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## Girl's Body Found In Black Hills Park

A man and his wife from Tumwater Thursday morning discovered the partially nude body of a teenaged girl lying in a Department of Natural Resources park area about five miles from Littlerock. Time of the discovery was pegged at 10 a.m. today.

Thurston County deputy sheriffs were investigating the death scene; the Margaret McKinney Camp and Picnic Area operated by the Department of Natural Resources.

Lieutenant Don Snook, Thurston County sheriff's officer, said it was too early to speculate on the cause of death, but the crime appeared to be one of a sexual nature.

The body of the girl was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Dale S. Salings, 1765 Linwood Avenue, Tumwater.

The Salings, deputies said, were in the area as caretakers for the park when they stumbled on their

gruesome find in the middle of the wooded area used for trailer parking.

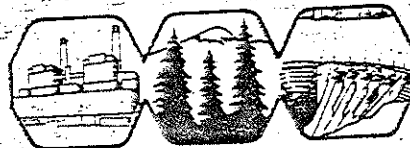
Investigating at the scene was Inspector Charles Graef, Deputies Clyde McFarland, Dwight Caron, Dave Humphrey, and Sergeant Mike Cleland.

The place where the body was found is a secluded wooded area along a deserted stretch of Waddle Creek Road.

County Coroner Hollis Fultz had not arrived at the scene at press time, but said early this morning that he was told by deputies at the scene that the body of the girl appeared to be that of a 17-year-old or younger.

There had been some speculation that the body might have been that of Debbie Potter missing since February of this year but the condition of the body eliminated this possibility, deputies said.

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## Unidentified woman found slain in park

By JULIE McLAUGHLIN  
Chronicle Staff Writer

**LITTLEROCK** — The partially disrobed body of a young Caucasian woman was discovered Thursday morning in McKenney Park, about five miles north of Littlerock.

Mrs. Dale S. (Barbara) Saling, Tumwater, stumbled onto the body, which was found face down at the edge of a clearing in the park. Mrs. Saling and her husband are employed by the Department of Natural Resources as caretakers of the park. The discovery was made at approximately 10 a.m.

Death apparently had occurred several days ago and was the direct result of an extensive knife wound to the throat. Inspector Charles Graef, Thurston County Sheriff's Office, reported Friday. He said a post-mortem examination was expected sometime Friday morning to determine whether the crime was of a sexual nature.

Identification has not yet been established, as her wallet and purse could not be found in the search of the immediately surrounding area, the inspector said. However, she was described as being 20 to 25 years old, about 5-7, 120 pounds, with brown hair

and grayish eyes. She was clad in a brown mock-suede jacket with fur trim, a white peasant blouse and blue jeans. In addition to all identification, a new, brown waffle stomper-type boot is also missing.

Graef said that since the victim has an unusual composition in the arrangement of her upper teeth, identification may be established through dental charts. He said all dentists in the area have been notified.

Crime investigation of the deserted vacation spot was made difficult by heavy rains and mud. The search of the area for clues or leads continued for about five hours Thursday and will be widened today. Sheriff Don Redmond, heading the overall investigation, has asked personnel from supportive organizations to assist in the search effort.

Of primary concern, Graef said, is the location of the missing purse, wallet and boot.

The age of the stabbing victim was at first believed to be 17 or younger, according to County Coroner Hollis Fultz, but later indicated the woman was in her early 20s. The investigation also revealed the body was not that of Debbie Potter, an Olympia teen-aged

girl missing for about six months.

Since the vacation area has been closed for the season, the sheriff's office has set up a search control point at the state park entrance. Volunteer search headquarters are presently located at the Littlerock fire hall.

Inspector Graef stated, "no comment," when asked if there were any suspects. He did say, however, that the department is following all leads, such as a report of a prowler in the area. He asked persons to report any unusual or suspicious incidents to the sheriff's office.

Graef said the state wire service is assisting in the department's request for names and descriptions of older missing females. Her unusual teeth composition have eliminated several names from current missing persons lists at the sheriff's office and Olympia Police Department.

The inspector did not comment on whether there is a connection in this latest Thurston County stabbing crime and that of Patty Garrison, which occurred about three years ago. However, he did say that "the county sheriff's office and the Olympia Police Department have kept the Garrison case active. All leads are checked."

## Thurston seeks clue to murder

LITTLE ROCK — Thurston County Sheriff's deputies combed the rugged underbrush five miles north of here Friday, seeking clues to the identity of a young woman found brutally murdered in Camp McKenny State Park.

The woman's half-clad body was found at the edge of a clearing by a park employee Thursday morning. Deputies said her throat had been cut.

Detective Inspector Charles Graef said the sheriff's department was urgently seeking information about any missing girls or young women.

"She's a woman between 20 and 25 years old, we figure," he said, "but she might be a mature 18-year-old."

Graef said the woman, 5-7 in height, weighing 120 pounds, with long brown hair and greyish eyes, was wearing a brown mock suede jacket with fur trim, a white peasant blouse, blue jeans and "waffle stomper" boots.

Thurston County coroner Hollis B. Fultz said the woman had apparently been dead several days.

"There was no purse, no wallet, no identification of any type," Graef said. "We're searching for these items, and for one of the 'waffle stomper' boots, which is missing."

Graef said the only solid clue to the girl's identity was an unusual tooth formation.

"Two of her front teeth have grown in behind the existing row," he said. "We're checking area dentists."

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## Still No Identity For Slain Girl

Chances are diminishing by the day, Thurston County sheriff's deputies said Monday, that the slain young woman found last week near Littlerock is from the Olympia area.

The partially nude body of the girl was found Thursday in a brushy area adjacent to a parking lot at Margaret McKenny Park in the Black Hills, west of Olympia.

Since then deputies have been sifting through clues trying to find the identity of the girl. No purse or wallet was found near the scene.

In addition to their own questioning, officers estimate they have received more than 60 calls from area residents who have attempted to identify the woman.

Coroner Hollis Fultz said Monday he hopes to have the results of an autopsy later this week. King County Medical Examiner Dr. Bessant Matthes conducted the post mortem last Friday afternoon.

While officers fingerprinted the girl, they are now afraid the downward adjustment of her age, between 15 and 20-years-old, may preclude her prints being on file.

Twenty searchers Saturday failed to uncover any new leads in the case. The searchers concentrated on roads near the park. Besides the usual assortment of beer cans, searchers found a scarf which has been added to the evidence. No signs of blood were found on the scarf.

Still missing, deputies said, besides the purse and wallet, is a left waffle-stomper boot. The victim was found lying face down with her left boot missing.

The victim is described as being five-feet eight-inches tall, weighing 120 pounds and with light brown, shoulder-length hair parted in the middle.

Deputies said the young woman had pierced ears and was wearing small gold cross earrings.

Clothing included a brown, mock-suede coat with the collar, cuffs and waist band trimmed in sheep wool. She wore a peasant-type blouse and blue denim trousers.

On her left hand the victim wore a friendship ring. On her right hand little finger, she wore a ring with a blue-green Zircon imitation.

Deputies still hope to have some success with the circulation of her dental charts. The girl reportedly had several recent fillings and has two teeth that came in behind the rest of her teeth.

Dental hygiene was exceptionally good, deputies said. Officers are trying to circulate the charts to as many dentists as possible.

Sheriff Don Redmond said his office still is interested in information on all suspicious or unusual incidents, missing or overdue persons or recently found waffle-stomper boots, wallets and purses.

In addition, persons who visited Capital Forest between December 1 and December 6 are asked to communicate with deputies.

Persons may remain anonymous, Redmond said. The sheriff said people can call Crime Check (dial 357-6668) or him personally at 753-8100.

## Dead girl's identity still sought

OLYMPIA — Authorities continued to trace leads Monday in an attempt to identify a young woman whose body was found Thursday in McKinney Park near Littlerock.

The woman, between 15 and 20 years old, was found with her throat cut and had been dead about five days, said Inspector Charles Graef of the Thurston County Sheriff's Department.

He described the park as a "lover's lane" and asked visitors with knowledge of suspicious activity between Dec. 1 and 6 to contact the department at 357-6668. Names of callers will remain confidential, he said.

Graef said the body carried no identification, and the only clue to the victim's identity was an unusual tooth formation in which two of her front teeth had grown in behind the existing row. Area dentists are being checked, he said.

The victim was described as 5 feet 7, 120 pounds, with long brown hair and gray eyes. She wore blue jeans with a dragon patch on a rear pocket, white peasant-blouse, mock-suede, waist-length coat and one "waffle stomper" shoe.

Graef said the other shoe and the woman's purse were missing when her body was found.

### Murder victim still unidentified

OLYMPIA — The body of a young murder victim remained unidentified Tuesday despite numerous inquiries from persons seeking missing relatives.

Found last Thursday in a park near Littlerock, the body was believed to have been a young woman between 15 and 20 years old. Her throat had been cut.

