investigation, mat he had abused the powers of his high office as President. and that he had failed to comply with lawful subpoenas issued by the Judiciary Committee in the course of its impeachment inquiry."

Convicted Watergate conspirator. John Ehrlichman, in federal prision, left-word-he did not want to be called

about the interview.

Nixon's former presidential chief of staff H. R. Haldeman watched the show at his Los Angeles home but

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for a de both annual TTORNE BY during an election year.

One prominent California Republican, speaking on a not-forattribution basis, remarked:

"Better to do it now when we only got a couple of elections to lose than to do it next year when we got all of

The state's best-known GOP leader, former-Gov. Ronald Reagan, was among those watching the interview. but he refused to comment on it.

Assemblyman Ken Maddy of Fresno a candidate for the GOP

I unlik his best moment was his last shot," said Maddy: "I think he was trying to say he felt bad about it. But, by and large, quibbling over legalisms, quibbling over whether or not cover-up was the proper word - it looked bad, it looked the way people traditionally characterize Nixon, evasive and all that,"

A longtime associate of Nixon, Robert H. Finch, who served under him as secretary of health, education and welfare but left the cabinet before the scandal broke, watched the in-

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## East Area Rap

.The east area rapist attacked his 20th victim early today after confronting a couple in an Orangevale driveway at gunpoint and ordering them back into the woman's house, Sacramento County sheriff's deputies

The rapist, wearing a ski mask, tied up the couple, and then raped the woman-and ransacked the house, said sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller.

The rapist stopped the couple in the driveway of the woman's house, in the vicinity of Madison and Main, Avenues, about 12:15-a.m., deputies said. He remained in the house until about 2:15 a.m.

It was only the second time in the 19-month series of rapes the victims have been confronted outside their homes, Miller said. It was the third the rapist, he said.

The east area rapist's last attackwas less than 48 hours earlier, when he awakened a couple in their

Glenbrook-College Greens area home about 2 a.m., tied them up, raped the woman and roamed their house for about two hours.

The rapist did not awaken two young children who slept through the Tuesday morning ordeal, deputies said. He has confronted several children in the past, however, and has tied, blindfolded and gagged thembefore raping their mothers:

"It was the same guy this morning." Miller said. "It was the east area rapist."

Miller would not say specifically how investigators were certain it was the same man. "We're just saying he uses the same M.O. (method of operation)," Miller-said. "We don't See Back Page, A26, Col. 4

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## By JEFF RAIMUNDO Bee Staff Writer

Gov. Brown's office today asked the Senate Rules Committee to delay confirmation hearings on the reaptime couples had been confronted by pointment of State Energy Commissioner Ronald Doctor because of ... anonymous charges of misconduct in

The governor's office asked the

committee to delay the May 17 hearing for two weeks to give the Finance Department time to review the allegations, said Gray Davis, the governor's chief of staff.

"We felt an obligation both to Doctor and to the public to check this out," Davis said.

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and gagged his victims, and then tacks, Miller said. of acts of sex perversion. He has always tied up, blindfolded The rapist "has committed all sorts in the at-

assaults, Miller said. untied the women for the sexua

and attack them again, structions and threaten them, Miller He has talked to them to give inreturning to the women to untie them ransacking his victims' homes and The rapist has spent hours casually Miller said:

only as "items." the homes that deputies will describe The rapist has stolen things from

Greens area. area and the Glepbrook and College Dayo, Carmichael, the Crestview Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Del He has struck in Orangevale

victims' homes through sliding glass doors. Miller said. The doors have solid clues behind, deputies said. He The rapist has left no notes or any been either unlocked or easily forced The rapist, believed to be a skilled

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has always worn a ski mask of one Arrow locates east area rapist's 20th attack

style or another and no one has seen medium-length hair. man between 25 and 35 years old, 5 The rapist is described as a white his full face, Miller said. feet 8 to 6 feet tall, with dark,

There has been no time passage

started in October 1975, deputies said Cordova. past four months. The last one before pattern to the series of rapes that before that was March 18 in Rancho the Crestylew area, and the one the Tuesday rape occurred April 14 in Ten of the rapes have occurred in the