

### Woman faces extradition to Michigan

WALKER, Mich. (AP) — A former nurse's aide has waived extradition and agreed to return to Michigan from Texas to face a charge of murder in the death of a 98-year-old nursing home patient.

Gwendolyn Graham, held in the Smith County Jail near Tyler, Texas, in lieu of \$1 million bond since early December, ended her six-week extradition fight Tuesday.

Walker Police Chief Walt Sprenger said Wednesday that Ms. Graham probably would be returned to Walker to face arraignment early next week.

Ms. Graham, 25, is charged with killing Edith Cook, who died April 7, 1987, at Alpine Manor Nursing Home in this Grand Rapids suburb.

Another suspect, Catherine Wood, told police Ms. Graham used a washcloth to suffocate Ms. Cook and several other patients between January and May 1987, according to court documents.

Ms. Wood, a former nurse's aide supervisor at the home, has been ordered to stand trial on two counts of open murder in the deaths of Cook and another patient, 60-year-old Marguerite Chambers. Police suspect the pair, who were lovers, may have killed as many as eight patients at the home.

Ms. Wood, 26, told police Ms. Graham killed the patients for the "emotional release" it provided her.

"Somewhere down the line there may very well be other charges" against Ms. Graham, Sprenger said without elaborating. He said it was unlikely the charges would be brought before next week's arraignment.

"We weren't expecting her back so soon, so we're going to have to work a little bit faster than we thought," Sprenger said.

Authorities said Ms. Graham informed jailers about 3 p.m. Tuesday that she wanted to waive her extradition.

"She just wanted to get it over with," District Judge Bill Coats said in Texas. "I don't know what caused it (her to waive her extradition) ... They get tired of sitting in these jails, but I imagine she'll get tired up there, too."

The deaths originally were believed to be from natural causes. Police began investigating after Ms. Wood's ex-husband came forward to report the deaths as slayings. He said his ex-wife told him the two women suffocated patients for fun and were trying to spell the word "MURDER" with the patients' initials, according to court documents.

## Court decision allows firm to give drug tests

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin high-tech company's plan to test workers for use of illegal drugs was upheld Wednesday by a state appeals court.

The 3rd Court of Appeals agreed with a district court ruling in favor of Minco Technology Labs Inc. The company was sued by employee Brenda Jennings, who contended that testing violated her privacy.

The Texas Civil Liberties Union, which represented Ms. Jennings, has said the case was the first in Texas involving urine tests by private companies.

Wednesday's appeals court decision was hailed by Minco's lawyer, John Blazier, who said the company believes testing is necessary.

"When a manufacturer of microchips places into commerce a chip that is used in (heart) pacemakers, the space shuttle, nuclear submarines, there's no room for manufacturing defects or errors," Blazier said. "And so in this context, I think drug testing is appropriate."

James Harrington, legal director of the civil liberties union, said he wasn't surprised by the ruling, add-

ing that, "We know this issue is going to be decided by the (Texas) Supreme Court."

Jennings filed suit two years ago, after the company announced plans for tests that Minco officials said were needed to guarantee product quality and maintain its reputation.

The 3rd Court opinion, written by Justice John Powers, said that Jennings was employed on an "at will" basis, meaning employment continues at the mutual pleasure of employer and employee.

"Generally, when the employer notifies an employee of changes in employment terms, the employee must accept the new terms or quit," the opinion said. "If the employee continues working with knowledge of the changes, he has accepted the changes as a matter of law."

The court said that employees do have a right to privacy, but it noted that Jennings' argument suggested "the state's public policy in favor of the right of privacy is transcendently important ..."

(Jennings) may consent or not to any future requirement that she give

a urine sample or participate in a rehabilitation program, should either be asked of her; or she may reject further employment on the modified terms proposed by the company," the appeals court said.

"She may not, however, determine unilaterally what the terms of her employment shall be and compel the company to contract with her on that basis against its will. In any case, her privacy interest will not be invaded without her consent ..."

Minco's lawyer, Blazier, said drug testing at the company, which has about 150 employees, has been on hold while the case was in court.

Harrington said the appeals court focused on a revised drug-testing policy which he called "light years ahead" of the original, sending those who test positive to a rehabilitation program rather than firing them.

But he said the civil liberties union still opposed the procedure because it permits random testing without cause or suspicion.

"That's still the main deficiency in the revised program," Harrington said.

## West Germany starts probe into firms who aided Libya

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Prosecutors Wednesday announced criminal probes of a key company in the Libyan chemical weapons plant dispute and a Bavarian company that reportedly delivered sophisticated equipment to Libya's air force.

The new probes bring to three the number of criminal investigations in the widening scandal, and in each case authorities acknowledged they were checking allegations made by West German news reports.

Since the first allegations of West German involvement were published early this month, the nation's news media have been particularly aggressive about pursuing the story.

Politicians, meanwhile, have had to retract their earlier denials of West German involvement with the plant in Rabta, 60 miles south of the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Washington says it was built to make chemical arms, while the Libyan government of Col. Moammar Gadhafi says it will make pharmaceuticals.

