

Short way home turned out to be the wrong way for two girls

By TERRI LANGFORD
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HOUSTON (AP) — The shortest way home for Elizabeth Pena and Jennifer Ertman turned out to be the longest, the most vicious and the last of their young lives.

Within 10 minutes of their trek home from a party last week at a friend's apartment, the two were on a tragic collision course with a group of drunken male youths.

Ahead in the dark, along a railroad trestle over White Oak Bayou, members of a fledgling gang calling themselves Black N White were drinking, celebrating the initiation of two new members.

They saw Miss Pena, 16, and Miss Ertman, 14, and the catcalls began.

The two kept their heads down in silence and tried to hurry past the scene.

"They walked right by these guys, they were in arm's reach," Houston Police Lt. John Silva said. "They just wanted to get out of there as fast as they could."



Jennifer Ertman

They never made it. Instead, according to preliminary investigation, the two were pulled into the woods that Thursday night, where they were gang-raped and strangled.

"Hopefully for the girls' sake, it wasn't too terribly long," Silva said



Elizabeth Pena

of the attack. The girls' bodies were discovered Monday, four days after the attack and after an anonymous tip to police.

Houston recorded 506 murders last year and most residents and police in the nation's fourth-largest

city appear ambivalent to daily homicide reports.

But the girls' youth, the time of year — when most teenagers are celebrating the time off from school — and the brutality of the crime struck a nerve.

"I think the viciousness of the crime, and coupled with the fact that the victims were so young has made it one of the worst crimes all year," Silva said.

Within 24 hours, six teenage suspects, five adults and one 14-year-old classified as a juvenile, were arrested and charged with capital murder.

Held without bond are Peter Anthony Cantu, 18, considered by police as the ringleader; Derrick Sean O'Brien, 18; Efrain Perez, 17; Raul Omar Villarreal, 17, and Jose Ernesto Medellin, 18.

The 14-year-old has been detained by the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

Police said the youths bragged about the slayings in jail, but when they showed up in court Wednesday their jail jumpsuits were scrawled

with derogatory comments in red marker.

Police won't say how the statements got there. Some, however, speculated they were put there by fellow inmates who typically find child rapists among the lowest of the jail system.

Police report no previous run-ins with the Black N Whites. Some, like Silva, think it was more of a social club.

"We haven't really classified it as a gang. When we think of gangs, there is usually guns, drugs, money. ... It was a bunch of guys sitting around drinking," he said.

But at Miss Ertman's funeral Thursday, some of her more than 400 friends, relatives and neighbors who poured into a funeral home chapel, thought differently.

"They were crazy," said Carlo Villarreal, 15, a member of the MS-13 gang from Miss Ertman's neighborhood.

"They shot his cousin in the leg," he said, pointing to fellow MS-13 member Alex Perales, 17, who nodded in agreement.

some of the last to see the girls alive on Thursday.

"She paged my friend," Perales said, pointing to Villarreal. "She wanted us to get together later."

Perales said when he talked to her later in the evening, before she was to make the walk home, she wanted him and Villarreal to walk them home. But the two couldn't make it.

Now they concentrate on revenge. "I'll kill those son of a (expletive) if I find them out here," said Villarreal.

Today, Miss Pena will be buried. Many of the two girls left behind in the working-class neighborhood tried to work through the pain of the loss.

Lino Izquierdo's brother, Ismael, was one of Jennifer Ertman's oldest friends. Lino said the whole family is still dazed at the news.

"They just live a couple a houses down," he said. "We've known her about eight years. She was a very nice girl. She never got in any trouble or anything like that."

Last Wednesday, Jennifer Ertman and Ismael Izquierdo went to the local shopping mall. By Friday, Jennifer was gone.

Richards says Texas moving ahead in assessing environmental impact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Mexico need to spend \$4.2 billion dollars over the next 17 years to improve the environment along the Texas-Mexico border, according to a recent study commissioned by Gov. Ann Richards.

The governor's office released the environmental assessment just a day after a federal judge ruled that the Clinton administration must do a detailed analysis of the North American Trade Agreement on the environment.

U.S. District Judge Charles Richey's ruling shouldn't be taken as proof that there's been little environmental review of the NAFTA, said Rep. Ron Coleman.

"The concept that we have never done an environmental study or that we're not ahead of the issue here is ridiculous. We are," the El Paso Democrat said Thursday. "Texas has done its job. Other border states have as well."

The study, done by private consultants, found that \$4.2 billion in infrastructure improvements are needed along the Texas-Mexico border to meet current environmental needs and the added pressures of increased trade.

The two countries should spend \$1.44 billion immediately and

another \$1.67 billion from 1996 to 2010, the report suggested. Of the \$4.2 billion, the study identified almost \$2.2 billion in needed Mexican spending and \$2 billion in U.S. spending.

Gubernatorial spokesman Chuck McDonald said the study identifies the U.S. portion of the spending as predominantly federal, not state money. "The purpose of this ... was to see what's needed above and beyond what local entities would be spending," he said.

Getting Congress to allocate new funds isn't likely to be an easy task at a time when lawmakers are slashing deeply into existing spending.

Mexico already has earmarked \$500 million for infrastructure improvements, McDonald noted.

The report said the biggest chunk of its suggested infrastructure improvements should be for wastewater treatment.

The authors allocated \$2.5 billion of the \$4.2 billion total for wastewater improvements. The second-largest amount, \$1.3 billion, would be to ensure adequate water supplies.

Coleman, McDonald and others suggested that Richey's ruling could be beneficial at a time when the administration is negotiating side

agreements on the environment, labor and trade surges.

"The ruling is not going to kill NAFTA," Coleman said. "I think it will be helpful. It tells negotiators from both sides they are not going to be able to fudge on any of the environmental side agreements."

Environmental groups, which brought suit to force the environmental impact statement, said the ruling would elevate environmental concerns to the level of economic considerations.

Administration officials said it interferes with their efforts to negotiate an environmental accord.

The administration is planning an expedited appeal of Richey's ruling, which triggered a process that may take months or years to complete.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor has said the ruling will not stop the administration from sending the pact to Congress for ratification.

Already ratified by Canada, the treaty would take effect on Jan. 1 if approved by the United States and Mexico. It provides for steadily declining tariffs among the three nations over a 15-year period, culminating in a virtual elimination in trade barriers.

Tilton attorneys to appeal order to release papers

DALLAS (AP) — An attorney for Robert Tilton says he will ask the Texas Supreme Court to reconsider a decision ordering the Word of Faith ministry to release documents to a Dallas woman suing the televangelist.

The court has ordered that the ministry release some documents, including the names of some people who have been on membership rolls, to an attorney for Norma Smith of Dallas.

Mrs. Smith contends Tilton's ministry harassed her by soliciting money from her husband, Tommie Smith, after he had died.

