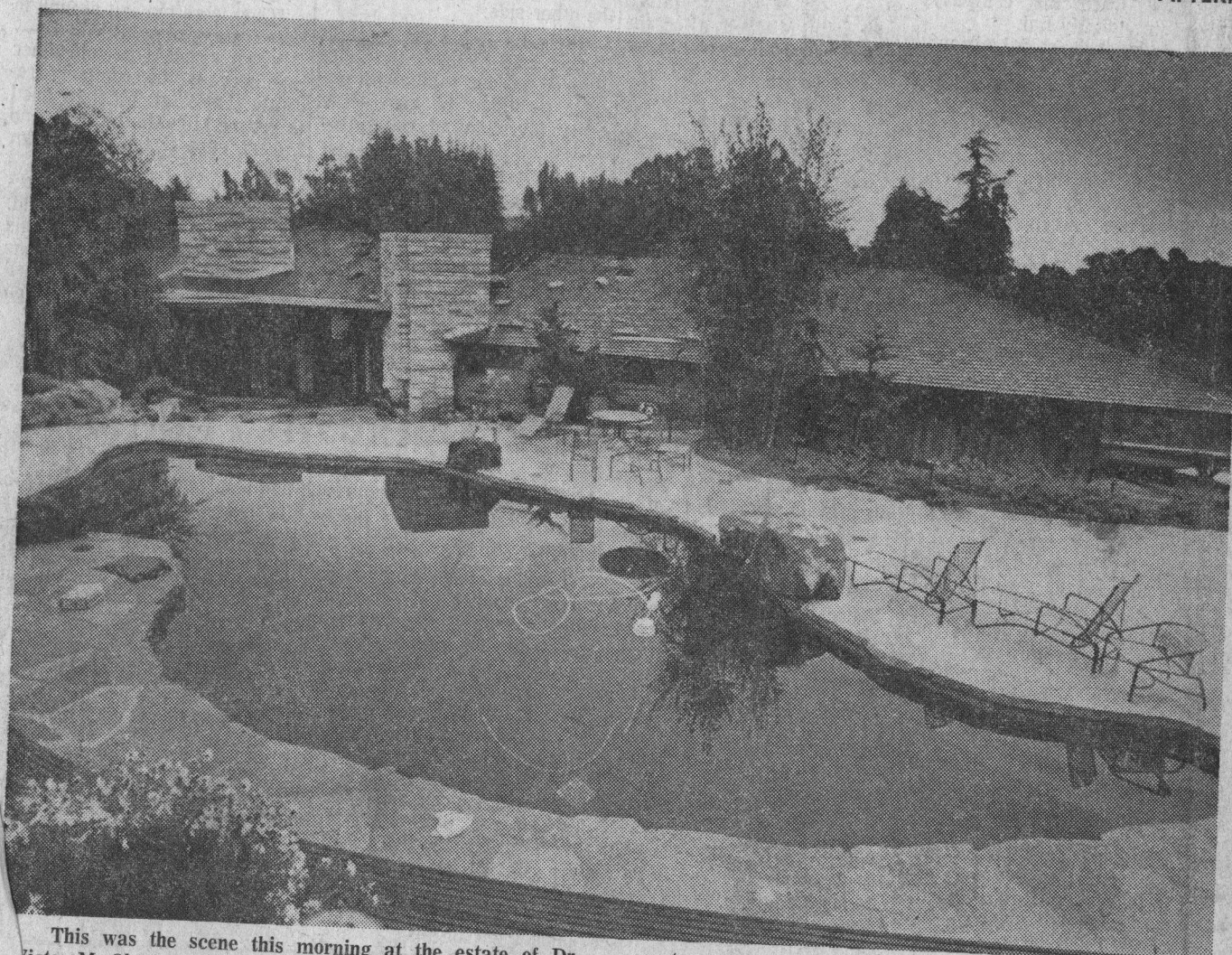
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Today's
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This was the scene this morning at the estate of Dr. Victor M. Ohta, 45, whose body was found in the pool (foreground) along with that of his wife, Virginia (Toby), 43, their sons, Taggart, 11, and Derrick, 12, and Dr. Ohta's

secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Cadwallader, 38. Their bodies were discovered Monday night by Live Oak firemen who responded to a blaze that gutted the Ohtas' \$300,000 home. (Photo by Sentinel Chief Photographer Pete Amos)

