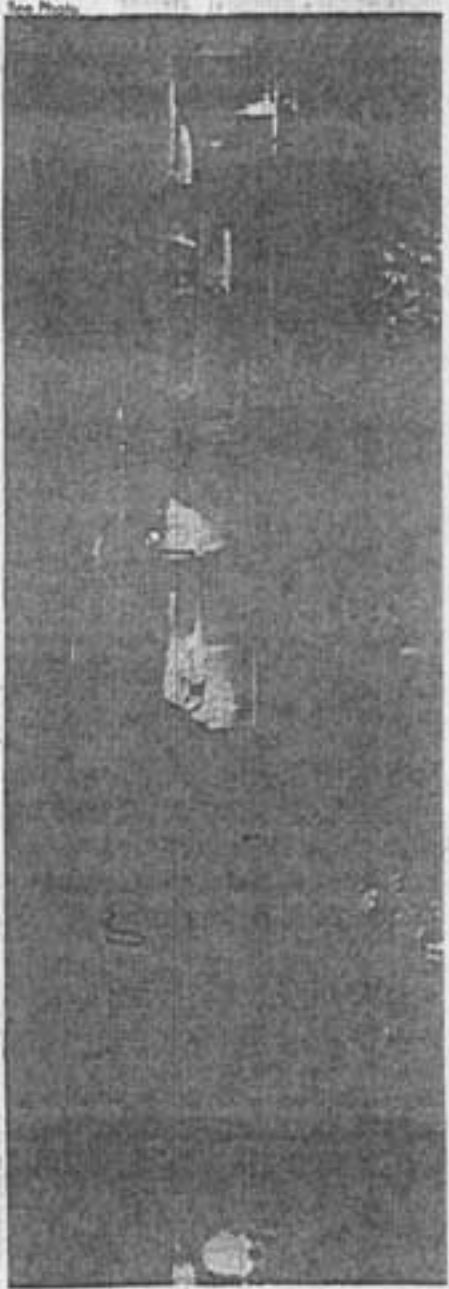


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East Area Locks Itself Up In Fear As Crime Soars



More east area residents are burning outside lights since hearing they discourage burglars—and topists.

By ERIS YANG

Up and down the streets of Rancho Cordova, Carmichael and Del Paso, porch lights now are lit blazing deep into the night.

In the evenings, sturdy dead bolts are clicked into place and sliding glass windows have covers slipped over their tracks.

And in many homes, clear, hard acrylic panels are being installed behind the glass windows or doors.

Hundreds of residents in these neighborhoods and others have been provoked by fear into securing their homes against burglars and particularly against the east area rapist who has attacked 18 women — many of them in these communities — since October, 1975.

Dead bolts and window locks are particularly important, said Sheriff's deputy Jim Rose of the crime prevention unit. He said that in 13 of the 18 attacks by the east area rapist, the attacker entered the homes through "improperly secured windows and doors."

In only one instance did the rapist have to break a window to get inside the house, Rose said.

So now home owners seem to be heeding the department's suggestions of keeping outside lights on at night and locking up. It's caused a surge in some hardware sales.

At English Hardware, "we ran out of the dead bolts that were on sale this weekend — we sold about 200 of the \$10 dead bolts," said Rich Lawrence, store manager.

Ken Trimmer, manager of Ball Hardware and Nursery in Rancho Cordova, said fear of the east area rapist has "definitely increased the

sales of dead bolts and window locks" over the last year.

"People are getting their places fixed up," he said.

And at Bacon Tempo, "we're selling out as fast as we can get them" said Rick Matthews, a sales clerk. "At the first big terror (from the rapist's attacks), we sold quite a few. It's just beginning to kick off a bit now."

Susan Dunn at Brown's Hardware said she sure often runs through the stock on dead bolts and has them on back order. "On weekends, we're just robbed down here. People come in and are always mentioning the east area rapist."

Other hardware stores reported similar increases in sales of dead bolts, door viewers, window locks, patio door locks and wood and metal dowels to put in sliding window tracks.

