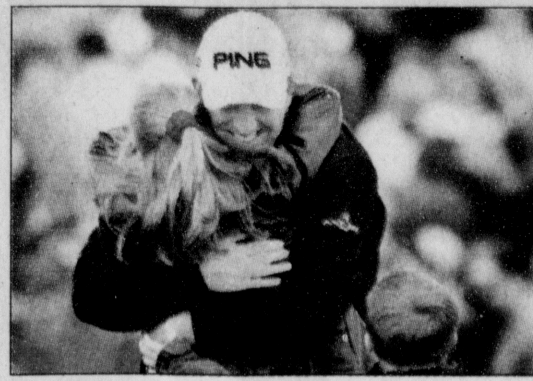


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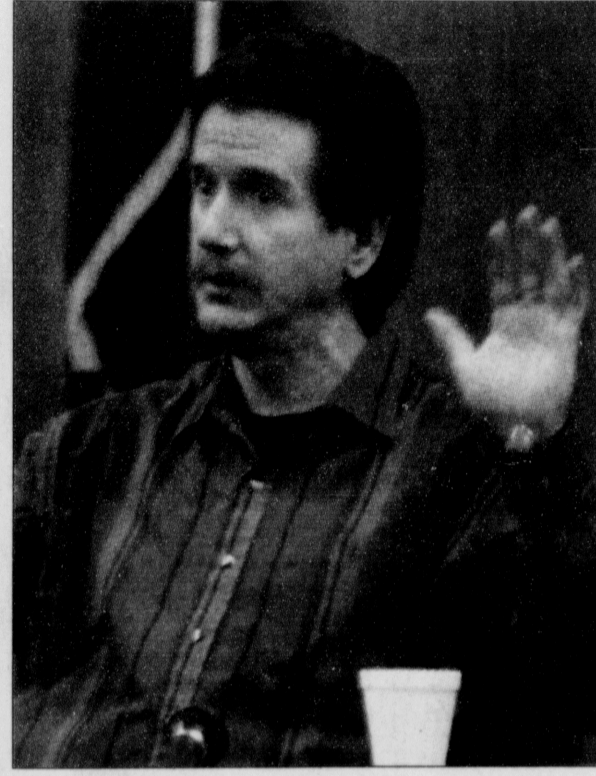
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Staff photos by Ginny Southworth
John Goad tearfully talks about the day his brother, David, was killed.



R.E. Phelon employee Diane Williams demonstrates how she said Hastings Wise held the gun as he put in a new clip.



David Langill discusses what he saw during the September 1997 shooting at the R.E. Phelon plant in Aiken.

End nears Prosecution may rest case today

By CARL LANGLEY

Judge Thomas W. Cooper said late Sunday that the prosecution is likely to end its case in the murder trial of accused mass slayer Hastings Wise sometime today.

The judge made the announcement after conferring with Solicitor Barbara Morgan and Wise's lawyers, Greg Harlow and Carl Grant, in his chambers.

If the state wraps up its case today, a verdict could be reached within the next two or three days. The defense has few witnesses to call and has not indicated if Wise will take the stand.

Cooper, after a lengthy session with lawyers, called the jury back to the courtroom for the announcement, saying to the panel "I'm not telling you this so you will start looking at your watch."

The judge made it plain that the state and defense cases would not be jeopardized by speeding up the trial.

The jury panel was selected in Beaufort County after pre-trial hearings determined an Aiken County jury could not reach a fair decision.

Cooper said extensive pre-trial publicity would taint any jury panel chosen in Aiken. The Beaufort jurors were brought to Aiken late Friday and expected to be sequestered for at least two weeks.

Cooper said the trial could have gone even longer than that if the state brought in every one of dozens of witnesses and the defense decided to challenge forensic evidence.

Cooper said both sides agreed to expedite the process after Ms. Morgan whittled down a witness



Cooper

Afternoon of terror R.E. Phelon workers tell jury about shooting

By CARL LANGLEY

R.E. Phelon workers told a jury in chilling detail Sunday about the frantic minutes of a mid-afternoon killing spree that could send Arthur Hastings Wise to death row.

In an unusual Sunday session held by Judge Thomas Cooper, witness after witness spun vivid accounts of staring down the barrel of a pistol, crawling across floors, ducking bullets and trying to save dying co-workers.

"I said 'No, Dave, No,'" John Goad, a Phelon computer analyst remarked, as

he told the jury, with tears gushing, about his plaintive plea to his brother, David Moore.

Moore was shot to death, along with Sheryl Wood, Leonard Ernest Filyaw and Charles Griffith on Sept. 15, 1997, in what authorities called rage killings on the grounds of the R.E. Phelon plant.

Wise, who had been fired from Phelon some six or eight weeks before, was found in a closet two hours after the plant became a killing ground.