Tulsa attorney J.C. Joyce, who represents Tilton, said Thursday he will fight the order. He said that because freedom of association is a constitutional guarantee, Tilton is obligated to protect the names of his members.

"They have a right not to be bothered. ... They should not be subjected to that kind of exposure," Joyce said.

"We obviously didn't do a good enough job" explaining to the court why the names should be protected, he said.

Both sides met June 24 with a mediator, but no settlement was reached.

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Girl convicted in connection with gang rape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 13-year-old girl has been convicted of aggravated sexual assault and aggravated robbery in connection with the gang rape of another 13-year-old girl last year.

A San Antonio jury deliberated for just over an hour before returning a verdict Thursday against Priscilla Ambriz.

Ms. Ambriz was accused of holding down and beating a girl while she was raped by eight to 10 gang members outside a mobile home park Dec. 29. Ms. Ambriz also was accused of stealing the victim's necklace and earrings after the attack.

She faces up to 40 years in prison. Under the law, she may be transferred from a youth facility to a state prison after her 18th birthday.

Earlier Thursday, Ambriz testified that the victim was a willing participant in the incident. She said she heard the victim encourage the males to have sex with her.

"I said, 'Well, I guess she wants it and I can't do nothing'" to stop the event, Ambriz said.

In closing arguments, defense attorney David Hutton Jr. said his client was not involved in orchestrating the incident and should not be found guilty for merely being present at the scene.

"I'm not saying she's a choir

girl," Hutton said. "I'm saying she was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

But Assistant District Attorney Priscilla Garcia called the defendant "an evil little girl" who recruited males to commit the rape, encouraged them to repeatedly assault the victim and then lied about it in court.

Ms. Garcia cited the testimony of the victim, who tearfully told jurors Wednesday that she thought the gathering was being held to initiate the defendant into a gang. Once she arrived, the victim testified, the

defendant and others forced her into a bedroom, where she was raped, beaten and threatened with a knife.

In other testimony Thursday, Larry Salazar, a co-defendant who agreed to testify in exchange for a more lenient sentence, admitted that he raped the victim after being recruited by the defendant at a nearby convenience store.

Salazar, 16, said he felt sorry for the victim, but did nothing to stop the assaults.

"I wanted to help her, but I was scared," he said. "I would've gotten beaten up, too."

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Justice Department said ready to detain sheik in terrorist plot

By JAMES ROWLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has decided to detain the radical Islamic cleric whose followers are accused of a terrorist conspiracy and the bombing earlier this year of the World Trade Center, federal law enforcement sources said.

In a reversal of previous policy, Justice Department officials decided to have Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman taken into custody by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said sources who spoke Thursday night on condition of anonymity.

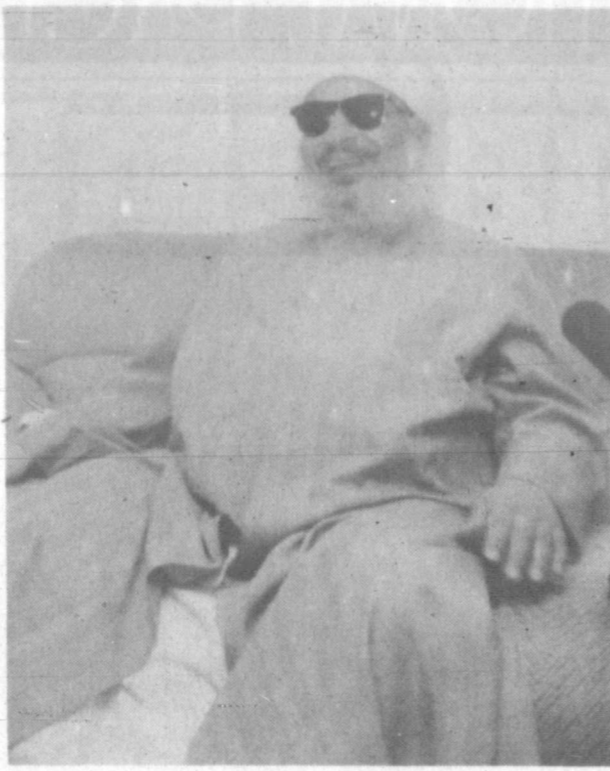
The INS had allowed the Egyptian cleric to remain free while he fought a deportation order issued in March.

The sheik wasn't being charged in the alleged bombing and assassination conspiracy that was broken up a week ago, authorities said. Nine men have been arrested in the alleged plot, and several faced bail hearings earlier in the day. The sheik has denounced the Trade Center bombing and denied any involvement in it or the foiled plot.

Attorney General Janet Reno previously had rejected proposals to arrest the sheik. The Justice Department presumably wanted to allow the blind cleric to remain free to enable the FBI to continue to gather information for its continuing investigation into the alleged plot.

It was not known whether the decision to detain him had been carried out, and if so, where the cleric was being held. But his supporters staged an apparent hoax involving an impostor Thursday night as federal authorities staked out a New York City mosque where the sheik was rumored to be hiding.

INS agents armed with shotguns swarmed over a van



Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman

in which several men, including one dressed in white, were trying to leave the mosque. The agents released the men when they realized they didn't have Abdel-Rahman.

A fleet of federal cars followed the van, and an INS

agent who remained on the scene refused to comment. Officers continued to stake out the mosque; authorities also maintained a vigil at Abdel-Rahman's home in nearby Jersey City, N.J.

The superintendent of the five-story apartment building where the sheik lives refused Thursday night to admit reporters.

The New York Times, in today's editions, quoted Barbara Nelson, the sheik's lawyer, as saying he was not at his home but was in the Jersey City area. Telephone messages left at Nelson's office Thursday night weren't returned.

Abdel-Rahman, 55, was ordered deported in March by an immigration judge for gaining admission to the United States under false pretenses. An immigration judge found the cleric was excludable as an undesirable alien, for concealing on his visa application that he was polygamous and had been charged with check forgery in Egypt.

INS granted Abdel-Rahman parole status, allowing him to remain free while contesting the immigration judge's findings. But INS is empowered to revoke the parole at any time.

Calls for federal authorities to arrest Abdel-Rahman have intensified since the FBI said it had foiled the bombing and murder plot, but it was not immediately clear why law enforcement officials chose this time to detain the sheik.

Continued publicity about the case may have depleted whatever value his continued freedom had for the investigation.

The Justice Department decision was first reported by ABC News and then CBS Radio.

Earlier Thursday, prosecutors disclosed in a New York federal court hearing that accused plotters dis-

cussed placing a bomb on the George Washington Bridge, which links upper Manhattan with Fort Lee, N.J.

Other targets identified earlier by authorities included the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, the United Nations building and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.

Portions of the conversations secretly taped by an informant were disclosed at a bail hearing Thursday for one of the defendants, Mohammed Saleh.

Saleh, 37, indicated during the conversation with another suspect and the informant that he had connections with hit men and the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Khuza'i said.