There has also been a "phenomenal" increase in the sale of clear acrylic or plexiglass panels for home owners who wish to protect the windows on doors.

Police can be drilled on the sides of the plastic panels and bolted to the inside of the windows. "We've sold hundreds of them," said Dew Linn, assistant manager of Top Products. He added that it could cost from \$15 to \$25 to cover the average door window.

Terrill's Practice manager Roy Lamb added that "clear plexiglass is 17 times stronger than glass of the same thickness."

Deputy Rose said the department recommends dead bolts that have at least a one-inch throw.

He recommended people drill metal dowels into the frames of sliding glass windows to prevent them from being opened wide enough for someone to

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climb through.

"There's also something called a Charlie Bar — which fits into the groove, and locks the window when it's pushed into a horizontal position. When you want to open the window, you just snap the bar into a vertical position," Rose said.

Nails, bolts or metal dowels can also be pounded into such windows to prevent them from being opened too far, he added.

"The first line of defense has got to be your windows and doors," Rose said. "And then you can venture into an alarm system."

Senator Who? Many Can't Name Their Congressmen

By BAYBABA BODDICE

John E. Moya has represented Sacramento in the U.S. House of Representatives for more than 22 years.

Alan Cranston has been in the U.S. Senate for more than seven years.

ST. Mary's was a Washington, D.C. only this year, but he went after a stunning upset of incumbent John Tunney that received as much press coverage as the scaling of the Titanic.

Skull, a whopling number of Sacramento contacted recently during a phone survey didn't know a single one of their names. What's more, many of those called didn't

long distance runner and my boss has even met him," Mr. Kruglar said.

But the name Cranston was not forthcoming.

Ed Gomez, who works for a fence company, couldn't remember Cranston's name either. "It begins with a C," Gomez said. "A-C-R-E. Oh, man. He was something, ain't he?"

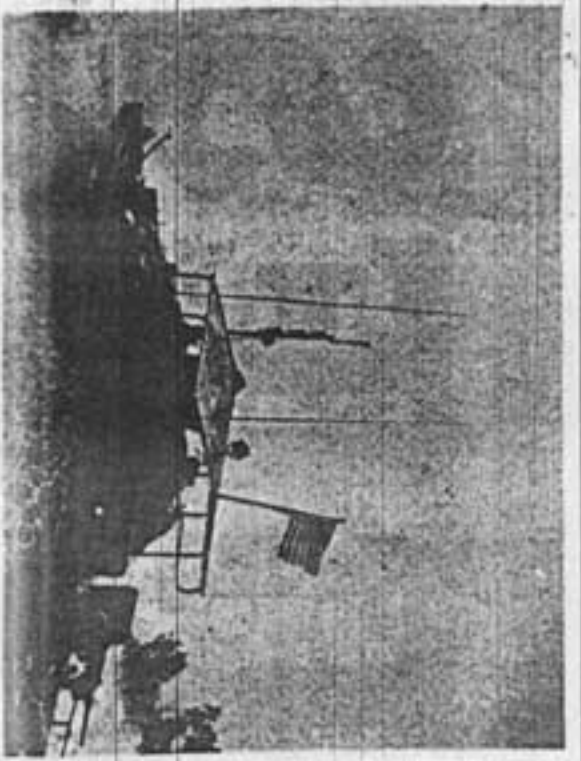
before. "Damn! I know him very well, that's the funny part."

Cranston might be a little embarrassed to know that only 14 of the 50 Sacramentoans called could think of his name, though he's in his eighth year as a Senator.

War Games On The Delta

They moved by land, water and air during "Marivars '77," a three-day military exercise that ends today in the Sacramento delta. While Navy reservists searched the waters in small boats like that at right, Marine reservists (over right) prepared to ward off any counterattacks as imaginary enemy might muster and Army National Guardsmen came in by helicopter (below left) to reinforce the landing parties.

Marine, Navy and Army reservists from California and Nevada as well as Army National Guardsmen from the two states participated in the war game. All told, about 600 men were involved.



They're on the other hand.