Detective Inspector Charles Graef of the Thurston County Sheriff's Department said authorities also are without a suspect in the slaying.

### **Autopsy Report Inconclusive, Thurston County Coroner Reports**

An autopsy report, received Monday morning, has failed to shed any new light into circumstances surrounding the death of 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine, Coroner Hollis Fultz said today.

Fultz said the pathologist, Dr. Besant Matthess, of Seattle, was unable to determine cause of the girl's death or how long she had

been dead before her body was discovered December 6 in a wooded area of Margaret McKenny Park near Littlerock.

A delay in receiving the autopsy report was caused by the Christmas rush of mail, Fultz added. He said the report had been mailed December 12 in Seattle, but it took this long to find its way into Fultz' mailbox.

Sheriff Don Redmond and his crew, along with personnel from the Seattle Police Department, are running down leads in an attempt to determine who killed the Devine girl. The victim was last seen November 26 hitchhiking south from the vicinity of her Seattle home.

## Deputies Still Lack Clues To Victim's Identity

Despite a flood of calls, Thurston County sheriff's deputies Tuesday morning reported no few firm leads on the identity of the slain woman found last week in Margaret McKenny Park.

"We have been busy, but there are no new developments. There have been lots of calls and lots of visitors," explained Inspector Charles Graef.

Last Thursday Mrs. Dale Saling found the woman's partially nude body near a parking area at the park. Mrs. Saling's husband has contracted with the Department of Natural Resources to keep the Capitol Forest park clean.

Since the body was found, deputies have been unable to find a clue to the woman's identity. No purse, wallet or identification for the woman have been found.

The woman has been described as 15 to 20-years-old, wearing shoulder-length, straight brown hair, and weighing 120 pounds. She had pierced ears with gold cross earrings.

Deputies said she was wearing a brown mock suede coat, a peasant blouse and blue jeans with an embroidered dragon patch on the left rear pocket.

Chief Criminal Deputy Dwight Caron said his office is receiving information from all over the Northwest. None of the leads, however, has gone very far, he said.

Caron said he was amazed there are so many spouses and children missing from this area who were not reported gone until the body was found.

Deputies still are requesting that persons report suspicious or unusual activity they may have witnessed. Anonymous calls will be accepted. Dial Crime Check at 357-6668 or 753-8100.



## Slain girl, 14, identified as Seattle hitchhiker

A girl found slain last Thursday south of Olympia has been identified as a runaway from her Seattle home who last was seen hitchhiking in Aurora Avenue North the evening of November 25.

Kathleen Merry Devine, who would have been 15 Christmas Day, was identified yesterday by an uncle.

Her throat was cut. The Thurston County Sheriff's office is investigating the death as a murder and attempted rape.

She had been reported as a runaway to Seattle police November 26 by her mother, Mrs. Sally Anne Devine. Kathleen who lived with her mother at 743 N. 92nd St. was a student at Ingraham High School.

Workmen cleaning Camp Margaret McKenny in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia found the partly clad body.

Thurston County officials believe she died about December 1. They asked that anyone who saw the girl or knows of her activities contact Seattle homicide detectives.

Kathleen was seen hitchhiking about 8:20 p. m. November 25 at Aurora Avenue North and North 90th

Street. The girl, about 5 feet 8 and 120 pounds, had shoulder-length brown hair, parted in the middle.

She wore "waffle stompers," a peasant blouse, navy bell-bottom pants and an imitation suede coat with fur trim.

The slaying of another young hitchhiker, Laura L.

Brock, 20, is still unsolved. Her nude body was found on a Whidbey Island logging road September 14, 1972.

A student at Western Washington State College, Miss Brock was on her first hitchhiking trip, a three-day excursion to the Olympic Peninsula.

The News Tribune A-3  
Tacoma, Wash., Wed., Dec. 12, 1973

## Father identifies slain girl

OLYMPIA — A girl whose knife-slashed body was found in a wooded area south of here last week has been identified as Kathleen Merry Devine, 14, of Seattle.

Thurston County Coroner Hollis Fultz said the girl's father, William, identified the body.

The girl's partially clothed body was found in some brush near a picnic area in the Capital Forest last Thursday. Officials said she died from knife wounds of the throat.

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office is spearheading an investigation.

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## Slain girl identified

OLYMPIA — The identity of a girl whose body was found last Thursday in a park near Littlerock was established as Katherine Merry Devine, age 14, Tuesday morning, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Department.

The girl daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Devine, Seattle, was identified by her uncle, Delmar Bennett. The girl's body was found partially disrobed at the edge of a clearing in McKenney Park. She had a knife wound in the neck and her wallet and purse were missing.

The uncle and parents of the girl had been working with detectives from the Thurston County Sheriff's Department and detectives and juvenile authorities from the Seattle Police Department. Bennett traveled to Olympia Tuesday.

The girl was a runaway and was last seen in the Seattle area by a girl friend Nov. 25, according to Dwight Caron, chief criminal deputy for the Thurston County Sheriff's Department.

Caron said the girl was seen to leave the area by hitchhiking. He said his office is working with Seattle authorities to obtain information on a suspect.

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## **Victim identified**

The body of a girl found last Thursday at Camp Margaret McKenny, north of Little Rock, was identified Tuesday as Katherine Merry Devine, 14, of Seattle. The girl had been stabbed to death and left near the edge of a clearing. She had last been seen in Seattle and was thought to have been hitchhiking to Oregon.

## Seattle Girl, 14, Slaying Victim

BY MARTIN WORKS

A body found Thursday in a campground near Olympia was identified yesterday as that of 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine of Seattle, who reportedly was hitchhiking near Aurora Avenue N. and N. 90th Street when last seen Nov. 26.

Authorities said the young woman's throat had been cut.

Thurston County Sheriff Don Redmond called the slaying "a very vicious crime."

Redmond and several deputies arrived in Seattle last night to work with Seattle Police Department homicide detectives in attempting to trace the teen-ager's movements since Nov. 26.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Devine of Seattle, reported her as a runaway on that date.

Thurston County deputies were working on the case in the Olympia area.

The body was found Thursday morning in the McKenny Park area of the Capitol State Forest, a short distance southwest of Olympia.

At first authorities be-

lieved the body was that of a woman in her twenties.

A relative identified the remains yesterday.

An autopsy indicated the teen-ager had been dead for several days before being discovered.

Redmond said the teen-ager, an Ingraham High School student, would have been 15 years old on Christmas Day.

The sheriff asked that anyone who might have seen the young woman after Nov. 26 contact his office or the Seattle Police Department.

The teen-ager was described as five feet, eight inches tall, weighing about 120 pounds, and having shoulder-length brown hair, parted in the center. She was wearing "waffle stomper" boots, a peasant blouse, navy bell-bottom pants, and an imitation suede coat with fur trim.

Sheriff Redmond said the killing had reaffirmed his opposition to the recent liberalization of the hitchhiking law in this state.

"I'm really against the hitchhiking laws of the State of Washington," Redmond told a reporter.



KATHERINE MERRY DEVINE  
A Recent Photo

## Attempt Now To Trace Girl's Path

Thurston County sheriff's deputies were in Seattle Wednesday trying to pick up the trail of a 14-year-old Seattle girl who was found dead last week in woods near Littlerock.

After four days of investigation, the body Tuesday was identified as Katherine Merry Devine, 743 North 92nd Street, Seattle.

Sheriff Don Redmond said Miss Devine was last seen November 26 at 92nd and Aurora at her home. The sheriff added the young woman had had a fight with her boyfriend, and told girlfriends she was hitchhiking south to Oregon.

Redmond said Wednesday morning from Seattle that deputies are investigating reports of a vehicle picking the Devine girl up.

According to the sheriff, November 26 was not the first time the girl had hitchhiked south. She is known to have gone to Oregon once before, and there are also reports she spent some time in Olympia Redmond said.

Last Thursday the body of Miss Devine was discovered lying face down and partially nude near the parking area of Margaret McKenny Park.

Redmond said his men are trying to pick up the Devine girl's trail and work back to December 1, the day deputies estimate she was killed.

Four Thurston County deputies are working in Seattle with that city's police department.

Thurston County Coroner Hollis Fultz said Wednesday morning he has not received an autopsy report, but hoped to get it in the morning mail.

In Olympia, deputies were completing identification of the girl and checking out local leads. Although Inspector Charles Graef said the body has been identified, he added that deputies plan to use dental charts and footprint records to complete and further confirm the identification.

An uncle, grandfather and Seattle friend were in Olympia Wednesday to identify the body.

In a false lead Tuesday, deputies went to a Lacey drive-in restaurant where a boot was reported in one of the garbage containers. Miss Devine's left boot, purse and wallet have never been found.

Officers emptied the garbage can, sifted through the refuse and found a boot — but it was a man's and had no connection with the case.

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**SLAIN HITCHHIKER** — The grieving family of Katherine Devine, 14, whose body was found near Olympia last week, wants other young people warned against hitchhiking because "nobody else should go through this." A 16.