The Yonkers gas station operator, charged with providing fuel oil for making bombs, was ordered held without bail by U.S. Magistrate James Francis.

Nine defendants are charged so far, including a man accused of being the group's ringleader who the sheik says acted as his interpreter as recently as last month.

Two of the defendants charged in connection with the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Center were associated with the sheik and others worshipped at the Al-Salam Mosque where the blind cleric sometimes preaches.

The sheik was acquitted in Egypt of charges stemming from the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat but was placed on a watch list of undesirable aliens who should be barred from entering this country.

But the sheik entered in 1990 on a tourist visa that the State Department acknowledges was granted mistakenly by the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum.

The sheik eventually became a permanent resident, but INS revoked that status and moved to deport him.

Serbs, Croats demand high tolls for relief trucks

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serbs and Croats are slowing the flow of food to Muslim civilians and cooperating on the battlefield against the Muslim-controlled government. There were reports today that they had captured a government stronghold in northern Bosnia.

Thursday, Croats and Serbs demanded that U.N. relief trucks pay millions of dollars in tolls, forcing some convoys to turn back. The demands were made separately, but U.N. officials said they clearly were issued after the two factions consulted.

The demands were contained in letters from Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban and Radovan Karadzic, his Bosnian Serb counterpart. "They are asking for a staggering amount," said Lt. Col. Patricia Purves, a U.N. spokeswoman.

Boban demanded \$20 million for a convoy the size of the "Convoy of Joy," the 800-truck caravan that crossed Croat-held territory for

Slavic Muslim-controlled Tuzla last month.

Bosnian Serbs issued more detailed demands — \$1,500 for each tracked armored vehicle, \$500 for a wheeled armored vehicle, \$350 for a tractor trailer truck, \$240 for a truck and \$140 for a car.

A U.N. convoy headed for Sarajevo had to turn back Thursday at the Serbian border after Bosnian Serbs demanded exorbitant tolls, said Ron Redmond, Geneva-based spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

"We didn't pay," Redmond said. "It's outrageous because we also supply two Serbian communities in Bosnia."

On the battlefield, government-controlled Bosnian Radio reported joint Serb-Croat offensives against the northern towns of Zepce, Maglaj and Zavidovice.

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported today that Zepce had been captured after a week-long battle.

The BBC correspondent said retreating Bosnian Muslim soldiers were in tears as they described Serb tanks firing indiscriminately on civilian buildings and on white flags of surrender.

The correspondent in Vitez said the interviews and local radio reports could not be independently verified because the area has been cut off for several days.

Serb tanks also appeared to be moving uncontested through Bosnian Croat territory toward positions held by troops from the Muslim-led government.

To the east, Serb forces shelled the eastern Muslim enclave of Gorazde, a U.N.-declared "safe area." An official in Gorazde, Mustafa Kurtovic, said more than 250 tank rounds hit the town, killing four people.

At the outset of the 16-month-old war, Bosnian Croats and government troops jointly fought Serbs who rebelled over Bosnia's declara-

tion of independence from Yugoslavia.

Some Croats and Serbs still fight alongside Muslims in the government army. But the Croat-Muslim alliance began to buckle months ago as the two sides started clashing over contested land.

The announcement two weeks ago of a Serb-Croat plan to partition Bosnia along ethnic lines and take the lion's share of territory for themselves left the Muslim-led Bosnian government the odd man out.

The toll demands appeared intended to further complicate the U.N. role in Bosnia and to pressure the beleaguered Bosnian government to accept the Serb-Croat plan, which it has steadfastly rejected.

Bosnian Muslims fear that under the plan, Serb- and Croat-held land eventually will merge with neighboring Croatia and Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, leaving a tiny landlocked Muslim state sandwiched between the two.

U.S. Marine murder suspect given into Japanese custody

TOKYO (AP) — An 18-year-old U.S. Marine charged with murdering a Japanese man who reportedly tried to fondle him was turned over to Japanese custody today, military officials said.

Pfc. Christopher A. Glidden, of New Castle, Pa., had been in the brig on Camp Hansen, his base on the southern island of Okinawa, since April.

The U.S. military relinquished custody after the Naha District Prosecutors Office filed formal murder charges, a base spokeswoman on Camp Hansen said. Naha is Okinawa's capital city.

Local police and the Marine's parents have said Glidden told them he attacked Seiyu Yokota because the 33-year-old carpenter made unwanted sexual advances toward him outside a bar where they had been drinking together.

Yokota's body was found in an alley in Kin, a town adjacent to Camp Hansen. Police believe he was struck in the head with a flower pot and concrete block.

The Marines' decision to turn Glidden over to Japanese custody follows a ruling on Wednesday by the Naha Family Court that Glidden should stand trial as an adult, though until he turns 20 he is still a minor under Japanese law.

That ruling allowed local prosecutors to charge Glidden with murder, and he faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment if found guilty. No date has been set for his trial.

The case coincides with a debate in the United States over whether to lift a ban on gays in the military, and follows the U.S. military court conviction of sailor Terry Helvey for killing homosexual shipmate Allen Schindler in Sasebo southwestern Japan, last October.

Glidden's case has deepened tensions between the U.S. military and residents of Okinawa, a relatively small and crowded island where 20,000 Marines and about 10,000 Air Force troops are stationed.

