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A Michigan judge will decide today whether to uphold murder charges against suicide-machine inventor Dr. Jack Kevorkian - a ruling seen as important in the right-to-die debate. Rochester Hills District **Judge** James P. Sheehy is to issue his opinion on an open murder indictment against Kevorkian, who is accused of helping two women commit suicide Oct. 23. If Sheehy **decides** Kevorkian **will** be tried, the **judge** must also **decide** which charge the doctor **will** face. Compiled from news services CALIFORNIA Seized Trawler Is Brought To Port A fishing trawler seized on the high seas for attempting to smuggle Chinese immigrants into the United States was escorted into port at Los Angeles by a Coast Guard cutter Thursday. The 150-foot Jinn Yin No. 1 was intercepted Tuesday in the Pacific Ocean about 400 miles off San Diego, after the Coast Guard captured the yacht Liberated Lady with 85 aliens aboard three miles off San Pedro, Calif. The immigrants were from the People's Republic of China, U.S. authorities said. The yacht was allegedly ferrying the aliens from the trawler to shore. (Following appeared in 3* edition.) INS officials were interviewing the illegal immigrants. Some said they were promised restaurant and factory jobs and places to live in New York City, and some said they had paid as much as \$25,000 for the smugglers' services. (End of 3* edition.) AP TEXAS Measles Outbreak Hits Vacation Area With one of the worst measles outbreaks in the country hitting Corpus Christi, Texas, health officials are urging the thousands of college students expected to arrive for spring break to get vaccinated first.

Since January, the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health Department has confirmed 191 cases of measles. Dr. William Atkinson of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta called the outbreak one of the nation's "most vigorous." (Following appeared in 3* edition.) Some 150,000 students are expected to hit the coast beaches around Corpus Christi in the next few weeks. (End of 3* text.) AP CONGRESS Accord Reached In Post Office Probe The three Democrats and three Republicans investigating the House Post Office say they have an agreement that **will** defuse GOP accusations of partisanship. The agreement, approved by the six lawmakers Wednesday in Washington, permits each party to summon witnesses without the other's approval. Republicans have accused Democrats of covering up allegations of drug sales and embezzlement at the post office. AP WASHINGTON Collision Did Damage Sub, Navy Says Contrary to earlier reports, the U.S. nuclear attack submarine that collided with a Russian sub in the Barents Sea was damaged, the Pentagon acknowledged Thursday in Washington. Two gashes have been found on the vessel's port-side ballast tanks, a spokesman said. The submarine - the Baton Rouge - returned to its home port of Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday. Meanwhile, in Moscow, a navy spokesman said the two submarines had been carrying nuclear weapons and narrowly avoided a disaster. Compiled from news services WORLD CANADA Supreme Court OKs Pornography Ban The Supreme Court upheld on Thursday Canada's law banning pornography despite recognizing that it infringes on the country's guarantee of freedom of expression. The 9-0 ruling also established guidelines for **judges** to use in interpreting the law. Under the ruling, portrayals of sex coupled with violence, or sex that is regarded as degrading, is usually prohibited, but other representations are generally permitted. The court said the law's aim of preventing harm to society is a sufficiently substantial concern to warrant a restriction on the freedom of expression guaranteed in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. AP GLOBAL WARMING U.S. To Cut Carbon-Dioxide Emissions The United States said Thursday it would reduce its carbon-dioxide emissions and donate \$75 million to help developing nations do the same, raising hopes for an international agreement to help forestall global warming. Negotiations for such a pact -

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which resumed Feb. 18 at the United Nations - will conclude today without resolving a European demand that industrial nations reduce emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The United States has refused to agree to specific limits on carbon-dioxide emissions, arguing that this could impose unreasonable costs on industry. But the steps the United States is taking to curb its emissions could bring it into compliance with the demand, environmental groups said. AP (Following appeared in 3* edition.) CHINA 4 More Dissidents Get Prison Terms Four more Chinese dissidents have been sentenced to prison for their roles in the 1989 democracy movement, a state-run news agency said Thursday in Beijing. The China News Service report came two days after the U.S. Senate voted to link renewal of China's low-tariff trade status to its human rights record. China called the Senate move "absolutely unacceptable." AP INDONESIA 3 Army Officers Fired Over Massacre Three army officers have been fired and four others face trials for a massacre that left at least 140 anti-Indonesian protesters dead or missing in East Timor last fall, authorities said Thursday in Jakarta, Indonesia. The killings in the province's capital Nov. 12 drew strong criticism from the United States, and other countries, and from international human rights groups. AP ALBANIA Armed Looters Terrorize Town Thousands of looters, some armed and drunk, rampaged Thursday in Pogradec, a western Albanian town, and police seemed helpless or unwilling to stop them. Similar scenes have been reported in other towns in Europe's poorest country. AP

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Photo; PHOTO...AP Photo...Albanian Looting...Looters making off with food Thursday in the third day of rampages in Pogradec, Albania. Police seemed helpless or unwilling to stop the looters, some of whom were armed and drunk. Similar scenes have been reported elsewhere in the country, Europe's poorest. PHOTO HEADSHOT of (Dr. Jack) Kevorkian. HEADLINE: Nation MICHIGAN Ruling Today In Suicide-Doctor Case

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