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Reform Race may expand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Pat Buchanan said he will seek the Reform Party nomination because the Washington elite of the GOP has left me." New



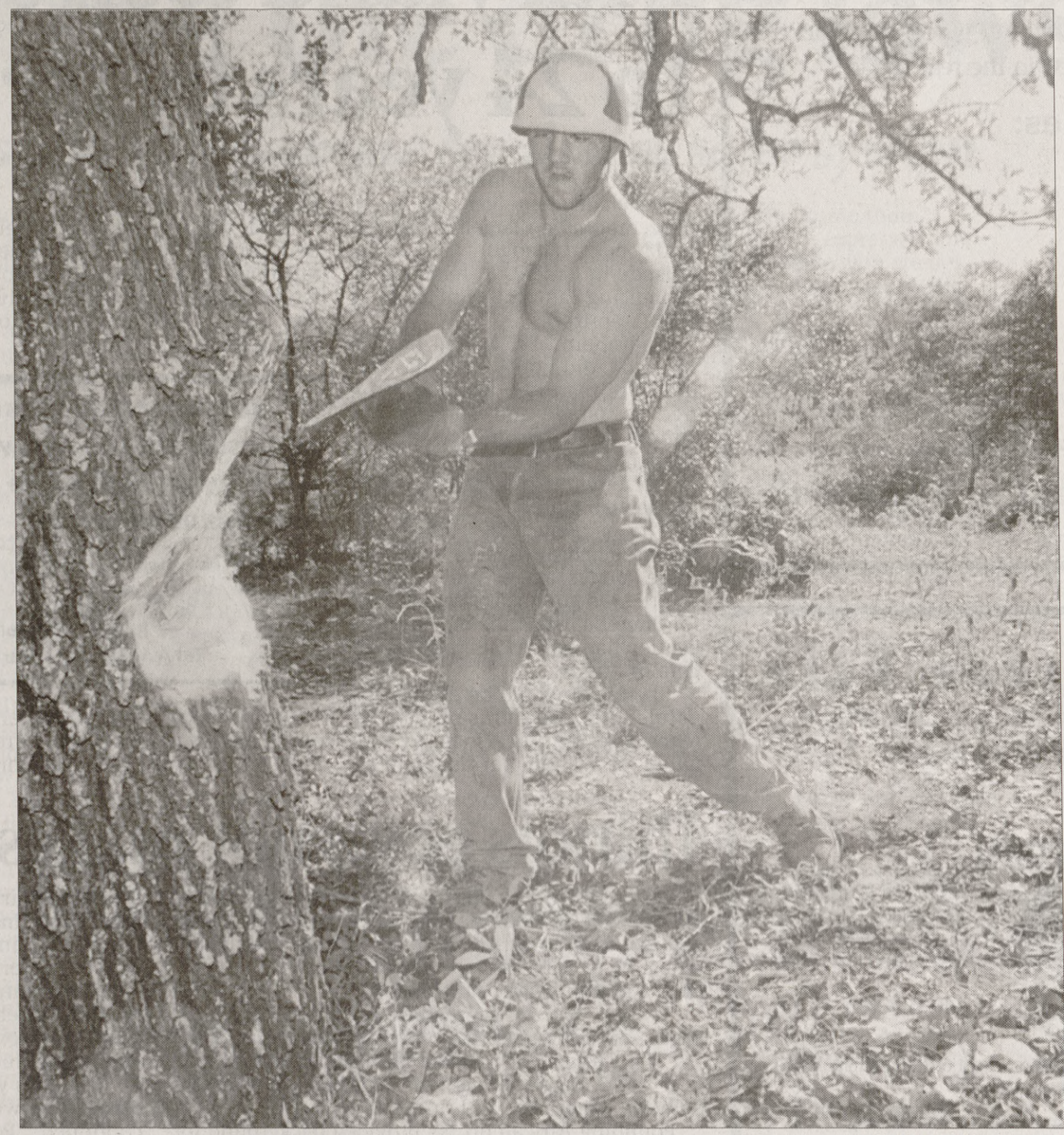
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Work developer Donald Trump also said he will make the switch to a possible pre-candidate list over the week. Buchanan planned to announce his decision today during a speech in Virginia, but the television commentator told potential supporters he needed a forum to distinguish himself from the leading major party nominees.

Issues which I believe are of profound importance to our nation's future — among them: trade, immigration, right to life, national sovereignty and foreign interventionism — will not be seriously debated in 2000 between the probable establishment nominees," Buchanan wrote in a letter seeking money for his new campaign, a copy of which was obtained yesterday by the Associated Press.

A source close to Buchanan, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the letter was authentic. Ho received first place in the 100-yard butterfly relay today changing of 2:55.86. Evans, the sophomore Shannon Johnson, took second place in the 1500-yard freestyle relay.

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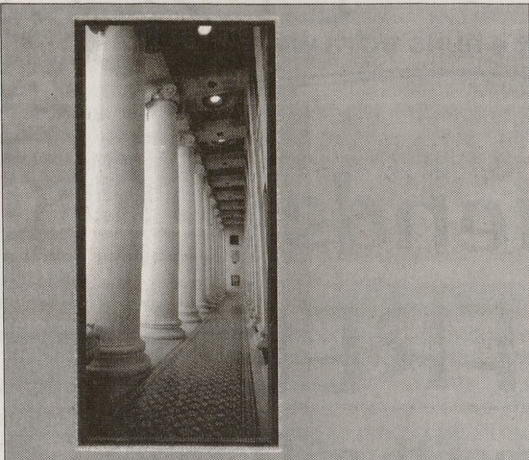
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Murder trial opens in Wyoming gay attack

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — No one disputes Aaron McKinney helped whip Matthew Shepard and left him lashed to a fence on a Wyoming prairie. His lawyers already have said they will bring jury selection to a role in the fatal beating of the gay college student last October. But with opening statements to begin today in McKinney's murder trial, those lawyers will try to keep him off death row by convincing jurors he never intended or planned to kill Shepard. The killing drew enormous attention and became an emblem for many gay-rights advocates of the need to add sexual orientation to anti-discrimination laws. Defense lawyer Dion Custis has said the death was not a hate

crime. He told prospective jurors that drugs and alcohol spurred McKinney's actions, and his client's use of those substances would be a core part of his defense. "What you have to decide in this case is basically a question of why," he said during jury selection. The 22-year-old is charged with first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping in the Oct. 7, 1998, beating. McKinney faces the death penalty if convicted. Prosecutors said McKinney and Russell Henderson, 22, met Shepard in a bar and convinced him to leave with them. They said the pair drove Shepard to a remote area east of Laramie, tied him to the fence, robbed him of \$20 and beat him into a coma. Shepard, 21, died five days later.

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