

NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Father convicted for choosing prayer to treat son's illness



ALBANY (AP) — Saying a boy's life is more precious than religious beliefs, a jury convicted a

man of criminally negligent homicide for choosing prayer over medicine to treat his son's leukemia.

Lloyd Hays' 7-year-old son, Tony, died in November 1994, three weeks after he began showing symptoms of acute lymphocytic leukemia, a treatable form of the disease.

Instead of doctors, the Hayses followed the instructions of James 5:14 in the Bible to pray and anoint their son with oil. "The freedom of religion is what our country was based on, and they have their right to believe that," said juror Juanita Sossie, after Monday's verdict. "But we believed that a human life is more precious than religious beliefs."

Jurors voted 10-2 to convict Hays. He was acquitted of first- and second-degree manslaughter.

The mother, Christina Hays, was acquitted on all three counts in the death of Tony, the youngest of their five children. Jurors said she was under the influence of her husband.

Jury orders gunman to compensate paralyzed victim



NEW YORK (AP) — Twelve years after he shot four black youths on a subway train, Bernhard Goetz was ordered Tuesday to pay \$43 million to the one left paralyzed by his final bullet, the one he told, "You don't look so bad. Here's another."

The Bronx jury ruled unanimously that the white subway gunman had acted recklessly and without justification in shooting Darrell Cabey, now 30.

Clinton releases intelligence agencies' secret budgets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton endorsed making public the overall budget figure for U.S. intelligence agencies Tuesday, ending a tradition of secrecy already eroded by news media leaks. He rejected calls to strip the CIA of its control of covert operations.

"Establishing a separate agency is not the best way to make the clandestine service the best in the world," said a senior intelligence official who briefed reporters on the administration proposals.

Fire at Chernobyl marks anniversary of nuclear disaster



KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Fire raced through deserted villages around the Chernobyl nuclear plant Tuesday, sending wind-whipped radioactive particles skyward 10 years to the week after the world's worst nuclear accident.

Monitors flown in helicopters over the area of the fire recorded only a slight radiation increase, said Nikolai Komshensky, a spokesman for Ukraine's nuclear regulatory agency.

"We see no reason to be concerned now," he said.

Plant officials said the fire posed no danger to the Chernobyl plant, still in operation a decade after a reactor exploded, killing at least 30 people outright. Another 5 million people were exposed to radioactive fallout, mostly in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

It was not clear how much damage was done to the villages, officially off limits since the plant disaster.

Firefighters said the blaze was probably started by a cigarette dropped by one of the families visiting graves near the village of Tovsty Lis, about six miles northwest of the plant.

Man suffers stroke; says police ignored his cries for help

BOSTON (AP) — Richard Kelley was relieved to see a police cruiser pulling up behind him. A stroke had just numbed his left side, and he was struggling to control his car. He expected the officers to help.

Instead, he claims, the police dragged him out of his car, pronounced him drunk, ignored his cries for help and held him at the state police barracks for seven hours.

He says the delay left him paralyzed and in need of constant medical care.

Kelley, 51, is seeking \$30 million from state police. In a lawsuit filed in federal court last month, he claims the officers recklessly violated his constitutional rights.

James G. Gilbert, an attorney for the state, said Tuesday that the troopers "acted and reacted appropriately and followed all the procedures."

In 1994, Kelley was returning to his home in Plymouth from an auction. In Braintree, he lost control of his car and hit a guardrail.

According to court papers, Troopers Michael Downing and James Arroyo, with the help of two unnamed Weymouth police officers, yanked Kelley from his car and handcuffed him. Kelley "was unable to exit the vehicle on his own," Downing wrote in his police report.

When Kelley fell to the ground, the four officers carried him to the cruiser, then took him to the barracks in Norwell.

"I told them, 'I need help! I need help! My left side doesn't work,'" Kelley told *The Enterprise* of Brockton.

At the barracks, Kelley repeatedly fell off a bench, and the desk sergeant and

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other officers taunted him, he alleges.

Eventually, he was taken to South Shore Hospital, where doctors determined that he had suffered a stroke. A test found no alcohol or drugs in his bloodstream, according to the hospital report filed with the court.

Woman breast-feeds strangers' babies

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Police were warning residents about a woman who has been grabbing babies from strangers and breast-feeding them, reportedly telling the latest shocked mother, "Every child needs lactate nourishment."

So far, no infants have been harmed, but authorities are worried the situation could escalate.

"Our main concern is the public safety — what are this person's intentions?" Sgt. Len Johnson said Monday. "Do they need some mental assistance, or do they have something else in mind, like permanently taking the child?"

The most recent attack occurred Thursday at a waterfront library in this northern California city. A woman wearing Spandex clothes and wraparound sunglasses walked up to a mother pushing a stroller and struck up a conversation.

When the mother turned, the woman pulled the infant out of the stroller and brought the child to her breast. She then put the baby down and left when the mother protested.

"It's strange. It ranks up there," Johnson said.

POLICE BEAT

■ A man believed to be between the ages of 38 and 45 grabbed the groin of a 19-year-old woman on Alder Street near 12th Avenue on April 18 at 11:11 p.m. The suspect came out from behind a bush before grabbing her. After feeling his hand on her inner thigh, she screamed, and he ran away. The man is white and approximately 220 pounds.
■ One of the glass doors at the

east main entrance at Carson was broken on April 14 between 1 and 6:30 a.m.

■ A Power Macintosh valued at \$3,000 was stolen from the Oregon Voice office in Room 21 in the EMU. The 7200 model Mac was taken between April 13 at 10 p.m. and April 15 at 10 a.m. There was no indication of forced entry.
■ A parking permit was stolen for

the second time from a car owned by a 19-year-old woman. The theft took place in the University Inn lot at 1000 Patterson between April 13 at 3 p.m. and April 14 at 4 p.m.

■ A vehicle had a stereo stolen from it and its window broken in Lot 34 between 9 p.m. on April 10 and 3 p.m. on April 11. Damage is estimated at \$1,200.

— compiled by Brian Womack

TODAY!

The

RACE TASK FORCE

Invites You to Attend a Forum
April 24, Wednesday, from
3:00 to 5:00 in the
Multicultural Center.

Although special circumstances
may prevent President Frohnmayer
from attending, key university
administrators will be present.

Bring your concerns and
recommendations to help make this
a welcoming campus that honors
diversity.

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WALK THE TALK!!!**

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@ the EMU Ballroom

Actor and Comedian

Chris Fonseca

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For other accommodations please contact Hilary Gerdes @ 346-3211 by April 22

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