

Ex-Baird worker en route to Peru

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Body

Victor Cordero, the illegal immigrant who was Zoe Baird's chauffeur before her nomination as U.S. attorney general, is en route to Peru because he doesn't want to be questioned by immigration officials, his lawyer said. Cordero, 26, came to the USA at age 18. Baird withdrew her nomination after outcry over her disclosure of hiring him and his estranged wife, Lillian, 32, as a nanny in her New Haven, Conn., home. U.S. immigration officials still want to talk to Lillian Cordero.

DISABLED FREIGHTER: The crew of a disabled freighter worked to drop its stuck anchors before the ship, carrying 340,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil, ran aground in a fishing area off Cape Fear, N.C. The unoccupied freighter Lyra was being towed when it broke from the tugboat in an Atlantic storm with 20-foot seas.

BAD BURGERS: A food poisoning outbreak blamed on bad hamburgers, which has stricken 200 in the Northwestern USA, killing one, has spread to Las Vegas. Seven people have been hospitalized and 100 have complained of diarrhea after eating at Jack in the Box restaurants. The hamburger is contaminated with E. coli 0157: H7 bacterium.

EXECUTION: Martsay Bolder, 35, was put to death by injection Wednesday in Missouri for the 1979 stabbing murder of an inmate while Bolder was serving a life sentence for a 1973 murder. The U.S. Supreme Court stayed Wednesday's scheduled execution in Texas of Ramon Montoya, 39, for the 1983 murder of Dallas police officer John Pasco.

CIA SHOOTINGS: Authorities continued searching for a lone gunman who opened fire Monday outside CIA headquarters in suburban Washington, killing two people and wounding three. Suspect: a swarthy, possibly curly-haired man with an AK-47-type automatic rifle. One possibility is that the gunman is seeking revenge against the CIA. In recent weeks, graffiti spray-painted on roads in nearby Vienna, Va., has linked the "CIA ... Vienna police ... crime."

RIGHT TO DIE: Missouri's Supreme Court granted the state's request to dismiss the Christine Busalacchi case, allowing the 22-year-old brain-damaged woman's father to decide her fate. She has been in a vegetative state since a 1987 car accident. Her father plans to leave her in a St. Louis hospital "for the foreseeable future," his lawyer said.

'HOME ALONE': It will be at least another two weeks before David and Sharon Schoo get to see their 9- and 4-year-old children, who they are accused of abandoning by leaving the kids home alone in St. Charles, Ill., while they vacationed in Mexico. A hearing on the Schoos' request to dismiss the case was continued until Feb. 11. It's been five weeks since they've seen their children, now in foster care.

MONKEY BUSINESS: A Miami federal agent in a gorilla outfit helped catch Mexican zoo officials suspected of smuggling primates to Mexico.

ALSO ...

- **EXPELLED:** Andrew Martinez, known as "The Naked Guy" because he goes to class nude, was expelled from the University of California-Berkeley.

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- **NEGLECT CASE:** Douglas Rupe, 44, was sentenced in West Union, W.Va., to three years in prison for neglecting his son Douglas, 11, whose frostbitten legs were amputated after the two were found living in an unheated bus. "I didn't mean for it to happen," he said. Douglas is in foster care.

- **PACKWOOD PROTESTS:** Demonstrations increased against Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., in the third day of his first trip home since accusations in November that he sexually harassed 10 women. "Hey Bob, find a new job," some shouted. Others pounded on windows at his hotel.

DEATHS ...

- **NEW YORK:** Bert Andrews, 63, a photographer who chronicled black theater, died of stomach cancer Monday.

- **MONTREAL:** Jeanne Sauve, 70, Canada's first female governor general and speaker of the House of Commons, died Tuesday. Cause of death was not disclosed.

- **AMSTERDAM, Netherlands:** Jan Gies, 87, who risked his life to smuggle food to Anne Frank and members of the Dutch underground during World War II, died Tuesday.

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