Goad, with the shouts of fleeing co-workers ringing in his ears, went look-

ing for his brother in the plant's tool and die shop and found him sprawled beneath a table.

Goad said he thought his brother had taken cover under the table, but when he reached Moore and tried to roll him over he discovered his brother was dead.

"He was starting to turn purplish, he was so cold," Goad said.

Solicitor Barbara Morgan, who was questioning the young witness at the time, brushed back tears of her own as Goad's account grew more and more graphic.

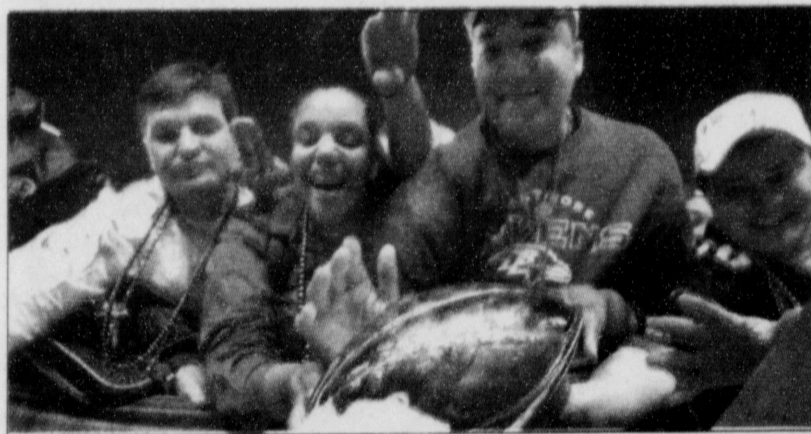
The testimony had a telling effect on the Beaufort County jury panel that will decide Wise's fate. The jurors were emotionally charged by Goad's comments.

If convicted, Wise, a powerfully built, silent defendant, could get the death penalty in a punishment trial that would follow the verdict.

Wise sat at the defense table wearing a yellow prison jump suit and green jacket. He refused an offer by the court to outfit him in civilian clothes. He

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AP photo

Ravens fans reach out to touch the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Ravens' 'D' wins Super Bowl

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Baltimore Ravens brought brutal efficiency, unbending defense and a dose of explosive excitement to Super Bowl, putting their own distinctive stamp on America's great football celebration.

The Ravens defeated the New York Giants 34-7 to bring pro football's championship back to Baltimore for the first time since 1971.

With the Giants' only score coming on a kickoff return, Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis and his defense became part of Super Bowl lore by not allowing a touchdown. Teammate Jermaine Lewis joined them with an 84-yard kickoff return that stifled New York's only glimmer of hope.

The defense made the Giants look helpless, chasing quarterback Kerry Collins all over the field. It also proved it can do more

than just stop people. Duane Starks had a 49-yard interception return late in the third quarter to give the Ravens a 17-0 lead.

Ron Dixon followed with a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and New York's only points. But Lewis answered with his own score and the Giants were stuck with the same 17-point hole.

Except for that brief flurry, this probably didn't come off as the most entertaining football, espe-

cially to the casual fan who might watch the Super Bowl and no other game each year.

Both the Ravens and Giants came in as defensive-minded, plodding teams, whose most notable players were a recovering alcoholic and a linebacker who stood trial for murder.

Both spent the week explaining their styles — not as entertainers, but as purveyors of great defense and grind-it-out football.

City's recycling effort inspired by students

By ADAM BURTON

Innovation often comes from unlikely places.

Witness, for example, the recycling program for the City of Aiken. While the city is known for using a number of programs, such as its Character First initiative, to make a positive impact upon local youth, the recycling program serves as a striking example of Aiken youth returning the favor.

According to City Manager

Roger LeDuc, Aiken's recycling program had its genesis in a class of students in the Students On Active Research program in 1989 who wrote to the City Council. The students wanted to know what the city could do to help preserve natural resources and conserve landfill space.

The City Council responded by setting up a citizen advisory committee to work with the Public

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Staff photo by Ginny Southworth

A recycling bin full of cans and boxes used to be a foreign scene in Aiken, but today it is simply part of life in Aiken. The City of Aiken was a leader in the state's recycling effort.

Lottery opponents to track legislation

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Just because a lottery passed in November, religious opponents say they still want to be involved in how the games take shape.

"We certainly hope to influence some change," said Joe Mack, who heads the Christian Life Concerns Committee for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the state's largest Christian denomination. "There are a lot of Baptist constituents out there in a lot of areas that did not vote for

the lottery."

Lottery legislation was introduced last week.

Mack said he and other opponents don't want to block the lottery, but make sure it's managed soundly.

Lottery supporters worry about other motives.

"Our concern has been and continues to be that those like Joe Mack and others ... are going back after it again," said Kevin Geddings, who headed the Education

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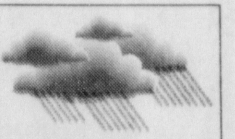
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