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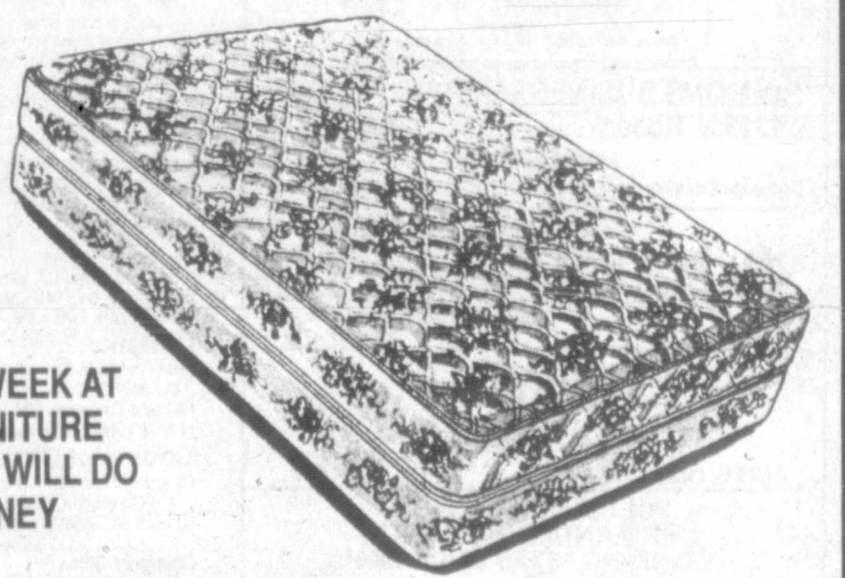
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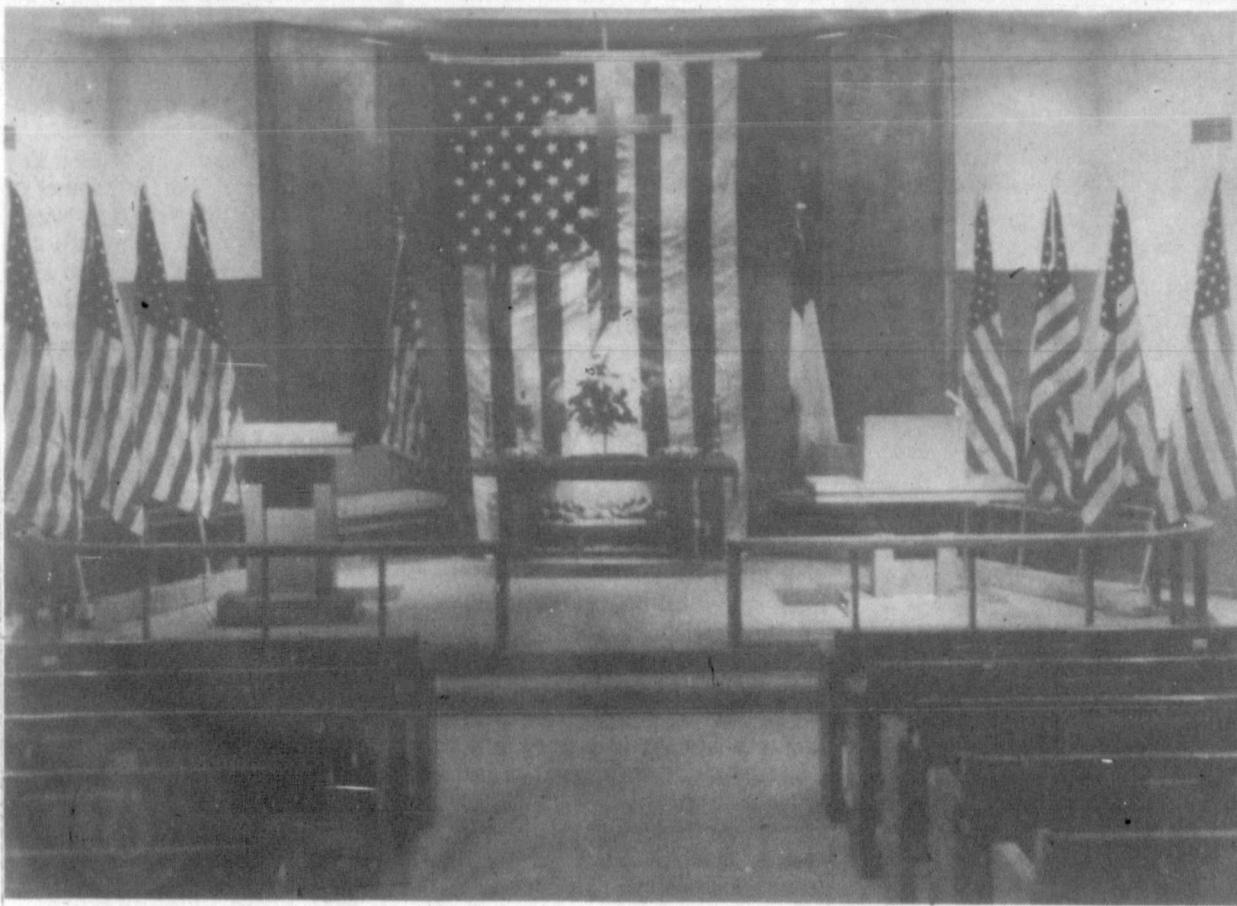
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Religion



First United Methodist Church will host a special patriotic service Sunday. (Special photo)

Patriotic service slated for Sunday

For the 10th consecutive year the First United Methodist Church will observe its annual patriotic service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

During the processional hymn, Boys Scouts in uniform will carry eight large American flags and place them in standards around the pulpit area.

The chancel choir directed by Suzanne Wood will sing the anthem, "I See America" by Medema. The pastor, the Rev. Kenneth T. Metzger, will preach on "Lumps in the Throat, Swellings in the Heart."

The service will close with the choir singing Wilhousky's arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," accompanied by Judy Strecker, organist, and Daryl Auwen and Jeremy Roberts on trumpets. The public is invited.

Unity minister faces uncertain future

By MARIA FISHER
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UNITY VILLAGE, Mo. (AP) — As a newly ordained minister of a small, relatively obscure American denomination, Alexandra Zykova knows she has a tough job ahead when she returns home to Russia to preach.

Kansas City. Zykova, 23, plans to join her father, Mikhail Zykov, who is the only other Russian Unity minister, at his church in Pushino outside Moscow.

She is uncertain what to expect in the Commonwealth of Independent States, which was the Soviet Union when she left. Zykova says she expects to be rebuffed by many potential followers, not only because of the church she represents, but because she is a woman.

"I feel it's important at this point to recognize women as capable of

doing this work. It's one thing to do it — as women have in the past — without being recognized," Zykova said. "It's another thing for the public to acknowledge a woman as an official in a religion. But, I feel Russia is ready for that."

The Association of Unity Churches was incorporated in 1966, and has about 600 Unity centers and churches, mostly in the United States. Clare Roberts, director of public relations for The Unity School, says the church estimates its worldwide membership at about 70,000.

Native religion comes to prison

By BILL JOHNSON
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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — To many, Ben Carnes would appear to be an unlikely crusader, a spokesman before congressional committees, a panelist at a learned legal gathering and a representative at an international conference on human rights.

At the age of 33, he is an alumnus of several reform schools and the Oklahoma prison system. He readily admits to having been a sneak thief and alcoholic.

But he says the bad times in his life came before he reached out to embrace his American Indian heritage and its religion. And now he wants to bring the peace and serenity he found to other American Indians behind bars.

"The main problem we are facing is the ignorance about Native American religion among the prison officials and their fear of the unknown," Carnes said.

Carnes is trying to get tax-free status for the Spiritual Alliance for Native Prisoners Inc., a four-point program he founded to "begin realizing the potential for spiritual growth and creating opportunities where they did not exist."

The program statement calls for providing sponsors to help set up prison organizations for Indians and spiritual advisors "to native prisoners for counseling, spiritual practices/ceremonies, and mediating issues of prison security with prison officials."

The most ambitious point is establishment of Okla Aiahsha, a residential and transitional camp in southeastern Oklahoma for Indian people who were recently discharged or paroled from prison, or who are at risk.

"The primary role of the camp, during their transition from a captive environment to a free society, will be to empower them spiritually through participation in traditional native ceremonies and being part of a supportive community," the statement of purpose proclaims.