Nixon Urges Americans To Respect Policemen

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — President Nixon, playing to big crowds in rainy Republican eastern Tennessee, said Tuesday, "I think I represent the

estimated by police at more than 50,000 people. Despite overcast skies and intermittent rain, several thousand people were at the airport

Supreme Court. Both Clement F. Haynesworth Jr. and G. Harold Carswell were rejected by the Senate.

Law and order, and the problem of campus turmoil, is a key issue there too.

It was a major theme in Nixon's

5 SC Slayings; Auto Only Clue

By CLIFF JOHNSON
Sentinel Staff Writer

A missing station wagon is the only clue today to the execution slaying Monday night of Santa Cruz eye surgeon Victor M. Ohta, 45; his wife, Virginia (Toby), 43; their sons, Taggart, 11, and Derrick, 12, and Dr. Ohta's secretary, Dorothy Cadwallader, 38.

The five bodies, hands bound and shot from behind, were found in a pool on the Ohta estate at 999 Rodeo Gulch Road by firemen who responded to a blaze which gutted the \$300,000 home.

The missing car, a dark green 1968 Oldsmobile, license WZH-511 and with a "Ski All" bumper sticker, belonged to Mrs. Ohta, according to Sheriff's deputies.

Lawmen were at the scene in driving rain early this morning to sift through the ashes and search the area for additional clues. At presstime none had been found.

The victims' hands were bound with scarves belonging to Dr. Ohta, and Mrs. Ohta was bound hand and foot and gagged, according to Sheriff-Coroner Doug James.

He said the two women and two boys were shot once in the back of the neck, while Dr. Ohta was shot twice in the back.

Sentinel Chief Photographer Pete Amos, who had responded to the fire alarm, said the body of one woman was floating in the pool, while the other four lay at the bottom at one end.

"There was blood on the deck by the end of the pool," Amos said.

discovered the bodies in the pool while looking for a water source to fight the blaze.

James said the victims were shot with what appeared to be a .30 caliber weapon. No shell casings were found at the scene.

The sheriff, in a news conference called at 1:15 a.m. today, said he felt there was more than one person involved in the slayings, and that the killers apparently had set fire to the home as a signal to attract attention to the slayings.

Ohta's red Rolls Royce and Mrs. Cadwallader's gold and black Lincoln were parked across the driveways leading to the estate, James added.

State arson experts were at the scene and discovered evidence the fire had been deliberately set, the sheriff said.

Dr. and Mrs. Ohta were scheduled to attend the Founder's Day dinner of Dominican Hospital Monday night. It was speculated that Mrs. Cadwallader may have been engaged by them as a baby sitter for Taggart, a 6th grader at Good Shepherd school, and Derrick, who attended Thorp Manor private school in Santa Cruz.

But Mrs. Cadwallader's husband, J. A. Cadwallader of 2115 Alice St., told The Sentinel today he did not know why his wife was at the Ohta residence, but that it definitely was not to act as a baby sitter.

He said his wife did not return home from work Monday night and did not call home.

The Ohtas have two other children, teenaged daughters, Taura, 18,

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Dr. Victor M. Ohta



...the poor Times said, and a stream of blood four or five inches wide across the water."

The fire at the Ohta estate was first noticed by two deputies at about 8:10 p.m. They summoned the Live Oak Fire Department.

It was Fire Chief Ted Pound who

who reportedly had left home early Monday to return to school in New York, and Lark, 15, who attends boarding school at Santa Catalina School for Girls in Monterey.

Funeral services for the victims are pending at Wessendorf and Holmes mortuary.



Mrs. Virginia Ohta

Dr. Ohta Settled Here After Air Force Duty

Dr. Victor Masashi Ohta was born and raised in Montana and received his medical training and residency at Northwestern University.