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## Grieving family of slain girl wants others warned

### 2 murders top long list of hitchhiking-related crimes

Katherine Merry Devine apparently was the second young hitchhiker in two years to be sexually assaulted and then murdered.

The slaying of Laura L. Brock, 20, also is unsolved. Her nude body was found on a Whidbey Island logging road September 14, 1972.

The State Patrol reports that since hitchhiking was legalized May 23, 1972, more than 100 morals offenses connected with hitchhiking have been reported in Washington.

A total of 387 offenses connected with hitchhiking—including 72 armed robberies and assault, theft

and abduction—were reported between March 1, 1972, and November 1, 1973, the patrol said.

Many hitchhiking victims have not reported offenses. Also, many police departments do not keep track of hitchhiking-connected offenses.

For example, the Seattle Police Department kept track only during a 10-month period last year after hitchhiking was legalized.

There are no statistics available in this state to compare the number of hitchhiking-connected offenses committed before and after the legalization.

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## Delay In Devine Autopsy Report Irks TC Sheriff

There is still no autopsy report on Katherine Merry Devine, 14, Seattle, and Thurston County Sheriff Don Redmond is unhappy about it.

The body of Miss Devine was found two weeks ago in a brushy area off the parking lot of Margaret McKenny Park near Littlerock.

An autopsy was performed last Friday by King County Medical Examiner Dr. Besant Matthess. But no report has found its way to the sheriff.

"This is ridiculous," Redmond said Friday morning. "We are being put at a terrible dis-

advantage. With the pathologist not giving us a report, it is making our chore impossible."

Otherwise, there are no new leads in the killing, which deputies believe happened around December 1. Miss Devine was last seen November 26 hitchhiking south from Aurora and Ninety-second Street in Seattle.

The funeral service for Miss Devine has been set for 4 p.m. today in Seattle.



## COSDEN

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McKenny camp and picnic area in Capitol State Forest. The teen's death was determined to be the result of either strangulation or a sharp-edged instrument.

Family members learned of Devine's death when television news flashed pictures of the then-unknown teen's clothing.

Cosden worked for his father at the Restover Truck Stop off of Interstate 5 in Tumwater at the time. The truck stop was a magnet for hitchhikers in the 1970s.

According to police reports, witnesses saw Cosden come in with blood stains on his clothing

the night of the slaying.

Three miles from the truck stop, Cosden's truck caught fire and was destroyed. During initial interviews with police, Cosden denied ever seeing Devine.

In 1986, based on additional information, a search warrant was obtained for Cosden's blood, hair and saliva. The materials were collected and stored by the Sheriff's Office. Last year they were sent to the State Patrol to analyze.

Katherine's mother, Sally Devine, said she is confident the state's evidence will bring closure.

"I would like to see him punished; he can't get the death penalty, but that's all right," said Sally Devine, who envisions Cosden living in a "postage-sized" cell.

"He'll probably get a lot worse than the death penalty."

Sherrie Devine, 16 when her sister died, often lets her three children thumb through the scrapbook that chronicles Katherine's life and the search for her killer.

"If they're out late at night ... this lets them know why I'm a little sensitive," said Sherrie Devine, whose eyes well up as she remembers her sister.

Additional newspaper clippings or other mementos haven't been added to the scrapbook in more than a decade, so the Devine family is eager to add a final chapter.

"It's absolutely amazing that DNA was saved all of those years," Sally Devine said. "This will really finish the scrapbook up."

# Suspect charged in 1973 slaying

## Cosden says he's not guilty in killing of 14-year-old girl

BY MICHAEL BURNHAM  
THE OLYMPIAN

OLYMPIA — William E. Cosden Jr. is scheduled to stand trial for murder in May after police announced last week that they had unraveled a 28-year-old slaying.

The trial could provide a final chapter to the scrapbook that chronicles the short life of Katherine M. Devine and the drawn-out investigation into her November 1973 death.

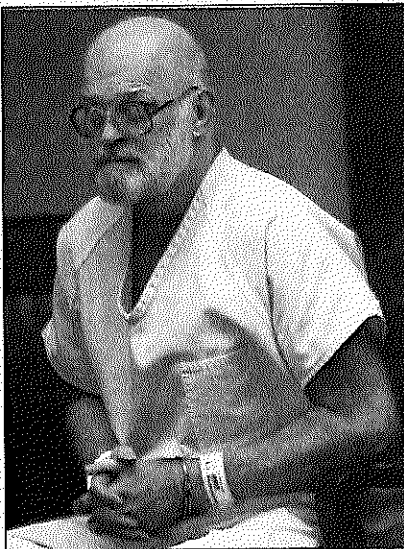
Thurston County Sheriff's Office officials arrested Cosden on Friday. He is accused of killing the 14-year-old Devine.

On Monday, Cosden pleaded not guilty to a charge of first-degree murder in Thurston County Superior Court.

A pretrial hearing is set for April 4, and a jury trial will begin the week of May 6.

Monday's court appearance marked the family's first encounter with Cosden, who has been in prison since 1976. He is serving a 48-year sentence for first-degree rape.

"Just seeing him kind of gave me butterflies, but it's important that I came here because it brings me clo-



William E. Cosden Jr. waits for his preliminary hearing Monday in Judge Richard Hicks' court. Cosden is charged in the 1973 killing of Katherine Devine.

sure," said Katherine's mother, Sally Devine.

"I always thought that it was Ted Bundy, and I was always disappointed that he did not admit to it."

Bundy is believed to be responsible for the murder of more than 30 women during the 1970s. He was executed in 1989.

County deputies believe DNA evi-

dence the Washington State Patrol crime lab recently processed links Cosden, 55, to Devine's death.

Cosden, who law enforcement officials long have considered a suspect in the case, was arrested Friday at the Washington Corrections Center in Shelton on a warrant for first-degree murder.

If convicted, Cosden would serve a minimum of 20 years to a maximum of life in prison, based on 1973 sentencing standards, said county Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Phil Harju.

The first-degree murder charge does not carry the death penalty.

Under his current rape conviction, Cosden would be released from prison in 2024.

"If he's convicted, we would be requesting a consecutive sentence," Harju said.

The state's case against Cosden is based on the DNA evidence as well as other evidence that Harju would not discuss.

"There'll be some challenges because it's an old case, but I do believe we have a solid case against Mr. Cosden," Harju said.

### Hitchhiking to Oregon

After Devine's family reported her as a runaway, friends said she tried to hitchhike to Oregon to visit relatives.

On Dec. 6, 1973, her partially clothed body was discovered in the Margaret

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community if we have to keep waiting for this to happen," Hunt said. makes up for the state's lagging ability to pay back some of last year's bonds. said Rep. Gary Alexander of pital



KATHERINE MERRY DEVINE — HOMICIDE VICTIM

## Did you see this girl?

The Thurston County Sheriff's Department is seeking clues to the events leading up to the murder of Katherine Merry Devine.

The 14-year-old Seattle girl was found dead, a stab wound in her neck, Dec. 6 in Camp McKenny State Park, about five miles north of Littlerock.

The girl was five feet, eight inches tall, weighed 120 pounds and had light brown shoulder length hair with blue or grey eyes.

She was clad, at the time, in a brown mock suede coat with fur trim, navy type blue denims with a dragon patch on the left rear pocket, white peasant

type blouse and brown waffle stomper type boots.

In addition, she wore golden cross earrings, a Florentine friendship ring and an imitation blue green zircon ring.

The girl, a runaway from home, was last seen hitchhiking out of Seattle on Nov. 25. At the time the girl's body was found it was evident she had been dead several days.

The sheriff's office would appreciate it if anyone who saw the girl prior to her death would telephone the sheriff's office at Crime Check (357-6668). Or, persons may telephone Sheriff Don Redmond directly at 753-8100. Those desiring anonymity will receive it.

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# Hitchhike Ban Initiative Filed

The mother and sister of slain Seattle teenager Katherine Merry Devine filed an initiative Monday to restore the law prohibiting hitchhiking.

Sallyann Devine filed the initiative in the Secretary of State's Office on behalf of her daughter, Sherrie Lynn, who initiated the action, but at 16 is too young to file.

The body of 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine was found December 6 in Margaret McKenny Park in Capitol Forest. She had been murdered.