Carnes, a full-blood Choctaw, does not shrink from difficult tasks. He testified before the House subcommittee on Native American Affairs in Washington, D.C., in March and before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs at a field hearing in Albuquerque, N.M., the month before.

Last summer, at a meeting of the Sovereignty Symposium legal forum in Oklahoma City, he discussed the lack of religious equality for Indian prisoners.

In 1987, while he was in prison, he was nominated for and received the Oklahoma Human Rights Award. Within weeks after completing his parole in 1991, he was invited to deliver the keynote address for the annual banquet of the Confined Inter-tribal Groups at the Joseph Harp Correctional Center.

Carnes left June 13 for Vienna, Austria, as the only American Indian representative to an international con-

ference on human rights. He was sent by Amnesty International to speak for Leonard Peltier, who was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of two FBI agents at Wounded Knee in 1975; and for other Indian prisoners.

It's a rarefied atmosphere for someone who says he was from "a nontraditional family" and first had an inkling of what it meant to be Indian when, at the age of 12, he was in his first institution, a children's home.

"My father was doing time in Texas and my mother just didn't end up taking care of us," Carnes says. At the time, he said, he didn't understand "what was so special about being an Indian."

Other Indian children began telling him about pow wows and Indian religious ceremonies "that I never knew about before," he said. Soon, he was reading all he could find about Indian traditions and "went through some type of culture shock and self-destructive acts."

And for a time, he said, "I became a racist" and blamed white people for all his ills.

Before he became comfortable in his Indian religion, "I was in and out of reform schools" and spent time in jails. Things hit bottom when he received consecutive 10- and 12-year terms for second-degree burglary and knowingly concealing stolen property, both after former felony convictions.

Carnes was paroled in 1988 and finished his parole in 1991.

He quotes statistics from studies and reports from prison officials that behavioral problems — and even the likelihood that an Indian will return to prison — all decline when these inmates are allowed to live their culture and practice their native religion.

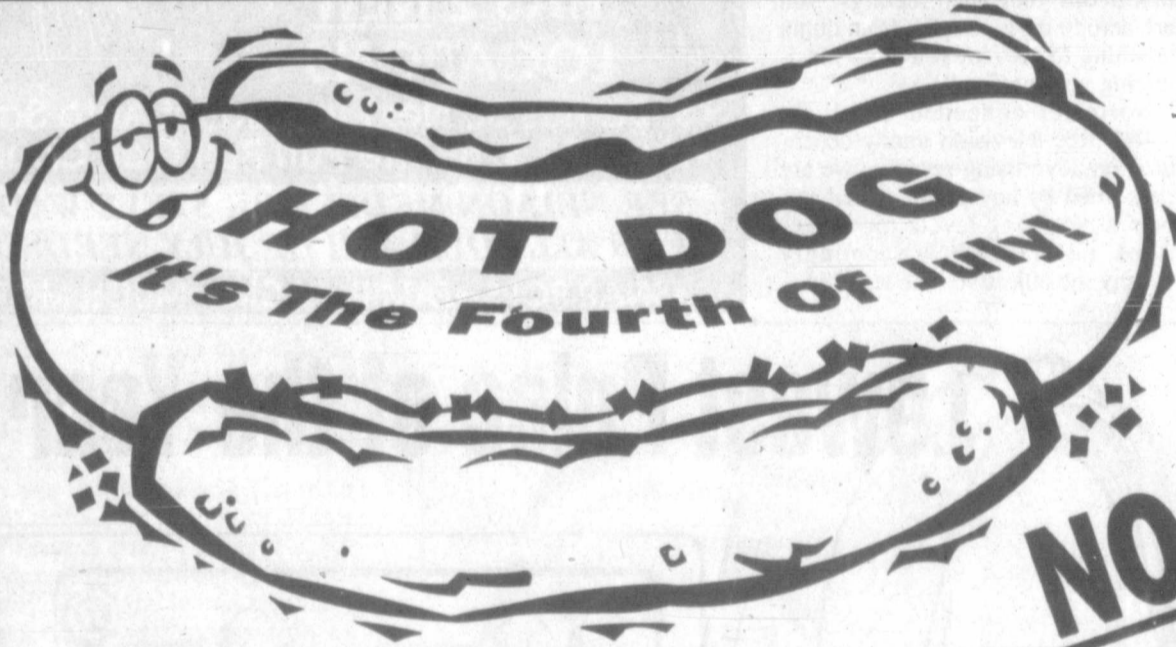
Joseph C. Vittek, a former director of the Nebraska prison system, in 1977 allowed sweat lodges and native practices on a trial basis," Carnes said. "He said all their fears and concerns never materialized, and, in fact, they produced a positive result in that the Indian inmates had an increase in self-esteem and pride and had less behavioral problems."

He quotes an Indian spiritual leader, Chief Archie Fire Lane Deer, as saying he worked on a one-to-one basis with 100 Indian inmates over a five-year period, and only two had returned to prison.

"One of the major struggles is to get a sweat lodge established in prison, because the sweat lodge is a pretty common ceremonial among a lot of native people across the country," Carnes said.

"Some institutions will allow pipe ceremonies and others will not," Carnes said. "One would allow the use of sage, cedar and sweet grass for praying. Each of those things has its purpose with our ceremonies. But the allegation is that we're using these sacraments to curb the smell of the use of marijuana. That's what we come up against."

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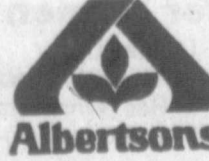
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Yeltsin says Clinton agrees to push for nuclear test ban

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin said Thursday he and President Clinton agreed to push for a global ban on nuclear warhead tests and declared Russia would not be the first to test another atomic weapon.

The comment came a day after aides to Clinton said he was leaning toward dropping plans to resume tests to check the reliability and safety of warheads. Clinton said he would announce his decision in a few days.

Both Russia and the United States have been observing their own moratoriums on tests since last year. France, Britain and China, the other nuclear powers also have halted tests.

"Our goal is to turn the moratorium on nuclear testing into a process which would unite all of the 'nuclear five,'" the Russian president was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

Russia's seven-month moratorium formally expired Thursday as did a U.S. moratorium. Moscow declared its ban after the United States and other nuclear states acted, although no formal moratorium agreement has been reached.

"What's very important now is not to begin a new moratorium, but to keep to this one so that no single nuclear state will start testing," Yeltsin told reporters. "Then we

will see whether anybody else starts testing. As for Russia, it will not be the first."

Yeltsin said his government would approve an extension of Moscow's test ban Friday.

He said the question of an international ban then would be raised when the leaders of the Group of Seven industrial nations meet next week in Tokyo.

"We've agreed on this by telephone with President Clinton," Yeltsin said at an impromptu airport news conference, Interfax reported.

There was no immediate comment from the White House.

The Soviet Union had long pushed for a global test ban, but U.S. and Soviet leaders never succeeded in reaching agreement.