He married his wife, Virginia (Toby) Ann, while a medical student.

An ophthalmologist, he had

practiced in Santa Cruz about 10 years, with offices at the Water Street medical center.

The Ohtas had four children. The two who died in the tragedy were two sons, Taggart, 11, a sixth grader at Good Shepherd School, and Derrick, 12, a student at Thorp Manor Private School. Two daughters, Taura, 18, and Lark, 14, were not at home. Taura was in New York where she attends a design school. Lark attends Santa Catalina School for girls in Monterey.

Dr. Ohta's parents are natives of Japan.

In Frankfurt, Germany, Air Force Col. David O'Hara, editor in chief of Stars and Stripes, recalled that Ohta lost his previous family a score of years ago in a typhoon on Guam where he was stationed as an Air Force doctor. The Associated Press reported.

He had a brother who was

killed in World War II as an American pilot and a sister who died a few months ago in Santa Cruz. He also has a brother in Chicago.

Dr. Ohta was a major in the Air Force, spending three years as an eye physician and surgeon, being discharged in 1960 when he opened his practice here.

He was a founder of the new Dominican Hospital and collected sports cars as a hobby.

His secretary, Dorothy Cadwallader, who also was slain, had worked for Dr. Ohta for eight years.

She is the wife of Jack Cadwallader, 2115 Alice St., a partner in the Kinney Broom Company, 2105 Alice St.

They had been married 19 years, living in the same home they had built.

They have two daughters, Melinda, 11, and Darcy, 8 months. Eight years ago another tragedy befell the family when their then 8-year-old son, Wayne, was run over and killed by a mail truck.

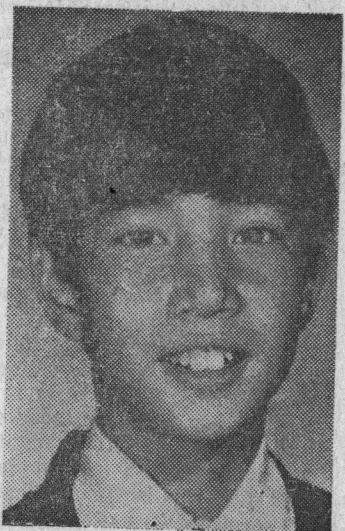
She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kinney of Santa Cruz. They came to Santa Cruz when Dorothy was 15 and she attended Mission Hill School and Santa Cruz High School.

She worked for Dr. Ambrose Cowden, Leask's Department store and at the County Hospital as a switchboard operator.

She was promoted to secretary to the hospital director, then went to work for Dr. Ohta. She has a brother, Edward, who lives on Happy Valley Road.

Her husband said this morning that he was not notified by any law official or other official of his wife's death and still has not been contacted.

"We were left completely out of the picture," he said, with the exception of being called to the mortuary to identify my wife," he said.



Derrick Ohta



Taggart Ohta



Mrs. Dorothy Cadwallader

First Rain Ends Long SC Dry Spell

Santa Cruz' longest dry spell since 1878 was broken early this morning with the first rain of the season, with .52 of an inch recorded up to 8 a.m.

From March 10 to today, a period of 224 days, only .59 of an inch of rain fell here, according to weatherman Robert Burman. Last year during this period, 4 inches fell, while the normal for this period is 6.96 inches.

The rainfall reports for the past 24 hours, the total since the recording period began on May 1, and the total rainfall to the last year at this time:

Ohta Cruz	.52	.52	1.94
Bitola	.49	.49	2.15
Quel	.44	.46	2.46
venport	.37	.37	—
Hermon	.42	.42	3.83
os	.36	.36	3.35
ny Doon	.66	.66	—
lder Creek	.84	.84	3.92
ton	.55	.55	3.81
ts Valley	.40	.40	3.82
nton	.33	.33	—

AGNEW'S LATEST PLAN

CHICAGO (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew suggested today that a panel of government officials "examine" news commentators so that any prejudices the newsmen may have be brought before the pub-

CAVETT RENEWED

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Cavett got his first television contract renewal today when ABC signed him for another year as host of the network's late-night talk show.

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