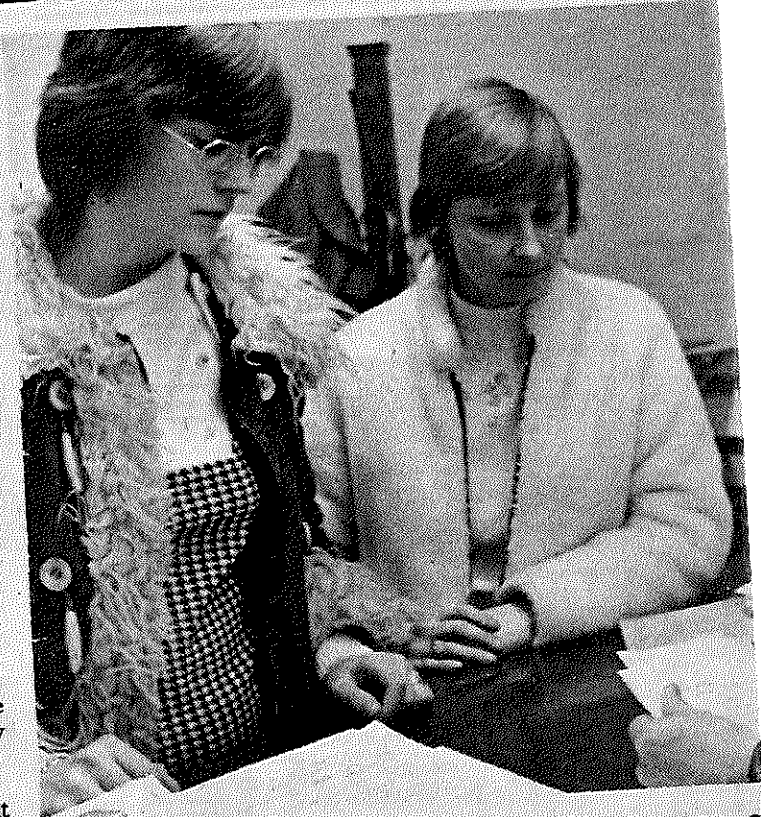
Thurston County sheriff's deputies said the slain Devine girl last was seen hitchhiking south on Aurora Avenue in Seattle.

The initiative seeks to amend a law passed by the 1972 special session of the Washington Legislature which legalized hitchhiking. It would make it unlawful for an individual to solicit rides and unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to offer or give a ride to any person soliciting a ride.

The Devines said Monday afternoon they are confident of obtaining the 117,804 signatures necessary to put the initiative on the general election ballot.

"We have a silent partner who has done a great deal of petition work in the past," Mrs. Devine said. She added they are hoping for contributions, and estimated the campaign will cost at least \$5,000.

Sherrie said she and her mother never have been



**SHERRIE DEVINE (LEFT) AND HER MOTHER, SALLYANN DEVINE, FILED AN INITIATIVE TO RESTORE THE LAW PROHIBITING HITCHHIKING. ASSISTANT ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR DON WHITING IS SEEN PARTIALLY ON THE RIGHT.**



KATHERINE DEVINE  
Throat was slit

## Theories In Death Of Seattle Girl, 14

Thurston County sheriff Don Redmond said yesterday it is possible that 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine of Seattle was sexually assaulted, murdered and then left where her body was found south of Olympia last Thursday.

The girl, daughter of Sally and William L. Devine, was last seen hitchhiking at N. 92nd Street and Aurora Ave. N. on Nov. 25 by two classmates at Ingraham High School, according to Redmond.

The Thurston County coroner, Hollis Fultz, said the girl died of strangulation or by a knife wound. Her throat had been slit. Katherine's body was found in a wooded area of McKenny State Park, 12 miles south of Olympia, by park employees. The time of death was set at Dec. 1 or 2 by Fultz.

Redmond said the case may have been one of attempted rape and then homicide, with the body later dumped in the park. The girl's clothing had been partially removed.

She had been wearing bell-bottom blue denim pants, a peasant blouse, an imitation suede coat and "waffle stomper" shoes.

The sheriff said Katherine, who would have been 15 on Christmas Day, had broken up with her boyfriend recently and may have been hitchhiking to Oregon where she had friends.

Redmond and Thurston County detectives remained in Seattle last night investigating the case with the aid of Seattle homicide detectives.

### Hitch-hikers

Editor, The Times:

I am 22, a girl and a hitch-hiker. It disturbs me that there is a movement to repeal the hitch-hiking law. For many people it is an important form of transportation.

Although to some people it may seem inconceivable to be so poor as to not have two dimes to take a bus, it happens to me and to many other people who frequently hitch-hike...

—C. L., Seattle.

### Ban hitch-hiking

Editor, The Times:

I think the law legalizing hitch-hiking should be reconsidered and abolished. The legalization of hitch-hiking acts to encourage moral offenses in that assaults can be easily committed by a person who knows he cannot easily be found.

—VIRGINIA STAMEY, Edmonds.

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## 2 hitchhikers beaten, robbed

Two women, who were hitchhiking from Portland to Vancouver, B. C., told police they were beaten and robbed early today in the Seattle area by two men who had given them a ride.

Christi L. Murphy, 19, and Donna M. Hunt, 18, both of Portland, said the men picked them up about 2:30 a. m. and drove them to an apartment house east of Lake Washington, where they were beaten and robbed of \$114 and a gold ring.

The men then drove them to Seattle where they were let out of the car, the women said.

### Hitchhiking

Hitchhiking is a dangerous gamble, a truly American roulette. One may survive a hundred times, come rain, snow or shine, the other may die on his first try.

Really, there is no excuse for hitchhiking. There are always alternatives, moving closer to a job, taking a bus or having a ride with a person you know. Too many crimes are related to hitchhiking. Death has no holiday and life is dangerous, indeed. Why should we legislate danger and pretend that hitchhiking is safe?

Sure enough, no one can prevent suicide. No one can stop those who like to take great risks, to gamble their life away to save a nickel and a quarter. But the life so cheap and human existence meaningless? Or are we just human beings bent on self destruction?

K. PURGALIS, Seattle

### The Times' opinion and comment:

## Serious risks in hitch-hiking

THE shocking death of a 14-year-old Seattle girl, whose brutalized body was found in a wooded area near Olympia, is only the latest in an ever-lengthening list of crimes in which the victims were hitch-hikers.

Since the spring of last year, in fact, when hitch-hiking became legal in this state, the State Patrol has compiled a record of some 400 crimes related to hitchhiking. Seattle police have compiled equally disturbing statistics.

Two were murders that also involved sexual assault, as in the recent tragedy of the 14-year-old Seattle girl. Others ranged from armed robbery and assault to theft and abduction. Approximately one fourth of them were morals offenses.

BECAUSE such records were not kept separately prior to the effective date of the 1972 law, it is not possible to establish a cause-and-effect relationship statistically between hitch-hiking and violent crime.

But the pattern of the past 18 months is plain enough to reinforce the strongly held view that hitch-hiking subjects its participants to extremely serious risks.

Probably the vast majority of hitch-hikers and ride-givers are law-abiding citizens. Experience with the state's hitch-hiking law has shown, however, that it has aggravated the crime problem, caused traffic hazards as a result of motorists stopping to pick up riders in designated areas and generally has made it more difficult for law-enforcement men to carry out their public-safety responsibilities.

IN short, the benefits of the law are being far outweighed by its drawbacks and it should be an early candidate for repeal when the Legislature meets in Olympia next month.

Katherine loved animals.



## Letter indicates murderer

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Thurston County Sheriff Don Redmond said he is investigating an anonymous four-page letter purportedly naming the killer of a 14-year-old Seattle girl.

Redmond said he is looking for the author of the note which describes and names the alleged murderer of Katherine Devine, a hitchhiker who was knifed to death in McKenny Park Dec. 6. The letter includes a sketch of a mustachioed man and another of the man's scarred hand.

"This doesn't seem like the ordinary crackpot letter of the kind we always get during a murder investigation," said Lt. Don Snook. "We would like to hear more from this writer."

The note says the slayer is "sick and will kill again," Redmond said.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
A 16 S Thurs., Dec. 13, 1973



KATHERINE DEVINE  
Throat was slit

## Theories In Death Of Seattle Girl, 14

Thurston County sheriff Don Redmond said yesterday it is possible that 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine of Seattle was sexually assaulted, murdered and then left where her body was found south of Olympia last Thursday.

The girl, daughter of Sally and William L. Devine, was last seen hitchhiking at N. 92nd Street and Aurora Ave. N. on Nov. 25 by two classmates at Ingraham High School, according to Redmond.

The Thurston County coroner, Hollis Fultz, said the girl died of strangulation or by a knife wound. Her throat had been slit. Katherine's body was found in a wooded area of McKenny State Park, 12 miles south of Olympia, by park employees. The time of death was set at Dec. 1 or 2 by Fultz.

Redmond said the case may have been one of attempted rape and then homicide, with the body later dumped in the park. The girl's clothing had been partially removed.

She had been wearing bell-bottom blue denim pants, a peasant blouse, an imitation suede coat and "waffle stomper" shoes.

The sheriff said Katherine, who would have been 15 on Christmas Day, had broken up with her boyfriend recently and may have been hitchhiking to Oregon where she had friends.

Redmond and Thurston County detectives remained in Seattle last night investigating the case with the aid of Seattle homicide detectives.