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced a unilateral moratorium on testing in October 1991. Yeltsin later endorsed it, then extended it the following October.

France also declared a moratorium last year. Britain later joined because it conducts test in the United States and was bound by the U.S. decision.

China has not tested since September and reportedly is trying to formulate a policy on testing.

Clinton has pledged to seek a comprehensive test ban and to start consultations with Russia as early as next month.

Democrat congresswomen complain of bill treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic women in Congress stung by a defeat on an abortion vote complained Thursday they were abandoned by the House leadership and had to endure "paternalistic" comments from their male colleagues.

"It seems to me these men don't realize that we are equal partners in this House of Representatives," said Rep. Cardiss Collins, D-Ill.

"We have as much right to object, to offer amendments... They can't tell us to shut up. They don't run the whole show, we are part of the show," Collins told reporters. She complained of a "paternalistic attitude" by men during Wednesday's debate.

Collins and other members of the 48-strong women's caucus tried to analyze what went wrong Wednesday when they were overwhelmingly defeated, 255-178, as the House approved an amendment by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., to retain a ban on federal funding for abortions under Medicaid.

Congresswomen voted 37-11 against the ban. Democratic women split 31-5 against it, while Republican women were divided, 6-6.

Several women complained that men who make up the House leadership could have stopped action on the bill, once it was realized that amendment opponents had lost on a procedural vote and a showdown

was coming.

They also complained that they had nailed down the parliamentary tactics beforehand but once they got to the floor, the leadership allowed a ruling that permitted Hyde's last-minute amendment — which was broader than expected, and therefore garnered more support.

"We were rolled from the inside," said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif.

Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., and the most senior woman in the House, said women lawmakers felt the leadership could have stepped in to help.

"It was kind of like where's the reinforcements? It felt like we were abandoned, like we were left out there to sink," she said. "I don't blame anyone in particular."

Schroeder said women were offended by the "tenor" of Wednesday's debate, and the way men treated their female colleagues.

"They were saying, 'Why are you doing this? When are you going to stop?' like we'd just ruined their lives," Schroeder said.

Two members of the House Democratic leadership, Majority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Majority Whip David Bonior of Michigan, voted for the Hyde amendment. Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., who rarely votes, voted against it.



Peter Tortorici, left, executive vice president of CBS Entertainment, testifies on Capitol Hill Thursday before a House subcommittee concerning TV violence. At right is Warren Littlefield, president of NBC Entertainment.

Lawmakers want devices for blocking TV violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parental advisories on violent TV programs won't do much good if parents aren't home to change the channels, lawmakers said Thursday. They want a blocking device in each TV set.

But network executives, who a day earlier announced they'd warn parents and TV publications in advance of potentially disturbing programs, said Congress shouldn't insist on that technology yet.

The public should first be given the chance to determine whether the advisories will suffice, the executives told a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce telecommunications subcommittee.

The proposed "V-block" is nonetheless an idea gaining popularity among congressmen who think the advisories are a weak solution to a big problem. It would enable viewers to stop any show electronically coded as violent from appearing on the TV screen, through a fairly simple home programming system.

All new TVs already are equipped with the technology because it is included on the computer chip that must be in sets to decode captioning for the hearing impaired.

To activate it for violence, however, the networks would have to electronically code their shows.

The executives from ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and the motion picture industry all panned the plan.

"We are concerned about being crowded by additional government control," said Thomas Murphy, chairman of Capitol Cities-ABC Inc. There is bad violence and good violence, said Warren Littlefield, NBC president of entertainment. Bad violence is gratuitous or

glamorized, he said, adding "We will eliminate it from our airwaves." In shows with good violence, "we take on socially relevant issues, like incest, date rape, the dangers of maniacal cult leaders," he said.

Littlefield said parents should make individual judgments about these shows, as noted in the voluntary warnings coming this fall: "Due to some violent content, parental discretion advised."

A "V" block would be a blanket shut-off of many shows that carry socially important messages simply because they contain some violence, the executives said. It would treat *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *Lonesome Dove* the same, said Peter Tortorici, CBS executive vice president of entertainment.

Subcommittee chairman Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., didn't buy the arguments.

"If you have determined that parental discretion is necessary, why wouldn't we want to allow parents to block out the programming?" he asked. There would be no government control. It would be the parents' choice.

"The bottom line is you have to maximize value for your shareholders," said Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas. "You are not here today to talk about your deep feelings. You are here to try to keep us from doing anything to prevent you from maximizing your profits."

Tortorici conceded as much. "With free television totally dependent on advertising revenue, we are concerned by any proposal that targets advertising levels for reductions, no matter how seemingly worthy the objective," he testified.

Shootout at checkpoint leaves two women dead

JERUSALEM (AP) — A bus attack blamed on Islamic militants opposed to the Midast peace talks left two Israeli women dead Thursday and shattered months of calm.

Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum blamed the bloodshed on the government's negotiating stance; opposition conservatives said Israel was making too many concessions, others said it wasn't making enough.

The violence began in the morning rush-hour, when at least two Palestinian gunmen boarded a bus, scuffled with the driver, then hijacked a woman's car, forcing her to drive them across the city. Two women were shot before the Palestinians died in a fiery crash at an army checkpoint.

It was the first such terrorist incident inside Israel since the government sealed off the occupied territories three months ago after a series of similar attacks left 15 Israelis dead.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but officials pointed fingers of blame at Hamas, among the most hardcore opponents of the peace process.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the army's chief of staff, said Israelis could not delude themselves that Hamas had been subdued despite the Israeli effort to track down and arrest its members.

"They have the will to kill Jews, to prove they exist and to harm the peace process," Barak said on Israel's army radio.

He said the pistol used in the attack had "Hamas" carved into its handle. Israel radio said the men were believed to be from Hebron, a fundamentalist stronghold.

Israel radio cited reports from Damascus as saying the attack was carried out by Izzedine al-Qassem, the military wing of Hamas.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking in Paris, said the attack had two goals: "Beyond terrorism, the authors of this attack were trying to derail the Israeli-Arab peace negotiations."

But Israel's opposition, conservative Likud party suggested the violence was encouraged by concessions at the peace talks, like propos-

ing that east Jerusalem Arab residents be allowed to vote in West Bank elections under autonomy.

"What is clear to me today is that there is a battle being fought over Jerusalem," said Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Jerusalem has emerged as a key sticking point in the 10th round of the peace talks that ended in Washington Thursday. Israel stresses that it will retain control over the city, while the Palestinians want east Jerusalem as the capital of their hoped-for state.

On the other end of the spectrum, left-wing politicians said the violence showed the need to accelerate the peace talks.

"We are all not safe as long as the current situation continues. The occupation breeds hate and hate breeds extremists," said Jerusalem city council member Anat Hoffman of the left-wing Meretz party.

Palestinian officials said the deadlock in the talks meant further violence.