In Bonn on Wednesday, Chancellor Helmut Kohl sat with other lawmakers as his chief aide, Wolfgang Schauble, addressed an acrimonious session of Parliament about when the government in Bonn first learned of the charges.

Schauble said the U.S. government in May passed on tips about

West German involvement in the suspected Libyan chemical weapons plant. He said the tips also involved the alleged German help in providing Gadhafi's air force with midair refueling capability.

The Frankfurt prosecutor's office said Wednesday it has opened a criminal investigation of the now-de-

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funct I.B.I. Engineering company, which U.S. officials have accused of providing equipment for the plant.

"Our authorities opened the probe against I.B.I. on Friday because of suspicion of reported violations of export laws," Frankfurt prosecutor Jochen Schroers told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

He declined to provide further information about I.B.I., which allegedly provided the contracts to the

West German companies to build the plant.

West Germany's ARD television network reported that about 50 companies just in the greater Frankfurt area are suspected of having taken part. Federal customs officials are also investigating.

In Munich, chief prosecutor Heinz Stocker said he was looking into a report in this week's Der Spiegel magazine that says the Intec Technical Trade and Logistik company has been helping Libya develop the ability to refuel its warplanes while in flight.

The prosecutor said he had already planned to investigate Intec, but added authorities want to know whether the report in Spiegel is correct.

The probe against Intec concerns fuel tank equipment sent to Libya and may also involve violations of West Germany's export laws, he said. "We don't know what was done with this equipment in Libya."

Der Spiegel reported 10 Intec-hired engineers are playing a key role in helping Libya fit warplanes and transport planes with equipment necessary for mid-air refueling to extend the warplanes' range.

The Imhausen-Chemie company is also being investigated, Offenburg prosecutor Werner Botz said.

## Poll shows most people support Bush although they think he'll raise taxes

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans think well of George Bush and hold high expectations for his presidency, but an overwhelming majority believes he will abandon his pledge of no new taxes, a national poll has found.

Six in 10 respondents to the Media General-Associated Press survey said Bush, who made his "read my lips — no new taxes" pledge a cornerstone of his campaign, should not seek a tax increase. But 71 percent said they expect him to do so.

Nonetheless, Bush, who takes his oath Friday as the 41st president, won high marks for his Cabinet choices and his preparations for office since the election.

He was viewed favorably by 59 percent of those surveyed, precisely the same approval rate President Reagan received in a Media General-AP poll last spring. Twenty-five percent rated Bush unfavorably; the rest withheld judgment.

In another favorable comparison with his popular predecessor, expectations for Bush's presidency came close to the ratings of Reagan's performance in a Media General-AP poll conducted in the fall.

Forty-eight percent in the new poll said Bush

will be a good president and 13 percent said excellent. Similarly, this fall 47 percent said history would view Reagan as a good president, 20 percent excellent.

The new poll was conducted by telephone Jan. 4-12 among a random sample of 1,162 adults nationwide. It has a three-point margin of sampling error.

Although the survey found considerable levels of unfamiliarity with Bush's nominees for his Cabinet, 45 percent said their overall impression was that the Cabinet was a good one, and an additional 8 percent called it excellent.

Among those who had opinions of the more prominent nominees, they were overwhelmingly positive.

And there was limited desire for more women or minority nominees, with 70 percent saying race and sex were irrelevant. Bush has picked two women, one black and two Hispanics for Cabinet-level jobs.

Of his better-known nominees, the best known and best liked was former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole, nominated as secretary of labor: Two-thirds viewed her favorably, a rating better even than Bush's, while 7 percent disap-

proved. The rest, 28 percent, had no opinion.

Others also did well. Former Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, nominated as secretary of state, was viewed favorably by 57 percent and unfavorably by 7 percent; former Rep. Jack Kemp, picked for secretary of housing, had a 52-10 positive rating, and Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, chosen to keep his position, scored 51-7. The rest had no opinion.

Majorities had no opinion yet of other key nominees — former Sen. John Tower, named to defense; Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, keeping his job, and Louis Sullivan, health and human services nominee. A huge 83 percent had no opinion of former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, named chief of staff.

On Bush's overall transition to the presidency, 46 percent said he had done a good job since the election in preparing to take over and 11 percent said excellent; 28 percent gave him a fair rating, 7 percent poor.

Even with his good grades, public doubt about Bush's campaign pledge of no new taxes extended even to members of his own party. Six in 10 Republicans, and as many conservatives, said they think he will seek higher taxes in the next four years.

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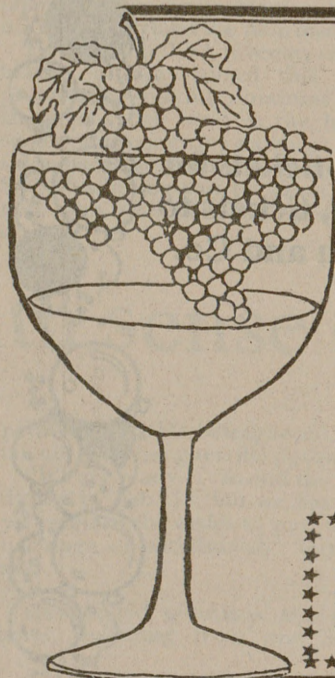
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