## Slain Girl's Sister to Crusade

BY SUSAN CHADWICK

Sherrie Devine, the 16-year-old sister of slain hitchhiker Katherine Merry Devine, announced yesterday that she intends to collect enough signatures to put the hitchhiking issue up to the people.

Sherrie and her family believe that "if it ever came to a vote, there would be no doubt the way it would go," said the girls' father, Bill Devine, in an interview at the Devine home, 743 N. 92nd.

Katherine Devine, who would have

been 15 on Christmas Day, was last seen alive by an acquaintance Nov. 25 when she stood hitchhiking at the corner of North 92nd Street and Aurora Avenue N.

Her partially disrobed body was found face down in the rain 10 days later in McKenny Park, southwest of Olympia.

"We don't want anything to happen to anyone else. We're not against hitchhikers. We just want to prevent hitchhiking," said Sherrie Devine, a junior at Ingraham High School and soon to be a Worthy Advisor in the Rainbow Girls.

"If you tell a kid it's legal, you're also telling them it's safe," said Bill Devine, who is separated from his wife Sally. "We figure Kathy never had an idea that anyone would do any harm to her."

Kathy Devine, who also was a student at Ingraham High, was a religious girl, somewhat of a "flower child," but not a fanatic, said her family. Her small bed-

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# Slain girl, 14, identified 73-17592-12 as Seattle hitchhiker

A girl found slain last Thursday south of Olympia has been identified as a runaway from her Seattle home who last was seen hitchhiking in Aurora Avenue North the evening of November 25.

Kathleen Merry Devine, who would have been 15 Christmas Day, was identified yesterday by an uncle. Her throat was cut. The Thurston County Sheriff's office is investigating the death as a murder and attempted rape.

She had been reported as a runaway to Seattle police November 26 by her mother, Mrs. Sally Anne Devine. Kathleen who lived with her mother at 748 N. 92nd St., was a student at Ingraham High School.

Workmen cleaning Camp Margaret McKenny in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia found the partly clad body.

Thurston County officials believe she died about December 1. They asked that anyone who saw the girl or knows of her activities contact Seattle homicide detectives.

Kathleen was seen hitchhiking about 8:20 p. m. November 25 at Aurora Avenue North and North 90th Street. The girl, about 5 feet 8 and 120 pounds, had shoulder-length brown hair, parted in the middle.

She wore "waffle stompers," a peasant blouse,

navy bell-bottom pants and an imitation suede coat with fur trim.

The slaying of another young hitchhiker, Laura L. Brock, 20, is still unsolved. Her nude body was found on a Whidbey Island logging road September 14, 1972.

A student at Western Washington State College, Miss Brock was on her first hitchhiking trip, a three-day excursion to the Olympic Peninsula.



Kathleen Merry Devine

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## Seattle Girl, 14, Slaying Victim

BY MARTIN WORKS

A body found Thursday in a campground near Olympia was identified yesterday as that of 14-year-old Katherine Merry Devine of Seattle, who reportedly was hitchhiking near Aurora Avenue N. and N. 90th Street when last seen Nov. 26.

Authorities said the young woman's throat had been cut.

Thurston County Sheriff Don Redmond called the slaying "a very vicious crime."

Redmond and several deputies arrived in Seattle last night to work with Seattle Police Department homicide detectives in attempting to trace the teen-ager's movements since Nov. 25.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Devine of Seattle, reported her as a runaway on that date.

Thurston County deputies were working on the case in the Olympia area.

The body was found Thursday morning in the McKenny Park area of the Capitol State Forest, a short distance southwest of Olympia.

At first, authorities be-

lieved the body was that of a woman in her twenties.

A relative identified the remains yesterday.

An autopsy indicated the teen-ager had been dead for several days before being discovered.

Redmond said the teen-ager, an Ingraham High School student, would have been 15 years old on Christmas Day.

The sheriff asked that anyone who might have seen the young woman after Nov. 25 contact his office or the Seattle Police Department.

The teen-ager was described as five feet, eight inches tall, weighing about 120 pounds, and having shoulder length brown hair, parted in the center. She was wearing "waffle stomper" boots, a peasant blouse, navy bell-bottom pants, and an imitation suede coat with fur trim.

Sheriff Redmond said the killing had reaffirmed his opposition to the recent liberalization of the hitchhiking law in this state.

"I'm really against the hitchhiking laws of the State of Washington," Redmond told a reporter.

## Hitchhiking repeal

# Family of slain girl to start petition

By ERIK LACITIS

"I want it all banned," Sherrie Devine, 16, said today. "Nobody has to hitchhike . . . I don't want what happened to Kathy to happen to anyone else . . . It's caused so much pain in the family."

Sherrie, sister of Katherine Merry Devine, 14-year-old hitchhiker found slain and apparently raped December 6 near Olympia, was announcing that she will head an initiative drive to repeal the law that allows hitchhiking.

Sherrie said she has received more than two dozen calls from persons — mostly young — interested in supporting the drive.

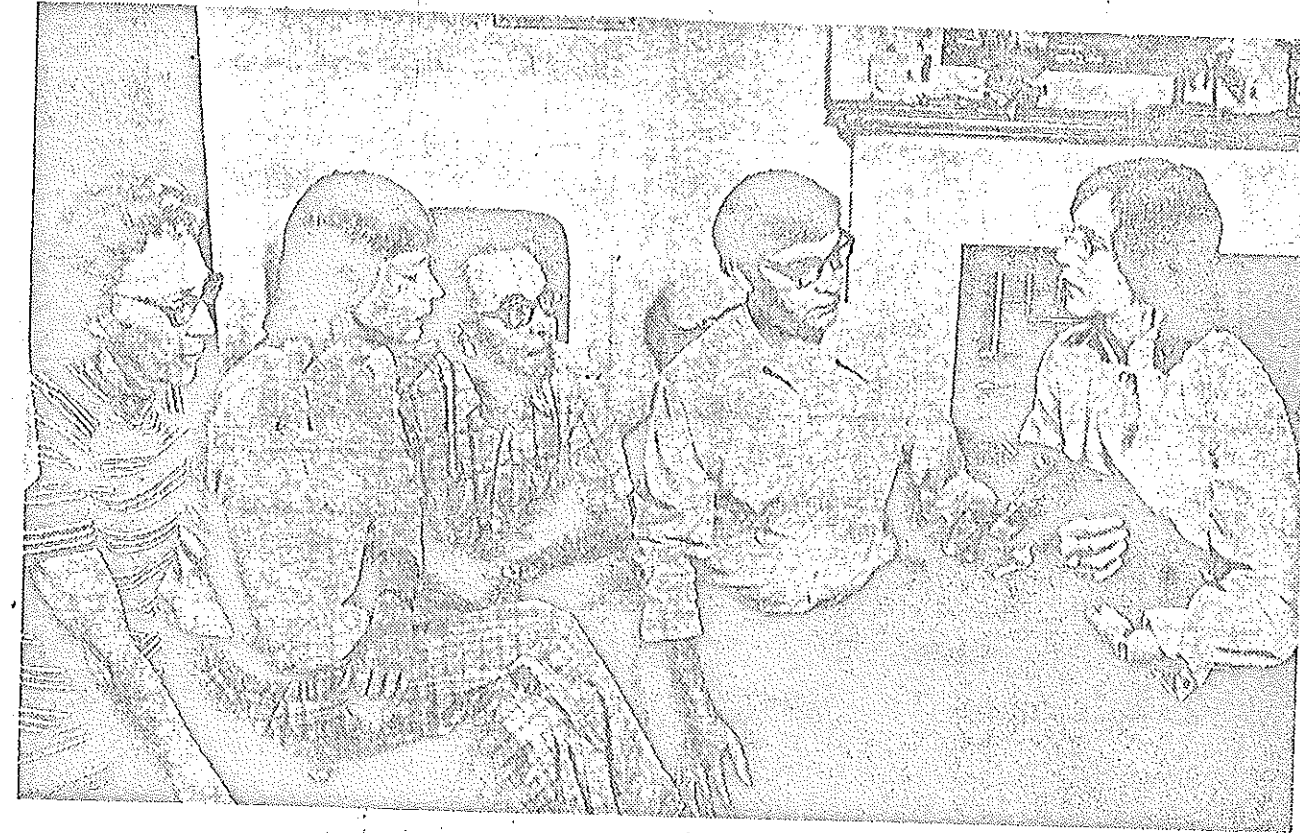
The small living room of the Devine home at 743 N. 92nd St. was filled with flowers from grieving relatives and friends. As Sherrie spoke, Maggie, the family cat, sat by her feet.

Katherine had adopted the cat when she had found it starving in the streets.

Mrs. Salley Devine, mother of the dead girl, urged the public to start a letter-writing campaign "to Olympia or even the President to get this thing really moving."

Gov. Dan Evans said Friday he didn't think the state ought to "respond governmentally in whatever we are doing on an 'incident-by-incident basis.'"

