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**Premature Blooms**  
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tern North Carolina winter.  
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Gardens, said a severe cold  
at are already showing their  
slow, gradual trend toward  
colder weather, he said.



## Judge: Reagan 'Subject To Call' In North's Trial

The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial will begin Tuesday with President Bush free of a subpoena seeking his testimony but with former President Reagan still "subject to call," the judge in the case said Monday.  
Portions of Reagan's diary also might be required as evidence, U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell ruled. However, he rejected North's subpoena seeking Bush's testimony in the trial in which North faces 12 criminal charges.  
When North, who was indicted

last March, walks into the U.S. courthouse near the foot of Capitol Hill, he will become the first figure in the Iran-Contra affair to stand trial.  
Many of the same witnesses who testified in the nationally televised congressional hearings two years ago are expected to be called by the prosecutors, including former Attorney General Edwin Meese III and North's secretary, Fawn Hall.  
At North's side will be Brendan Sullivan, an aggressive Washington lawyer who also represented North before the congressional panels in-



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## Priest Admits Sex Crime

By PAUL CLARK  
Staff Writer  
A Catholic priest, pending in court Monday to face charges that he sexually abused a young boy at St. Genevieve Catholic High School 22 years ago has pleaded guilty to felony taking indecent liberties with a minor, Judge Gerhard Gesell announced Monday.  
"You can't go back to the past in terms of damage," the victim, now a 31-year-old businessman in Asheville, said after the Buncombe County Superior Court hearing. "... In one fell swoop I lost the church, school, my parents and God."  
Father Anthony Andre Corbin, 59,

pleaded guilty to felony taking indecent liberties with a minor, Judge Gerhard Gesell announced Monday.  
Corbin, a small man with curly gray hair, was told to pay all past counseling fees and up to \$10,000 in continuing fees for the victim, identified in this article as "Ed."  
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Monday was the latest in a long series of tough days for Ed. Monday was the first time he had seen the priest in 22 years.

Seeing the man sent Ed believe in the system that "let me down," two decades ago. He said that though he continues to undergo instruction in seeking his primary motivation in seeking Cortin's street last November was to get him away from children.

Ed went to police some 13 months after he appeared on the Geraldo Rivera show with other Catholic children who had been molested by priests.

Cortin was directing a play at Gibbons Hall in April 1986 when he asked Ed, then an eighth-grader, to go with him to a room at the school to look at costumes, according to a September 1988 police interview submitted as evidence Monday.

Cortin said he was responsible for putting on a window display in downtown Asheville, using live models to depict the crucifixion of Christ, Ed said. Cortin, then 37, said he was worried about the looks of the model portraying Jesus wearing only a loincloth.

"When I resisted, he said he was concerned with the desecration of Jesus Christ and that I should be concerned too and to cooperate," Ed said.

When Ed put on the piece of material, Cortin performed the act on him.

"The pain that comes with that (act) is on the intensity level that a parent would feel if they lost a young child," Ed said. "It's a white pain. It is absolute emotional and psychological pain."

Ed told his parents, but they told him not to tell anyone and did nothing themselves, he said. The boy concluded he could not trust his parents, friends or teachers, Ed said. He later had trouble trusting employers.

He hunted the incident within him to cope, but found it would not remain hidden, he said. Eight years ago it prompted him to get Cortin "off the streets." His search led to Cape Cod, Mass., where Cortin was teaching psychology at a community college.

When an adult molests a child, the child may never get over it, said Sue Greenberg, an Asheville sexual help group leader who leads the self-help group Adults Molested As Children.

"A child comes into this world trusting adults," she whispered before Cortin was sentenced. "When the child is betrayed by those people who are supposed to protect him, trust for them is impossible. And the child always feels it was his fault."

Denying the pain may work in the short term, but it works against afflicted children in the long run, she said. They must relieve their anguish to learn how to handle it.

Ed was lucky, according to Greenberg. "He is getting something not many molested get and that is to see the molester in court and convicted."

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