

Blood type frees man serving life sentence on charge of rape

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FLINT, Mich. — John Henry Harrison, convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the rape-slaying of a 16-year-old babysitter, is a free man today because of his blood type.

Harrison spent eight months in prison researching and preparing a petition to the trial judge, proving his blood type was not the same as that used as evidence against him.

Genesee County Prosecutor Robert Leonard reluctantly agreed Harrison had proved his case and ordered the 45-year-old former truck driver released from custody Tuesday.

Harrison's blood was never typed during his trial. He learned of the discrepancy only after he was issued a prison identification card listing his blood type.

His release marked the end of a bizarre case that began March 3, 1970, when Jan Logsdon, 16, disap-

peared while babysitting.

The key testimony against Harrison in his 1971 trial before Genesee County Circuit Judge Thomas C. Yeotis came from a crime laboratory analyst with the Michigan Department of Public Health.

The analyst said saliva samples from Harrison indicated his blood type was O-positive.

After more than a year in the Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson, Harrison was issued an identification card showing he had A-positive blood type.

The prosecutor said Wednesday it would be impossible to retry Harrison, even though he said he still believed Harrison was guilty.

"There is no way I could get a conviction," said Leonard. "Even if the other evidence stood up, what's important is that an expert has totally excluded the defendant. All the rest of the case is circumstantial and could be totally coincidental."



Rain blossoms

A combination of several warm days and gentle rains brought forth early spring flowers in several places on the Texas A&M campus Thursday. These blossoms sprang up in the North Mall near the Chemistry Building.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Off campus merger proceeds

By TRACEY WILLIAMS
Battalion Reporter

Disagreement about rules that will govern the new organization marked the Thursday night meeting between representatives of Hassle-Free and the Off-Campus Student Association as they continue to work toward a merger.

Both groups act as links between Texas A&M University and the 22,000 students who live off campus. Thursday's meeting was the third session in which members of these two groups discussed the proposed merger.

The main area of disagreement at the meeting involved the length of membership necessary to run for an executive office.

Representatives of Hassle-Free

said that they feel it is important for a person to be a member of an organization for about a year before being able to hold an executive office. They defined the executive offices as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

"I want the executive officials to know how the organization works before they hold the offices, and if you have a strong enough organization, the people in the group are going to want the offices," said Mike Pettus, Hassle-Free chairman.

Representatives of the OSA disagreed.

"If somebody that hasn't been in the organization has the gumption to come off the street and run a tough campaign, then evidently

they're going to do something in the office," said Jill Hall, president of OSA, in explaining that the not feel membership requirements were important.

While the requirements for membership were not decided, other requirements to run for executive office were agreed upon.

These requirements are that a student must live off campus, at least a 2.25 GPA that is maintained throughout the semester, and have successfully completed 30 credit hours.

Other actions taken by the OSA included defining the duties of president and deciding to wait until the constitution was finalized to name the organization.

Carter relays message to Mom of marine released by Iranians

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LANSDALE, Pa. — Her mother's instinct told her something had gone wrong, so she called the White House.

Four hours later, President Carter himself called Mrs. Jayne Kraus with a message from her son, freed after being abducted from his Tehran hospital bed: "Tell my mother I love her very much."

phone call from the White House at noon Wednesday.

Her son's message, relayed by Carter, was: "Tell my mother I love her very much. Get to Nina. Tell her I love her too and I feel good."

"I'm so happy and relieved," said Nina Trongone, Kraus's fiancée and a student at Montgomery County Community College. "I hope he comes home. I just hope he comes and we'll be together for awhile."

instinct told me that something gone wrong."

She said she first talked to a dental adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski who assured her everything was being done to rescue her son. Kraus said she was surprised Carter called her later.

Carter said Marine Sgt. Kenneth Kraus, 22, had been released to the U.S. Embassy by the new Iranian government Wednesday. Left-wing radicals had abducted him from his hospital bed, charging he had killed three Iranians in the embassy gun battle last week.

"My prayers have been answered," Mrs. Kraus said, fighting back tears, after getting the tele-

As of Wednesday night, Kraus's widowed mother had not received word on an expected arrival date.

Carter's telephone call, which ended days of anxiety for the Kraus family, came about four hours after Mrs. Kraus had called the White House because, she said, "things had gotten out of hand. My mother's

Poster of hero snatched

By STANTON RAI
Battalion Reporter

Somebody ripped off Superman. There he stood, as big as life, in the main corridor of the Memorial Student Center. All of a sudden, a doer-of-evil came running and snatched Superman off his feet. The man of steel went right out the door with the library try-on.

Guy Steele, who owns the collection shop in Dallas, specializes in selling movie posters and T-shirts. This week he brought a sample of his wares to Texas A&M University, courtesy of Aggie Cinema, the primary programming committee at A&M.

Beth Scott, an Aggie Cinema officer, said that the free-standing, 6-foot, cardboard advertisement for the movie, "Superman," was taken from the MSC at about noon Tuesday.

The poster, valued at \$35, was part of Steele's display in the MSC where he was selling movie posters. But at government indictment r... J. Pinney, 3... Also taken, in separate instances, were a package of photographs from the movie "African Queen," valued at \$20, and several movie posters. In all, Steele has lost about \$100 worth of merchandise, Scott said.

Steele had planned to return through today, but he sold the posters he brought with him Thursday afternoon.

Steele said that despite the loss he would like to return next year.

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