"Everytime there is an incident there is a flurry of interest or concern about



Relatives of Katherine Merry Devine, 14, a hitchhiker who was found slain near Olympia, today denounced the law that allowed hitchhiking. From left were Mrs. Rosemary Dayton, her grandmother; Mrs. Sally Devine, her mother; Chuck Dayton, her grandfather; Bill Devine, her father, and Sherrie, 16, her sister, holding Katherine's cat.—Staff photo by Larry Dion.

the state's hitchhiking law," Evans said.

He said that any changes in the law probably would depend on a report by the State Patrol on the number of hitchhiking-connected offenses recorded since hitchhiking was decriminalized May 23, 1972.

The secretary of state's office said today a hitchhiking initiative could be filed with that office no earlier than January 7.

The initiative's backers then would have until July 5 to get 117,804 valid signatures to get the issue on the November ballot. This

would mean the initiative would need at least 130,000 total signatures to make up for invalid signatures, the secretary of state's office said.

The last such grass-roots petition, Bruce Helm's Initiative 282, which rolled back salaries for legisla-

tors, other elected state officials and judges, gathered 799,000 signatures.

Bill Devine, Katherine's father, said his daughter would not have hitchhiked if it had been against the law.

"She thought because it was legal it was safe," Devine said.

# Slain Girl's Sister to Seek State Ban on Hitchhiking



WREATH DECORATED KATHY'S BED

It was donated by Rainbow Girls

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Room is decorated with "Love" and "Get With God" posters.

A crucifix hangs over her bed, which is decorated with a wreath from the Rainbow Girls. A worn, white-leather Bl-

ble, given to her by her grandparents in 1969, lies on her bureau between pots of poinsettias and chrysanthemums.

The Devines must collect 117,804 valid signatures by July 5 to place an initiative to repeal the 1972 hitchhiking law on the Nov. 5, 1974, ballot.

Since the initiative measure cannot be filed with the state attorney general's office until Jan. 7, Sherrie Devine asked that people write to the legislature, the governor, and the President, to let them know how they feel about hitchhiking.

Volunteers who would like to march for their cause should write or call the Devine home.

The focus of concern over hitchhiking has shifted over the years from driver to rider as more and more young people, especially women, have taken to thumbing rides.

One amendment to the law, suggested in March of this year, would prevent women under 18 from hitchhiking. That idea was promptly quashed by equal rights advocates.

Hitchhiking has been banned at least twice since 1950 by the legislature, before it voted to legalize it in 1972.

Two public hearings held since the 1972 law took effect have confirmed public support for the measure, and a 1972 attempt to collect enough signatures to place the hitchhiking issue on the ballot was unsuccessful.



—P-I Photos by Phil H. Webber

THE FAMILY OF SLAIN HITCHHIKER KATHERINE MERRY DEVINE

From left are Sherrie, 16, Mrs. Sally Devino and William Devino

## Girl's family seeks hitchhiking ban

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### One object remains

The only object in the White House that has been there since the original occupant in 1800 is a painting of George Washington. The painting was done by artist Gilbert Stuart who painted other portraits of the first president that are also in the mansion.

## Girl Murdered About December 1

By MIKE OAKLAND

Daily Olympian Staff Writer

Thurston County deputy sheriffs late Saturday afternoon were scouring the countryside, tracing investigative leads and attempting to piece together the circumstances surrounding the death of, as yet the unidentified young girl whose body was found Thursday morning at Margaret McKinney Park, in the Capitol State Forest.

"We need the help of the public in identifying this young girl," said Sheriff Don Redmond in a plea from his office Saturday afternoon. "Our first priority is finding a next of kin, acquaintance or close friend, that can make a positive identification."

Thurston County Coroner Hollis Fultz said after a preliminary autopsy Friday that the young girl died "around the first of December. We tentatively have her age pegged at between 18 and 20 and the time of death as Saturday, December 1, but final conclusions will not be known until results of the autopsy are finalized in two or three days."

King County Medical Examiner Dr. DeSant Mathews performed the autopsy Friday beginning at 3 p.m.

The young girl's partially nude body was found lying face down in the thick underbrush five miles north of Littlerock by a Department of Natural Resources worker who was cleaning the park Thursday morning. The victim was wearing blue jeans with a dragon patch on the left rear pocket, a white peasant blouse and a distinctive brown, mock suede waist-length coat. On her right foot she wore a white crew sock and brown waffle-stomper-type boot. The left boot is still missing.

Deputies described the woman as 18 to 20 years old, weighing 120 pounds and having long brown hair and greyish green eyes.

In addition, the teenage girl had a wart in the middle of her right palm.

"Perhaps her most distinctive feature," said Chief Criminal Detective Dwight Caron, "is her dental work. The two upper front teeth were in their normal position. The two on either side, however, grew in almost behind the front ones. Her eye-teeth grew almost next to the front pair giving her a most unusual dental structure." Olympia dentists said much of the dental work is recent.

Copies of her dental charts and physical descriptions have been circulated throughout much of the country and by late Saturday forenoon the Sheriff's office was swarmed with inquiries.

"Each piece of information is being treated as the key to this girl's identity," Caron said. "We have deputies in several surrounding counties checking out all leads."

"We are pleading that anyone who has visited the park since last Saturday to please contact the sheriff's office," said Redmond. "Whether or not they have seen something suspicious is important. But just as important, is other information that they may be able to provide."

In addition deputies ask that any unclaimed wallets or purses or abandoned cars be reported to their office.

Any information may be directed to the sheriff's office by dialing 753-8100 or 357-6668.

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The Voice Of The Capital

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Ten Cents

## Anti-Thumb Ban Wanted

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Thurston County Sheriff's Department

Supplementary Report

Date:

Case No.

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18 DEC 1973, 0900 HOURS:

A KGY NEWS BROADCAST REPORTED THAT MRS DEVINE AND HER DAUGHTER HAD FORMALLY ASKED FOR AN INITIATIVE AGAINST HITCH HIKING IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, BUT THAT THEY HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN TURNED DOWN, AND THAT THEY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 7 JAN 1974 TO FILE THE NECESSARY PAPERS. THEN, THEY'LL HAVE UNTIL JULY 1974 TO GATHER THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES. IF OF INTEREST, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM KGY.

*Charles H. Gray*  
CHARLES H. GRAY  
INSP, TCSC # 5

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APB - ALL WESTERN STATES

HOMICIDE-HOMICIDE-HOMICIDE

VICTIM WHITE FEMALE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED  
FOUND 1000 HRS DEC 6, 1973 IN STATE PARK, CAMP MARGARET MCKINNEY,  
SOUTH OF OLYMPIA AND NORTH OF LITTLEROCK. SCENE LOCATED APROX  
3 MILES DUE WEST OF INTERSTATE FIVE, AND MIDWAY BETWEEN STATE  
HIGHWAYS EIGHT AND TWELVE. BODY FOUND IN DEPRESSION BEHIND LARGE  
TREE STUMP AT EDGE OF IMPROVED FOREST CLEARING. BODY LYING FACE  
DOWN, PARTIALLY DISROBED EXPOSING BUTTOCKS. BRA HAD BEEN PUSHED  
UP OVER BREASTS WHILE STILL IN FASTENED CONDITION. BLUE JEANS  
AND PANTIES HAD APPARENTLY BEEN CUT WITH A KNIFE-LIKE INSTRUMENT  
FROM WAIST TO JUST BELOW CROTCH AREA ON THE REAR. LEFT WAFFLE  
STOMPER BOOT MISSING FROM VICTIM AND NOT LOCATED DURING SEARCH.  
VICTIM HAD APPARENTLY BEEN DEAD FOR THREE-FIVE DAYS. CAUSE OF  
DEATH KNIFE OR STAB WOUND TO THROAT. RIGHT BREAST APPEARS TO  
HAVE BEEN CUT. BODY ATTACKED AND DAMAGED BY SMALL ANIMALS OF  
AREA. LOCATION OF ATTACK AND DEATH NOT POSITIVELY ESTABLISHED.  
CRIME SCENE HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO HEAVY RAINS.  
RESULTS OF POST MORTEM PENDING.

DESCRIPTION OF VICTIM

101C

302A

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

401/401A

## DESCRIPTION OF CLOTHING.

COAT, BROWN MOCK SUEDE LEATHER. COLLAR, CUFFS AND WAIST BAND TRIMMED IN SHEEP WOOL. ZIPPERED SIDE POCKETS CIRCLED WITH STRIP OF SHEEP WOOL. TWELVE GOLD ORNAMENTAL SNAP BUTTONS ON FRONT. BELTED ON REAR WITH TWO INCH STRAP WITH GOLD BUCKLE. BRAND NAME CURLY TOP-FOR YOUNG AMERICA #RN39053, MADE IN HONG KONG, SIZE TEN.