"Because the negotiations bear no concrete results, this means the continuation of violent actions as reaction to Israeli policies in the occupied territories," said Radwan Abu Ayash, an adviser to the peace talks.

The attack began at the height of the morning rush hour when at least two Palestinians boarded a tandem commuter bus with 80 passengers. They pulled out a pistol and a U.S.-made M-16 rifle, apparently intending to take hostages or open fire, Barak said.

The bus driver began wrestling with the men. The driver, an Israeli woman and a Palestinian were wounded by gunfire in the scuffle.

The woman, 42-year-old Olga Chaikov, a recent immigrant from Russia, died late Thursday, police spokesman Avi Zelba said. She suffered gunshot wounds in the head.

The wounded Palestinian was identified as 22-year-old Mustafa Osman from the Jabaliya refugee camp on the occupied Gaza strip. Police could not confirm if he was a participant in the attack, but Israel radio reported that he was wanted for belonging to the military wing of Hamas.

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GAO probe faults accounting system in military service

WASHINGTON (AP) — An accountant at an Air Force base in Texas stole \$2 million over three years by exploiting the service's weak controls of its financial system, congressional investigators said Thursday.

The Air Force never caught on to the theft at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock. It was only a tip from neighbors to the Drug Enforcement Administration about the man's sudden extravagant lifestyle that tripped him up, the investigators said.

Officials from the General Accounting Office, Congress' auditing division, said the Defense Department's financial system is beset by "widespread and significant problems" that could be costing millions of taxpayers' dollars.

The GAO faulted the military services and the department's civilian ranks for its slow response to the problems and poor control. Investigators also criticized the five-month-old Clinton administration for its sluggish pace in filling top jobs.

In its study, the GAO found a number of payroll problems, including a case where a clerk at the Army finance and accounting office falsified documents and created a fictitious soldier on the payroll system.

The clerk diverted \$31,000 from the "ghost" soldier's pay to his own account.

In one month alone — September 1992 — the Army made \$6 million in unauthorized payments to 2,200 people, some of whom had deserted or were absent without leave. Bowsher blamed two separate systems, personnel and payroll, that apparently failed to exchange information.

Summing up the problems, Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, chairman of the committee, said it's possible that we're "literally talking hundreds and hundreds of billions of dollars down a rat hole. We don't know how much money."

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

These great leaders had employment troubles, too

DEAR ABBY: Many people are depressed today because they are unemployed. They shouldn't take it personally. Some companies today wouldn't hire Moses, Jesus or Abraham Lincoln because they had beards.

Some companies wouldn't hire George Washington or Thomas Jefferson because they'd be considered troublemakers.

Some companies wouldn't hire Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison or Henry Ford because they weren't "educated."

Some companies wouldn't hire Franklin D. Roosevelt because he was "too old."

Some companies wouldn't hire Colin Powell because he's black.

Some companies wouldn't hire Margaret Thatcher because she's a woman.

Some companies wouldn't hire Albert Einstein because he was a Jew.

Competent, qualified people get turned down every day. So, don't take it personally — it's not your fault.

JOE ZELOOF, EDISON, N.J.

DEAR MR. ZELOOF: Most of the people you mentioned above were not alive to enjoy protection under anti-discrimination statutes. But today, people who believe they have been discriminated against because of their age, color, religion, gender or appearance should report the offending company to the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) for discriminatory hiring practices.

DEAR ABBY: I know that lots of cat lovers read your column, but I must disclose this current information:

Boys Rancher David Lavender elected president of VICA

Boys Rancher David Lavender has been elected president of the quarter million member Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, according to Ted Lokey, president of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Girlstown USA.

The election, held June 25 in Louisville, Ky., followed a week of campaigning by the Boys Ranch senior. More than 8,500 VICA members, representing high schools and post-secondary institutions from across the country, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Canada, attended the conference.

To win the presidency, Lavender faced competition from several other candidates. A written exam plus verbal screening narrowed the field. A primary ballot cast by the secondary House of Delegates was won by Lavender and a candidate from Ohio. Following a last address to delegates on Friday, the final ballot was cast and the Boys Ranch student declared the winner.

"All of us are very proud of David whose determination, hard work and sacrifices have earned him this high national honor. We fortunate to have him as a member of our Boys Ranch High School student body," Lokey said.

Other Boys Ranch students attending the conference were Danny Hughes, Patrick Stout, Matt Talley, Bobby Urango and Mark Van Leer. Urango served as VICA national vice president during the 1992-1993 school year. Ted Carver, Boys Ranch VICA advisor, accompanied the boys to the national conference.

Sagebrush Painters schedule art show

CANADIAN — The 16th Annual Sagebrush Painters Art Show will be held this weekend in conjunction with the annual July 4th Celebration activities in Canadian.

The show will be held in the WCTU Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, according to Ethel Adcock, art show director.

Admission is free to the show, which features paintings by the Sagebrush Painters, a non-profit painters group in Canadian. While most paintings will be on display just for viewing, some will be for sale.

Those attending the show may register for a door prize, a painting by one of the artists.

Serving as president of the Sagebrush Painters is Charlene Manns.

The Washington Department of Wildlife has published the following facts in its newsletter for Spring 1993:

— A four-year study done in Wisconsin estimated that the number of songbirds killed by domestic cats (in that state alone) was 19 million, and the number of game birds killed by domestic cats was approximately 140,000.

— Much cat-hunting is not witnessed because cats hunt at night — usually in a neighbor's back yard.

— Collar bells on cats won't work because birds and other wildlife do not associate the ringing with being stalked or attacked.

— Declawing a cat does not provide safety either: The feline merely bats down its prey.

— Confining the cat works best in deterring it from destroying wildlife. An outdoor cat lives an average of three to five years — whereas confined cats can reach 17 years or longer.

Neutering and spaying help cut down the cat population. Ordinances should be developed requiring spaying and neutering, as well as confinement, because some cat owners are not convinced of the great amount of damage their pet is causing.

