

believe there was anyting illegal about his relationship with Park. But he said that in the years following the 1971 agreement, he became "uncomfortable" about the propriety of the partnership.

Hanna's relationship with Park is being investigated by the Justice Department.

The California Democrat, who represented Orange County, said that he realized that his business

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A record crop of turkeys and stiff competition from cheaper beef and chicken will keep the price of Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys about 10 cents a pound below last year.

Fresh turkeys will cost supermarkets and wholesalers about 52 cents a pound this year, and one official familiar with the turkey

business said 39 cents a pound likely will be a popular retail price.

Frozen turkeys cost-supermarkets 47 or 48 cents a pound, and some may be on sale for retail prices as low as 49 cents a pound.

Some turkeys will cost both supermarkets and holiday shoppers more. A built-in pop-up timer adds about half a cent to the wholesale cost, and turkeys injected with butter basting cost four or five cents more a

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East Area Rapist . . . Fear Grips Serene Neighborhoods

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Jill Bradshaw is angry. She is afraid.

She is frightened because three women who live near her have been raped.

Jill Bradshaw is not her real name, but like other women in the area, she is afraid to identify herself.

Her once serene Rancho-Cordova neighborhood is in the clutches of fear caused by a faceless man who wears hooded masks and rapes. Despoils. Degrades. And sometimes robs.

Law enforcement officers refer to him as the East Area Rapist.

Since last year, the white man described as being between 5 feet, 8 inches and 6 feet tall, 25 to 35 years of age, clean with dark, neatly cut hair and a medium build, has raped eight and attempted to rape two east area women.

Last month alone, he raped four women and attempted to rape two others. Two of his victims were in Del

Dayo and two others in Carmichael.

All the rapes have occurred between 11 p.m. and 6:45 a.m. There have been no men in the homes of the victims, although sometimes children were present. The rapist has entered the homes through unlocked windows in all of the cases except one.

This man is not the only rapist in Sacramento, but according to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, he is a repeater with a high tendency toward violence.

As a result, the residents of the Sacramento communities have taken steps to protect themselves against the rapist.

Some husbands have cancelled overnight trips.

One man is installing iron bars on his windows and doors.

Other men are instructing their



wives or girl friends in the use of handguns.

And still others have installed burglar alarms and floodlights around their homes.

Fear has tightened its grip on the communities of Del Dayo, Carmichael and Rancho Cordova.

Rumors are rampant.

Publicity about the rapes was minimized because the sheriff's department feared widespread panic

would result and because they hoped to entrap the rapist.

The sheriff's department has watched the rumors develop. "They are really getting out of hand," said department spokesman Bill Miller about the misinformation being passed around by residents.

Stories have it that rapes in the areas were occurring every hour, said one Del Dayo woman. A Rancho
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Center staffers and sheriff's deputies said, rapists are not necessarily wide-eyed, sex-crazed psychopaths. The average rapist is a white male, 23 or

been able to repel their attackers more than 60 per cent of the time by making a lot of noise.

But there are times, Ms. Daly says,

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Cordova resident said she heard nine Carmichael women were raped by the same man. Other rumors have him "breaking down front doors and tearing down windows."

And yet some of the area's residents were completely unaware of the violent crimes.

To quell some of the rumors and to discuss protective measures, two meetings were held last week in the Del Dayo School which attracted an unprecedented 500 persons.

A community meeting also was held in Rancho Cordova, the hardest hit area, last Sunday, with another one scheduled Saturday afternoon at the Cordova Gardens School.

And by request, the Rape Crisis Clinic has set up four workshops to teach women self-defense tactics.

Jill Bradshaw first heard about the attacks from her neighbors.

"I realized I was frightened while I was routinely cleaning the garage," she said. "I went inside the house and got a gun" to keep by her side.

Despite her fear her feelings soon gave way to anger. Anger that she and her neighbors are being forced to lock themselves inside their own homes. Anger that she cannot clean her garage without fear of attack.

The women in her community have decided they will fight back.

"We're not going to stay locked behind these doors," she said of her decision to organize community meetings so residents could discuss ways of protecting themselves.

The women on her block have arranged car patrols to scan the neighborhood. Men are paying close attention to strange persons and cars in the area while they drive to work. Some neighbors have worked out SOS signals with each other.

Some merchants in the Rancho Cordova area have offered dead bolt locks at discount prices and several men are installing them for women who live alone.

Locks are being used more than ever. In the wealthy Del Dayo area, one woman said, "I am one who usually keeps my doors open. Now I make sure everything is locked."

"We're getting a burglar alarm put in, like a lot of friends. It's all a direct result of what has been happening. But the waiting list at some com-

panies is as long as five weeks — because of the sudden demand."

Several Rancho Cordova residents said they had handguns which they would not hesitate to use against an intruder.

Many mothers are keeping closer tabs on their children during the day and teaching them to be more cautious when answering the door or speaking to strangers on the telephone.

"I have conditioned my daughter — if anything ever happens to me — to immediately run out of the house and across the street to the neighbor's," said one Rancho Cordova woman.

Her friend, who also has a daughter, asked, "But how much do you tell them? You don't want to build on a fear — but maybe I should go into it further. I just don't know how detailed to get."

The children are very aware that something is troubling their parents, added a Del Dayo woman. "We're being forced to explain these things to kids even if we don't want to."

"And my young son came to me the other day and said, 'I think what you are most afraid of, Mom, is being raped.' That's kind of heavy."

Men, too, are taking protective measures. The husbands are not sleeping well, either, said a Del Dayo woman.

And in Rancho Cordova "at first, the men seemed to be a little standoffish," said Mrs. Bradshaw. Only one of the 35 persons who attended the meeting was a male.

"Because rape has been swept under the cover so long," she added, "our men didn't know how to handle it when it started happening near us. They've always been told that no woman is really raped."

"But the women are scared out here — really scared. Everybody is paranoid. We're going to inform our men. We're hoping they will come out to the meetings and see the fear in the women and work with us."

"Maybe when he (the rapist) sees that we are not going to be terrorized, that we are going to get our men organized and face him, by God, he'll think before attacking another woman."

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