PEASANT TYPE BLOUSE, WHITE, BLOUSED SHORT SLEEVES, SEMI-VEE SHAPED NECK, SIX INCH ZIPPER ON REAR OF NECK, NECK EMBROIDERED WITH FLOWER DESIGN. COTTON MATERIAL. SQUARE BOTTOM FOR OUTSIDE WEARING. MEDIUM SIZE.

TROUSERS, NAVAL LIBERTY TYPE BLUE DENIM (BLUE JEAN), WITH BELT LOOPS, MODERATE FLARED BOTTOMS, POCKETS ON FRONT AND REAR, ZIPPERED FLY IN FRONT. LEG LENGTH  $29\frac{1}{2}$  INCHES. THREE INCH CIRCULAR PATCH RECENTLY REMOVED FROM BOTTOM OF RIGHT LEG. EMBROIDERED DRAGON PATCH  $5\frac{1}{2}$  INCHES LONG BY TWO INCHES ON LEFT REAR POCKET.

WAFFLE STOMPER TYPE BOOT, LACED ON FRONT WITH SKI HOOKS, DARK BROWN IN COLOR, MADE IN TAIWAN, FAIRLY NEW, SIZE EIGHT. LEFT BOOT MISSING FROM VICTIM, NOT FOUND DURING CRIME SCENE SEARCH.

SOCKS, WHITE, HEAVY, COTTON, APROX TWELVE INCH TOPS.

STANDARD WHITE BRA, SMALL SIZE CUPS. WHITE BIKINI TYPE LACE PANTIES, NOTHING UNUSUAL NOTED.

## JEWELRY.

SMALL GOLD CROSS EAR RINGS. PIERCED EAR TYPE. CROSS APROX  $\frac{3}{4}$  INCH LONG.

RING, LEFT HAND, RING FINGER. DESCRIBED BY JEWELER AS FRIENDSHIP RING OF ARTIFICIAL FLORENTINE DESIGN. SIZE SIX. MADE OF BEZEL

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METAL. IS INEXPENSIVE AND FOUND AT MOST COSTUME JEWELRY SHOPS.  
RING, RIGHT HAND, LITTLE FINGER. DESCRIBED AS 1/20TH OF 12 CARAT  
GOLD FILLED. IMITATION ZIRCON SURROUNDED BY GLASS STONES. ZIRCON  
IMITATION IS BLUE-GREEN. SIZE SIX. THIS IS COSTUME JEWELRY,  
INEXPENSIVE AND FOUND AT MOST COSTUME JEWELRY SHOPS. IS BIRTH  
STONE FOR MONTH OF MARCH OR SIMILIAR IN COLOR TO DECEMBER.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, PLEASE  
CONTACT CHIEF CRIMINAL DEPUTY DWIGHT CARON, (206) 753-8100.

SHERIFF DON REDMOND  
THURSTON COUNTY, WA

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Thornton County Sheriff's Department

Supplementary Report

Date:

Case No.

13-17592-12

11 DEC 13, 0830 HRS:

INFO. FROM SHERIFF REDMOND:

POSSIBLE VICTIM:

101C

HITCH-HIKED OUT OF SEATTLE IN OLD BROWN  
PICK-UP O/A 26 NOV 13.

(92<sup>ND</sup> & AURORA  
TWO GIRL FRIENDS) -

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## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

**Katherine Devine**

Katherine Merry Devine, 743 North 92nd Street, Seattle, who had been found murdered in Margaret McKenny Park, will be cremated this Friday at Washelli's in Seattle. She was born December 25, 1958, and had been a student at Ingraham High School. Local arrangements are under the direction of Lacey Funeral Home.

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OLYMPIA NEWS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, 1 DECEMBER 13, 1973

THE VICTIM OF THE BRUTAL SLAYING OF A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS CATHERINE MERRY DEVINE OF SEATTLE, WHO RAN AWAY FROM HOME FOLLOWING AN ARGUMENT WITH HER BOY FRIEND. SHE WAS LAST SEEN IN SEATTLE, HITCH-HIKING FROM SEATTLE.

SHERIFF DON REDMOND HAS ISSUED AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO REPORT ANY AND ALL SUSPICIOUS AND UNUSUAL INCIDENTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE WITNESSED. REPORT ANY FOUND WAFFLE STOMPERS, BOOTS, RUSSES, WALLETS OR ANY PROPERTY THAT MAY BE PERTINENT. IF YOU HAVE VISITED THE CAPITAL FOREST AREA ON DECEMBER 1 TO 6TH HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU FOR A FEW MINUTES AND YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP IN SOME WAY TO APPREHEND THE PERSON GUILTY OF THIS TERRIBLE CRIME. PLEASE, CALL CRIME CHECK AT 357-

6668. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING, NO MATTER HOW INCIDENTAL CONCERNING THIS MATTER: CATHERINE MERRY WOULD HAVE BEEN 15 ON CHRISTMAS DAY - MEANWHILE EVERYDAY WE SEE YOUNGSTERS HITCHHIKING ON OUR HIWAYS -

Thurston County Sheriff's Department

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13 DEC 1973, 1215 HOURS:

UNDERSHERIFF AUTHORIZED 2000 "HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GIRL" POSTERS.

POSTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE LATE THIS AFTERNOON, OR FIRST THING TOMORROW

MORNING. POSTERS IN QUESTION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO GAS STATIONS,

RESTAURANTS, MOTELS, ETC, BETWEEN GRAND MOUND AND SEATTLE, ESPECIALLY

AROUND ALL EXITS FROM I-5.

"MASTER" TO BE KEPT INTACT, SUBSEQUENT PRINTINGS OF POSTERS MAY BE

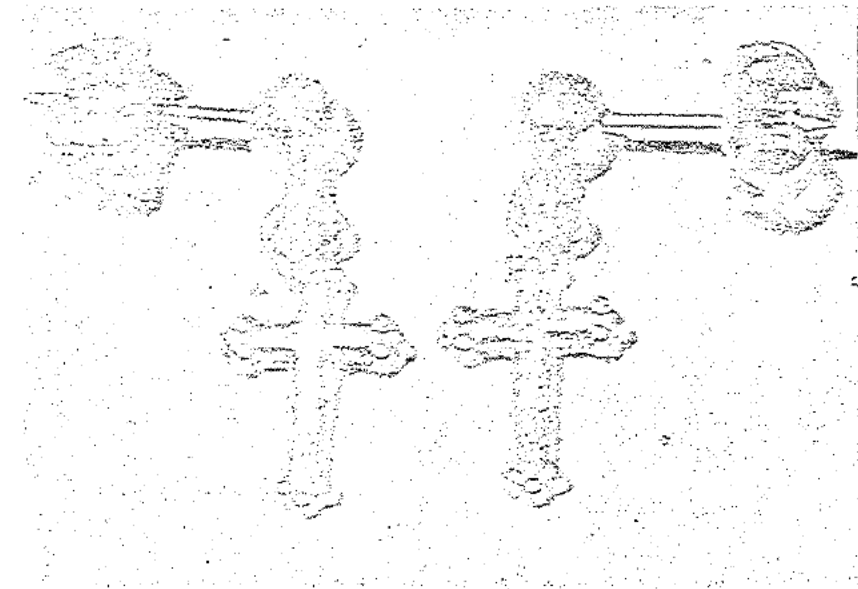
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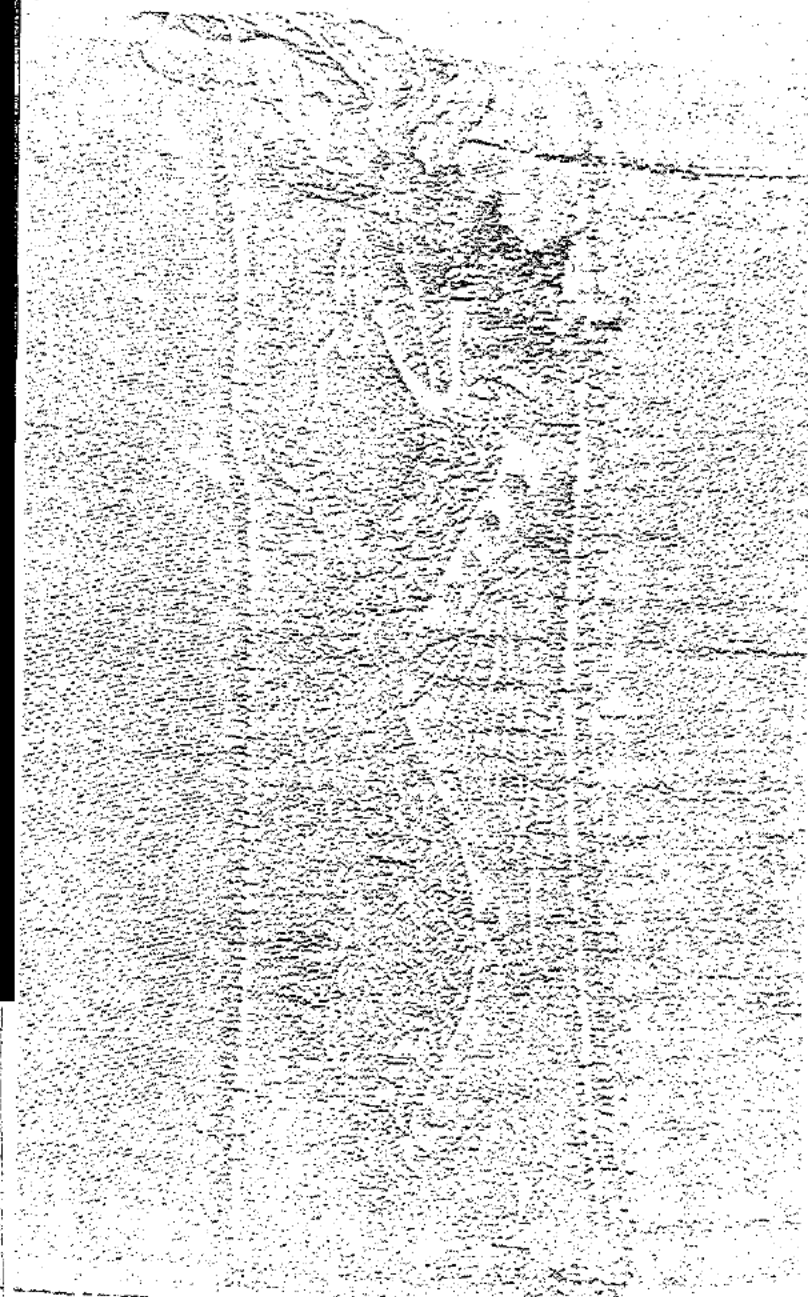
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CHARLES H. GRAEF  
INSP, TCSO # 5