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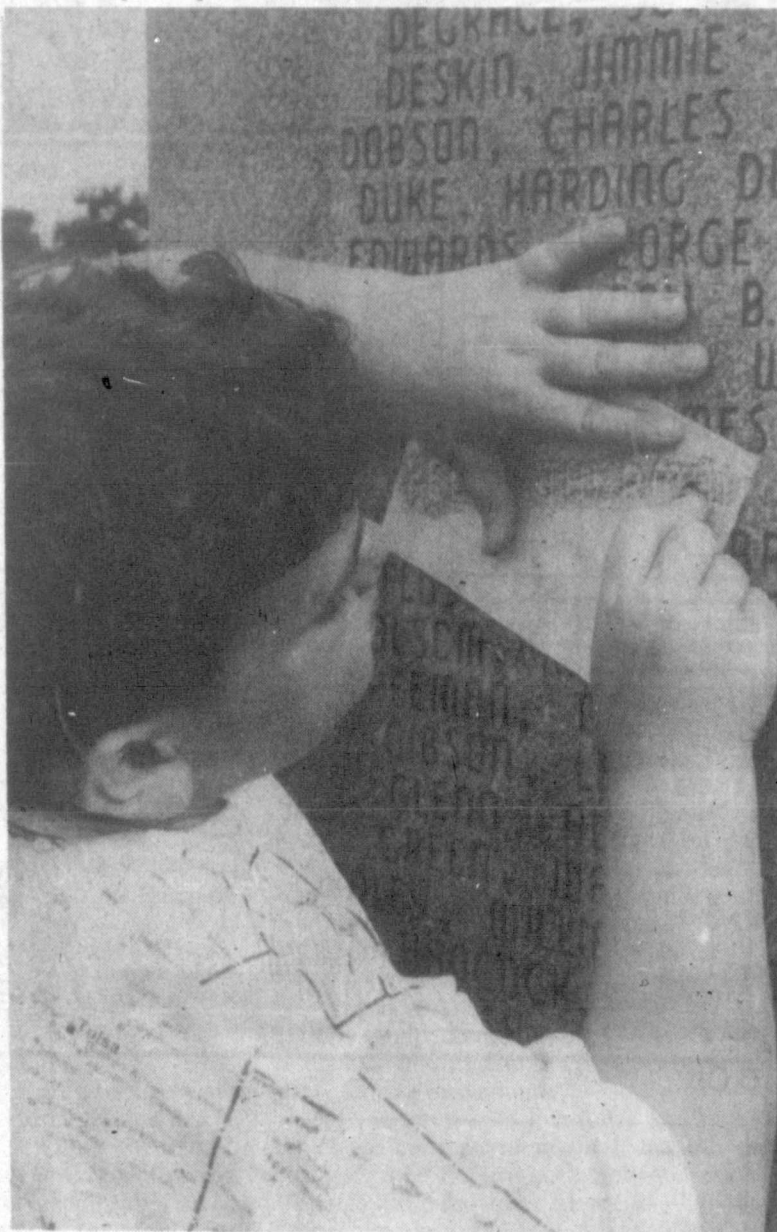
WORTH REMEMBERING: The reason that fiction is more interesting than any other form of literature to those of us who really like to study people is that, in fiction, the author can tell the whole truth without hurting anyone — or humiliating himself too much.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

In his role as national president, Lavendar will travel as a VICA ambassador. Lavendar, along with his two brothers, has lived at Boys Ranch since 1985.

Other Ranchers who have served as national VICA presidents include Barry Powell (1986) and Les Saker (1988). Boys Ranch student Andy Justus held the office of national vice president in 1989.

Pampa patriots



In left, photo, Tyler Mitchell "rubs" a World War II veteran's name from the granite memorial in Memorial Park. He and other Pampa elementary students spent time Wednesday learning about Pampa patriots. At right, Mike Porter, a World War II veteran, is awaiting his turn to speak to the students about his military experiences.

(Staff photos by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Sock it to the soccer shoe

By The Associated Press

The poorly designed soccer shoe and misguided training are behind many foot and ankle injuries suffered by soccer players, says an orthopedist.

"Players' feet and ankles are exposed to great stresses and forces during the game, but soccer shoes provide little protection, very little support and no cushioning," says Dr. Raymond Rocco Monto, a Vail, Colo., specialist who studied foot and ankle X-rays of top North American soccer players.

"There is no scientific basis for locating the studs or cleats under the ball of the foot or other joints — just tradition," says Rocco Monto. "Soccer shoe research and development lags behind that of running shoes with regard to improved function, wearer comfort, and foot protection." He suggests that footwear makers

put strips of titanium in the shoe uppers to minimize impact.

He also advises that pre-adolescents going out for soccer wear sneakers, flat-bottom shoes or those with corrugated soles.

"Often, children are playing on less than ideal surfaces. By wearing a non-cleated flat-bottom shoe, children will be less likely to sustain an injury. The 'turf' shoe is appropriate for teams playing on dirt fields or if the ground is soft."

In the study of 63 soccer players — average age 22 — he found 97 percent of them had bone growths; such as spurs or osteophytes, in the feet or ankles.

"For a lot of coaches, 'practice' means telling the youngsters to go out and play the game. Daily contact practice, however, may stimulate accessory bone growth in children's feet and ankles."

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- Fashion
- Quilting
- Grain
- Hypothetical force
- Greek letter
- Big towns
- Beverage
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- Cooling device
- Author —
- Wiesel
- Drink slowly
- Unslightly
- Warm up (a motor)
- Touch gently
- Shade tree
- Letter addition (abbr.)
- Plaza of jewelry
- Prosecutor (abbr.)
- Sandpiper

DOWN

- Castro
- Symbol for lead
- Hockey great Bobby —
- Mal — (cocktail)
- Wager
- Safecracker (sl.)
- Youth org.
- Speed
- Corded cloth
- British Navy abbr.
- Bridge of San Luis —
- Native of Brittany
- Own (Scot.)
- luxe
- Legal matter
- Jets
- carelessly
- Paid notices
- Of the dawn
- Help
- Certain jackets
- Princess —
- Business abbr.
- Weekend-welcoming abbr.
- Edge
- Affirmative vote
- Moines
- Ballot
- Exclamation
- Kind of cross
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- Jewish language
- Wide shoe size
- Equality
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- Sumac
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- Hope
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- Mortar mixer
- Vigor
- Exit
- Paving material
- Obtain
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) This might not be a good day for you and your spouse to make a decision on a very important matter. Neither you nor he/she may be exercising your best judgment. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Let your common sense prevail where health matters are concerned today. If there is something you know you shouldn't eat or drink, pass it up and do what's best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be alert today because you might be drawn into a situation where a friend is playing politics and using you as a pawn. The manipulation could make you look bad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You won't mind being of assistance to others today unless you feel it is demanded of you. If this occurs, it may be hard to hold your resentment in check.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might have to deal with someone who is diametrically opposed to your political or philosophical positions who feels equally as strong about issues as you do. Don't bump heads.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Manage your resources with extra care today. If someone is handling them for you, also keep a very close eye on this individual. This could be a problem area.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If the majority disagrees with your way of doing things today, there's a possibility they may not all be wrong. Reexamine your motives and purposes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Upon occasion you sometimes leave important matters until the last moment. This may be one of those days when you jam things up for yourself and others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you get involved in friendly, competitive activities with your peers today, don't complicate the events by betting on their outcome. This could cause trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't treat with indifference any situations today that could tarnish your image or reputation if they should misfire. There's a pretty good chance this might occur.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In an important discussion today there is a possibility that both you and the party to whom you're talking might be so interested in your own thoughts you'll not hear what the other has to say.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If someone offers you a business proposition today, don't react impulsively, regardless of how good it sounds. Allow yourself time to investigate it in detail.

