



■ Victim's hair led to arrest for 1991 child killing

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (AP) — Based on advanced DNA techniques, a man was arrested on a charge of murder in the drowning of a 9-year-old girl who disappeared while selling jewelry door-to-door in 1991, authorities said.

Robbie Dale Tubbs, 38, was linked to the slaying of Christina Marie Pipkin by genetic evidence gleaned from a strand of her hair, state police said Wednesday. Such DNA testing wasn't available when the girl's body was found in a creek five days after she vanished.

Prosecutor Fletcher Long Jr. wouldn't disclose where the hair was recovered. The DNA testing indicated she had some kind of contact with Tubbs, who was a suspect from the beginning, Long said.

"The hair was retrieved within days after her body was found," he said.

Christina was abducted May 4, 1991. Tubbs lived in the area at the time but wasn't among the people the girl visited while selling jewelry to raise money for her school, Long said.

"It looks like somebody saw a little girl walking down the side of the road and pulled over and enticed the girl to get into the car with her," Long said.

two small leftist parties, protested Clinton's visit. Demonstrators burned the American flag and carried banners saying, "Yankee go home!" the Anatolia news agency reported.

Later, Clinton watched as the leaders of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia signed a historic agreement to build a pipeline that would send the oil riches of the Caspian Sea to international markets without going through Russia or Iran. Russia sees the accord as Washington encroaching on a Russian sphere of influence.

Russia also strongly objects to the Clinton administration's insistence that the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty be amended to permit the United States to build a nationwide defense against ballistic missile attack. Moscow sees the U.S. plan as a threat to its security.

## Yeltsin to allow review in Chechnya

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ISTANBUL, TURKEY — President Clinton on Thursday warned Russian President Boris Yeltsin against feeding an "endless cycle of violence" with his military offensive in Chechnya.

Yeltsin, at first defying international meddling, later agreed to allow a European official to visit the war-torn republic, German diplomats said.

Yeltsin told world leaders at the opening session of a 54-nation European summit meeting not to criticize his fight against "bandits and murders." He departed the summit early, shortly after meeting with Clinton. But the German diplomats said the Russian leader agreed to accept a European review of the situation on the ground in Chechnya.

The Russian shift means that "the way is free to sign" the security charter Friday and the final document at the

Organization for Security and Cooperation summit, said Andreas Michaelis, a German Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Shortly before the Germans reported progress, Clinton told reporters Yeltsin was "very vigorous, and so was I," but no minds were changed.

"I urged him to try to listen to Russia's friends at this conference," Clinton said. "I'm hopeful we will see some progress here before we leave." The conference ends Friday.

At the opening OSCE session, Clinton warned that, "if the attacks on civilians continue, the extremism Russia is trying to combat will only intensify."

Clinton said the United States believes "Russia has not only the right, but the obligation to defend its territorial integrity," yet the world should not stand by idly as the toll on civilians mounts.

Addressing the same forum just minutes before Clinton, Yeltsin offered a

tough defense of his military offensive in the breakaway region and rejected American and other international criticism as "humanitarian interference" in Russian's internal affairs.

"You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya," Yeltsin told the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The often-ill Yeltsin appeared vigorous and steady.

Yeltsin and Clinton later held their first meeting since June, with Yeltsin giving Clinton a bear hug. Yeltsin adviser Sergei Prikhodko said the leaders discussed Chechnya, arms control and other issues.

"Yeltsin conveyed the Russian vision of that problem, talked about the government's efforts to normalize the life in regions freed from rebels," Prikhodko said.

A short distance outside the summit venue, about 100 protesters, mainly from

## Six killed at Texas A&M

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COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS — A 40-foot pyramid of logs being assembled for Texas A&M's annual bonfire collapsed early today while dozens of students were climbing on it. At least six students were killed and 28 injured.

In the hours after the 2:30 a.m. collapse, rescuers pulled four students from the rubble alive, said Bart Humphreys, a fire department spokesman. One student wasn't pulled free until more than six hours later.

Even after that, Cynthia Lawson, a spokeswoman for the university, said crews using sound detectors could hear "moaning and tapping sounds," leading them to believe one or more students was still trapped.

At midmorning, cranes were removing logs gingerly, one by one, in the search for more students.

"Every piece of wood in that pile is unstable and every piece of wood that moves affects other pieces of lumber," Humphreys said.

Students who had been looking forward to the huge bonfire, a tradition since 1909 to get fans ready for the football game against archrival University of Texas, were instead in mourning.

"The scene right now is a scene of disbelief," said Sallie Turner, editor of the *Battalion*, the student newspaper. "A lot of the students just feel it's surreal."

University President Ray Bowen gave the death toll as six dead, all men, and 28 injured.

Officials conducted head counts at residence halls in an effort to account for everybody who may have been working on the structure. Some 60 to 70 students were believed to be on it when it fell.

Rusty Thompson, assistant director of the Memorial Student Center and the bonfire faculty adviser, said students told him "there was just a sudden movement. Five to seven seconds and it was on the ground."

The project hasn't always been trouble-free: One stack collapsed in 1994, and a second was built and ignited.



A body is carried from the pile of toppled lumber that was to be the traditional Texas A&M bonfire. The 40-foot pyramid of logs collapsed Thursday, killing six students and injuring 28.

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## Hitler's 'master race' records uncovered

STAFF REPORTS  
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BERLIN — Records of children born under a Nazi project to breed a German master race will be opened to the children now trying to track down their roots, a spokesman from the federal archives said Wednesday.

A television report said the archives held files of some 1,000 children born from Adolf Hitler's quest for a race of blond, blue-eyed and tall Germans. The files could help some identify the parents of those children who did not meet the Nazi racist criteria and were sent to orphanages, ARD public television said.

An archives spokesman, Wilhelm Lenz, confirmed that the agency has records on some of the children, but he said many files were incomplete and he could not confirm the figure of 1,000.

Under the breeding program known as Lebensborn, or Fount of Life, women deemed by the Nazis to fit the ideals of the German race were mated with selected men to "bear a child for the Fuehrer." The mating places were officially disguised as maternity homes.

ARD said around 7,000 children were born in the program, although numbers have never been verified.

The television station, which was to air the program Thursday, said its reporters discovered the previously little-known records at the archives. Lenz said archive officials had long been aware of the files. But since they are such a "highly sensitive issue," they have not been open to the public or media, he said. If someone wants access to find relatives "they must apply," to do so, he said.



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