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(Olympian Photos by Del O



GIRL WORE THESE GOLD CROSS EARRINGS



AN EMBROIDERED DRAGON WAS ON THE LEFT REAR POCKET

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12 DEC 1973, 2330 HOURS:

NOTE ATTACHED NEWS ARTICLE, SEATTLE TIMES, 12 DEC 73, E-14.

MURDER, NUDE BODY

BROCK, LAURA L, AGE 20 YEARS

WHIDBEY ISLAND LOGGING ROAD

14 SEP 1972

STUDENT AT WESTERN STATE COLLEGE, FIRST HITCH HIKING TRIP, 3-DAY TRIP TO OLYMPIC PENINSULA."

RECOMMEND WE OBTAIN A COPY OF THEIR REPORT, OR THE BASIC INFORMATION PERHAPS.

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CHARLES H GRAEF  
INSP, TXSO #5

HOW ABOUT OTHER CASES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS?

PERHAPS WE SHOULD PLAN A MEETING WITH ALL OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES!

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Supplementary Report

Date:

Case No.

73-17592-12

11 DEC 73, 1250 HOURS:

VICTIM POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

MOTHER: SALLY ANN DEVINE, 38 YRS.

FATHER: WILLIAM LAWRENCE DEVINE, 38 YRS

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1255 HRS:

UNDERSHERIFF CRAWFORD:

REPRODUCE THE TWO COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF THE VICTIM ASAP!

DISTRIBUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
ASAP!

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# Girl Murdered —

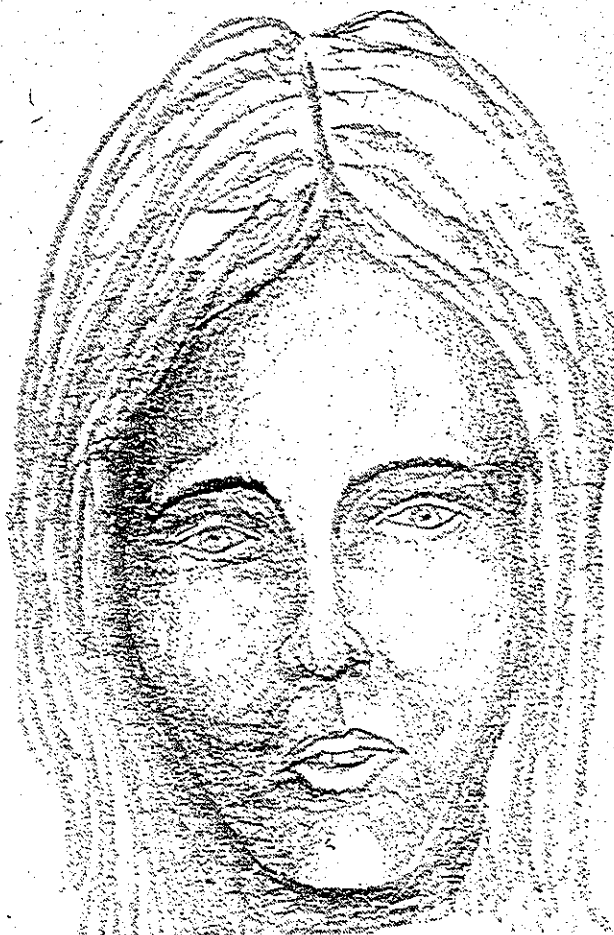
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Caron dreads that the unnamed girl may have been a hitchhiker and won't be identified. "There are all kinds of missing bodies in morgues around the country that have never been claimed," he said.

He reported Saturday, "We can't say for sure yet whether or not she was killed at the park site." Friday Caron said it did not appear that she was killed in the park because of the lack of blood. He clarified that statement Saturday saying, "We had extreme rains in that area previous to the finding of the body, and until the ground samples are analyzed we won't be certain if she was killed on the spot."

Deputies spent much of Friday investigating the report of Natural Resources personnel who reported seeing a pickup parked in the middle of the road near the park on November 20. The keys were reportedly in the ignition and "a definite, obvious trail of blood lead from the truck to the bushes," deputies said.

Sheriff's Inspector Charles Graef said, Saturday "The report was thoroughly investigated and it turned up that someone had killed a deer. Instead of a possible suspect, we have a case of poaching," he said.



**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GIRL?** — This artist's reconstruction of unidentified young girl found slain near Littlerock Thursday was drawn by Olympia Police Officer Frank Hamilton. Thurston County deputies ask that anyone having information about the teenage girl's death or possible identity of the victim to contact the sheriff's office by dialing 753-8100. Deputies note that because of the circumstances surrounding the death the likeness (above) is not an exact rendition.

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AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC ! ! !

PLEASE REPORT ANY AND ALL SUSPICIOUS AND/OR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS YOU MAY HAVE WITNESSED !

REPORT ALL MISSING AND/OR OVERDUE PERSONS INCLUDING JUVENILE RUNAWAYS !

PLEASE REPORT ALL FOUND WAFFLE STOMPER TYPE BOOTS, PURSES, WALLETS, ~~ARTICLES OF FEMALE CLOTHING,~~ OR ANY OTHER PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT TO THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION!

IF YOU VISITED THE CAPITAL FOREST AREA BETWEEN 1 DEC 73 AND 6 DEC 73, WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU FOR A FEW MINUTES. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP SOMEHOW.

IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, PLEASE CALL CRIME CHECK AT 357-6668, OR CONTACT SHERIFF DON REDMOND PERSONNALLY AT 753-8100, WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY.

FOR SHERIFF DON REDMOND:

*Charles H Graef*  
CHARLES H GRAEF  
INSP, SPECIAL SVS

73-17592-12

9 Dec 1973, 1900 hours

HOMICIDE

Victim, white female, found 1000 hours, December 6, 1973, in State Park, Camp Margaret McKenny, South of Olympia and North of Littlerock. Scene located approximately 3 miles due west of Interstate five and midway between State Highways Eight and Twelve. Body found in depression behind large tree stump at edge of improved forest clearing. Body lying face down, partially disrobed. Left waffle stomper boot missing from victim and not located during search. Victim had apparently been dead for three-five days. Cause of death, knife or stab wound to throat. Location of attack and death not positively established. Results of post mortem pending.

DESCRIPTION OF VICTIM:

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DESCRIPTION OF CLOTHING.



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# HOMICIDE

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DID YOU SEE THIS GIRL ?

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The News Tribune Tacoma, Sun., Feb. 16, 1975

## Booze to show vacation film

Los Conquistadores will get a vicarious trip around the rim of the United States when the club meets at 7:30 Wednesday night in the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society auditorium, 2608 Center St.

Member Al Booze will

show and narrate slides he took during a vacation trip by bus with his family last summer. Areas to be shown include the Grand Canyon, New Orleans, Key West and the Everglades in Florida, Atlanta, the Appalachians, Philadelphia, New York and New England.

## Conquistadores set campout

Los Conquistadores, outdoor activities club, has scheduled its first overnight camping trip of the year for Saturday and Sunday.

Members and guests will stay at Oak Patch Camp, on the Tahuya Peninsula north of Belfair State Park. Mrs. Margaret Hellyer, club trailmaster for the outing, may be contacted for details.

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