

Low-level radiation experiments still conducted under guidelines

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WASHINGTON — The Energy Department is still conducting more than 200 radiation experiments involving humans but is following strict ethical procedures and gaining proper consent, Secretary Hazel O'Leary said Tuesday.

Most of the experiments involve low-level trace doses of radiation under guidelines in effect at the department since 1991, she said.

"As far as we have been able to ascertain, the department is not conducting any experiments that violate medical, ethical standards or the Nuremberg codes," she told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Following disclosure that numerous questionable radiation experiments had been conducted during the Cold War, several senators had expressed concern some might be continuing.

What assurance is there that there are not "rogue operators out there" who, despite stringent govern-

ment regulations and guidelines, still may be experimenting under way without proper patient consent?, asked Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, the Senate panel's chairman.

O'Leary, who concedes she may have opened a "Pandora's box" by pressing for a government-wide records search on past radiation testing on humans, said President Clinton soon will direct all federal agencies to immediately halt any experiments where consent might be in question.

She later told reporters the directive was being issued, in part, to respond to a request for Glenn and not because of any evidence that proper consent might not have been obtained in any continuing tests.

While providing no details, O'Leary said there are between 200 and 260 experiments involving human subjects being conducted by her department or by its contractors, mostly involving tracer doses. She estimated the department was spending about \$50 million for the projects.

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Hensel Terrace Apartments - A Pioneer CD player, a Samsui power amp and a tool box were stolen from the owner's car.

Misdemeanor Theft
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Public Intoxication
University Drive - Two intoxicated pedestrians were arrested and incarcerated in the Brazos County Jail.

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Dormitory 12 - Citation issued.

Unlawful Carrying Weapon
Spence Street - A subject was detected carrying a Beretta auto, semi automatic pistol and box of Winchester Super-X automatic cartridges containing 41 rounds of ammunition. The subject was transported to the Brazos County Jail and incarcerated.

Driving While Intoxicated
F&B Road - An intoxicated motorist was arrested and incarcerated in the Brazos County Jail.

Burglary of Habitation
Cain Hall - A maroon blazer and a 13 inch Emerson color television with remote were stolen from a third floor room.

Felony Theft
Parking Area 56 - A Ford Escort was stolen from parking area.

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'Philadelphia' remains No.1 at box office

LOS ANGELES — "Philadelphia," the AIDS drama starring Tom Hanks, remained No. 1 as Hollywood enjoyed strong turnout at the box office despite a frigid winter in the East and an earthquake in the West.

The Jonathan Demme-directed film, which also stars Denzel Washington, is Hollywood's first big-budget movie about AIDS. Its weekend gross was \$8.8 million, just a few thousand dollars more than the Robin Williams comedy "Mrs. Doubtfire" earned.

The total box office gross for last weekend was \$62 million, compared to \$55 million for the same period a year ago, according to John N. Krier, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

"It's good, everything considered," he said, noting that several major movie houses throughout Los Angeles were closed because of earthquake damage. "All the weeks this year have been up," Krier said.

One release debuted near the top: the Richard Gere-Sharon Stone melodrama "Intersection" nabbed third place with a \$7.8 million weekend gross.

The weekend's top films, according to Exhibitor Relations, with weekend gross, number of American theater locations, average per location gross and number of weeks in release:

- "Philadelphia," TriStar, \$8.83 million, 3,000 locations, \$6,819 per location, \$26.5 million, five weeks.
- "Mrs. Doubtfire," 20th Century Fox, \$8.57 million, 2,290 locations, \$3,842 per location, \$18.9 million, nine weeks.
- "Intersection," Paramount, \$7.8 million, 2,000 locations, \$6,014 per location, \$7.8 million, one week.
- "Grumpy Old Men," Warner Bros., \$7.5 million, 1,676 locations, \$3,395 per location, \$48.8 million, five weeks.
- "Iron Will," Disney, \$4.1 million, 2,030 locations, \$2,021 per location, \$10.4 million, two weeks.
- "The Pelican Brief," Warner Bros., \$3.7 million, 1,809 locations, \$2,052 per location, \$86.6 million, weeks.
- "Schindler's List," Universal, \$3.4 million, 1,000 locations, \$9,930 per location, \$19 million, six weeks.
- "House Party 3," New Line, \$3.3 million, 800 locations, \$3,870 per location, \$12.6 million, weeks.

Arby's

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"We hope that other fast-food franchises will see that Arby's presents them with a competitive advantage," said Thomas Lauria, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute.

"It remains to be seen if other chains want to cut themselves off from 30 percent of their customer bases."

But, countered Arby's vice

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president for corporate communications Mark Stine: "All these restaurants are going to go smoke-free. It's inevitable."

At a New York news conference Tuesday, New York Attorney General G. Oliver Koppell called on other chains to follow Arby's suit. Morales hinted that announcements by other food chains may be imminent.

"I have every confidence that we will see McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, Taco Bell (and) some of the other individuals ... in this industry making similar decisions," Morales said.

Windows

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amined, and the recommendations were sent to Bill Mobley, chancellor of the University System, who made the final decision.

"We selected them on the basis of esthetics, because the materials cost about the same," Godbie said. "Some people have been thinking that we selected them solely on the basis of maintenance, but that's not true."

Windows

Godbie said the Physical Plant wanted to update the building's look.

"We didn't want to turn back the clock to 1912," he said.

However, many students and faculty feel the old windows had character and tradition and should not have been replaced.

As part of the renovation project, the outside face of the building was power-washed last semester and the doors are being re-finished in addition to the window replacement.

Sodomy

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"The existence of the important in a connotation," Payne said. "It would do direct harm, but it would negative stereotypes and formation surrounding people and gay issues."

Mark McElwain, vice man for the Young Conservatives of Texas at A&M, said sodomy law is necessary.

"The sodomy law deals morality," McElwain said. "The sodomy law legislates morality."

Jeff Fisher, executive director of the American Family Association of Texas, also sees the importance of the sodomy law.

"The Supreme Court's decision does not bode well for the homosexual movement in Texas," Fisher said.

Fisher also pointed out that although the law is rarely enforced, its presence provides a legal basis for denying homosexuals the right to marry and adopt.

Although the sodomy law is rarely enforced, cases like land v. the City of Dallas and the sodomy law has an impact on the homosexual community.

That case involved a man who had been denied employment with the Dallas department due to the existence of the statute, which the department used as justification for refusing to hire homosexual.

"The law criminalizes people on the basis of who they are," Mazzullo said. "It's an excuse not to hire a homosexual for a school or police department because they are perverts."

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