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Robbers kill photographer as he aids robbery victim

NEW YORK — Free-lance photographer Paul Keating was killed Tuesday while trying to help a man being robbed on a Greenwich Village street corner.

“Along with being a little foolish, he was very brave. He could easily have walked away. If he had been the average New Yorker, he probably would have walked away,” Detective Charles Pendergrass said.

Police said Wednesday Keating, 27, was killed by a bullet that entered the back of his head during a Tuesday struggle with two gunmen holding up a New York University student.

Paul Keating was “a very sensitive and gentle man, almost shy” and a “fine young photographer who had the potential to be one of the tops in the field,” said Arnold Drapkin, picture editor of Time magazine.

Keating, a free-lance photographer, had done many assignments for Time over the last six years.

One of his top assignments was photographing Pope John Paul II during his recent tour of the city.

Twice in the 1976 presidential campaign, his photographs of Jimmy Carter made the Time magazine cover.

The man he helped, Daniel Schwab, 19, told police he was walking to a subway station to go home to Queens after leaving a Village rollerskating rink, when he was approached by two youths.

Pendergrass said the assailants pulled out handguns, and took Schwab's roller skates and a wallet that contained \$110 in cash. Keating answered Schwab's screams for help.

As Keating struggled with the robbers, the detective said, Schwab ran

to the all-night Delion Delicatessen on the corner and begged an attendant for several minutes to call the police.

“It's not true,” said Demetrios Poulou, night manager of the Delion. “I called the police from here twice — one minute after they shot the guy and a minute after that.”

A detective at the West 10th Street Stationhouse said he had “no way of knowing” whether the calls were made.

Keating, son of a doctor, died at St. Vincent's Hospital shortly after he was admitted with several bullet wounds in the head and chest.

Kids pray in Mass. schools

BOSTON — Some students prayed for the release of the American hostages in Iran. Others prayed for “nice teachers,” snow to ski on or their favorite team to win. And some got up and walked out of the room.

For the first time in 17 years, students were permitted to pray in Massachusetts' public schools Tuesday.

The new Massachusetts law requires schools to provide time for voluntary prayer or silent meditation before the start of classes each day. Students or teachers who do not want to take part may leave the room.

The Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts was to ask the state Supreme Court Wednesday for an injunction to stop the practice, saying it violates the First Amendment guarantee of separation of church and state.

The U.S. Supreme Court banned mandatory school prayer laws in 1963.

Karen Hudner of the Civil Liberties Union said the suit would be filed against the school committees in Marblehead and Framingham on behalf of parents in the two communities, located north and west of Boston.

The law was passed last year by the Democratic-controlled Legislature and signed in November by Gov. Edward J. King, a frequent critic of the lack of morals and religious beliefs among young people. It took effect Tuesday.

The state Education Department ordered local school officials to comply with the statute, but many ignored the order, saying they would wait for the courts to rule before holding the prayer sessions.

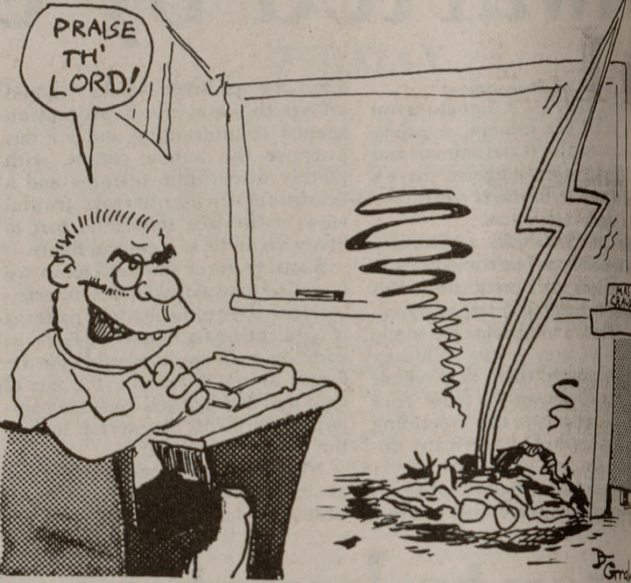
But prayers were conducted in many other schools.

A UPI survey indicated its acceptance among high school students was indifferent at best while elementary school children participated the most.

“Younger kids aren't as embarrassed to stand in front of their peers as the older students might be,” said Joseph Ambers, principal of the Fall School in North Attleboro.

At the Nathaniel Morton School in Plymouth, sixth-grader Jean Downey led his classmates in a prayer for the release of the 50 American hostages being held in Iran.

At Weymouth Central Junior High School, seventh-grader Christine asked for snow to ski on, oil for the cars and “nice teachers.”



Goodbye Walter, hello Dan, Roger

WASHINGTON — Veteran CBS-TV newscaster Walter Cronkite has told the network he wants to step down as the evening news anchorman no later than the end of his current contract which expires in

November 1981, the Washington Post reported Wednesday.

Cronkite, 63, said he wants to remain with the network, but draw a daily deadline grid, preferably before the end of his contract, he said.

“I'd like to be able to step out now,” Cronkite said, but comments for the presidential election year bar such an early departure.

There have been reports ABC and Roger Mudd, two of the candidates to succeed Cronkite.

Cronkite speculated that from rival networks prompted CBS News officials to approach him three weeks ago and say, “We're in a little bit of a bind.”

“They wanted to know what intentions were,” he said.

A report from New York said three networks are offering a five-year, \$8 million package. ABC throwing in the title of managing editor, the same title Cronkite has at CBS.

Recent rumors circulated in broadcasting circles say Mudd already been assured he would inherit Cronkite's job.

Both the New York Times and the Boston Globe have reported that Cronkite and Roger Mudd have joined forces to hurl a campaign to hurt the candidates.

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At a news conference, Arthur Kurlanski, an Advertising Executive, announced a 30-40 radio stations this week. The Kansas senator is making out full-page

Carter to hold news confab

WASHINGTON — President Carter will hold a news conference early next week, his first one in weeks, Press Secretary Jody Powell announced.

Carter's last formal news conference was Nov. 28. Since then he has met informally with visiting editors but has avoided the larger sessions with the Washington press corps.

Carter decided against having a question-and-answer session with reporters this week to avoid charges the session was politically motivated, aides said. Democrats in Maine voted Sunday in party caucuses.

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