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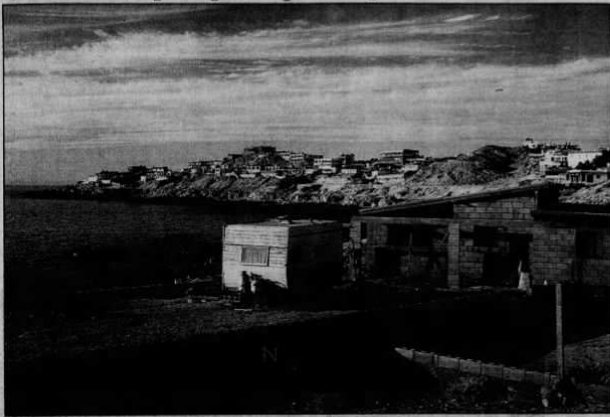
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Coastal property dispute



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Cholla Bay, Sonora, a beach colony of 800 homes near Puerto Penasco, is a vacation haven for landlocked Arizonans. But some Americans say they have been locked out or driven from their homes — built on land they thought they owned but...

never did. Under a long-standing Mexican law, Americans cannot own land within 30 miles of Mexico's coast. Some Americans are now locked in a property dispute with a powerful Sonoran landowner. Story, Page 1B.

Shelling kills at least 66 in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bodies and severed limbs lay amid bloodstained market stalls after a mortar shell landed in a crowd of shoppers yesterday, butchering at least 66 people and wounding more than 500.

The bloodiest single attack on Sarajevo's civilians since the war began 22 months ago came just after noon, as people filled the Markale market to scavenge for basic necessities.

"There are trucks of dead; there are legs, arms, heads, as many as you want," said a wounded young man while waiting for care at the Kosevo hospital.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic's spokesman, Kemal Muficic, said the 120mm mortar shell was fired from a Serb-held position north of Sarajevo. U.N. troops were analyzing the crater to determine the shell's origin.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic suggested government soldiers had fired on their own people as a way of persuading the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to go ahead with threatened air strikes on Serb positions.

U.S. raises possibility of air strikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton yesterday denounced the latest bloodshed in Bosnia and called on the United Nations to "urgently investigate" who was responsible for a mortar attack that left at least 66 dead.

"We rule nothing out," Clinton said in a statement, as top aides raised the possibility of NATO air strikes, once responsibility for the attack in the Sarajevo marketplace is determined.

It was the bloodiest single attack on Sarajevo's civilians since the war started 22 months ago. Clinton said he had directed the Defense Department to offer assistance in evacuating hospitalizing and treating the injured.

Adding said the military would likely use G-108 aircraft to transport injured to either a medical unit in the United States operated by the United States or...

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Supremacist is guilty in 1963 racial killing

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Byron De La Beckwith, the bombastic white supremacist who eluded justice for 30 years, was convicted yesterday of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963. He was immediately sentenced to life in prison.

Beckwith, who escaped conviction by two all-white juries in 1964, appeared to smile slightly as he was booked at the Hinds County Jail following his conviction by a jury of eight blacks and four whites.

The verdict sent up a cheer among the mostly black crowd attending the trial and brought a close to one of the longest and most painful sagas of the 1960s civil rights movement.

"It's been a long journey," Evers' widow, Myrtle Evers, said in an emotional and joyful statement after the verdict. "Medgar," she added, eyes heavenward, "I've gone the last mile."

Mrs. Evers, usually a rock of composure, broke into tears after the verdict was read. She clasped the hand of her daughter, Beena Evers-Everett, while her son, Darrell Kermit Evers, clasped in jubilation.

Evers-Everett, who was 9 when her father was slain outside their Jackson home, later stood before reporters and, like her mother before her, addressed her late father.

"Hi, daddy," she said in a voice choked with emotion. "We did it."

She said the pain of her father's death "cannot be erased ... but now it can be soothed. And I got a whole lot of medicine soothed on me today."

Beckwith's wife, Thelma, broke into sobs after the verdict was read by the court clerk. "He's not guilty," she wailed to defense lawyers who tried to...

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Harding ordered to appear before disciplinary hearing

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Tonya Harding's fight to remain on the U.S. Olympic team suffered a setback yesterday when a U.S. figure skating panel found there were "reasonable grounds" to believe she was involved in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

The U.S. Figure Skating Association called for a disciplinary hearing against Harding but stopped short of kicking her off the Olympic team. Instead, the association passed the decision on to the U.S. Olympic Committee along with a "black book" containing nearly 400 pages of affidavits, court documents and other evidence gathered independently by the panel.

"The ball is back in the USOC's court," said Bill Hyjal, chairman of the five-member panel and former president of the USOC.

In Lillehammer, Norway, where the Olympics begin Saturday, the USOC said it was considering convening its Games Administration Board within two weeks in Norway "to determine the status of Tonya Harding on the U.S. Olympic team."

No changes can be made to the women's figure skating team after Feb. 21, two days before the start of the event. The figure skating association ordered Harding to appear before a disciplinary hearing, but she has 30 days to respond. If she does not respond in that time, the hearing will be set for March 6 — more than a week after the Olympics end — and Harding could then be blacked from competing in the World Championships in Japan on March 22.

After the announcement, Harding left the Portland, Ore., apartment where she has been staying. She made no comment. "I don't think it would be in Tonya's best interest at this point to get involved in the hearings procedures," said Brian Burton, one of her attorneys. "Obviously we're not happy that they decided it was sufficient to proceed. But we're not overly concerned at this point."

The panel sent a "statement of charges" to Harding's home and to the USOC, saying it found reasonable grounds exist to believe she "committed an act."

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Illinois S&L case poses potential snag for Clintons

Chicago Tribune The special prosecutor appointed to scrutinize the business dealings of the president and first lady will focus on their role in the O'Leary land development called Whitewater.

But there is another case buried deep in court records that could prove equally troubling to President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, particularly if special prosecutor Robert Fiske makes good on his pledge to publish a report on the Clintons' political and business relationships when Clinton was governor of Arkansas in the 1980s.

It involves a court case Mrs. Clinton helped settle when she was a high-powered lawyer in Little Rock, Ark., and the U.S. government was trying to sort out the problems of a bankrupt Illinois savings and loan association.

The Illinois S&L case suggests that Mrs. Clinton, as a private attorney, had a glaring conflict of interest. As an attorney for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., she helped negotiate a secret, out-of-court settlement that ended the government's suit against a family friend and an influential benefactor of her husband.

As in Whitewater, the Illinois case places the president and his wife once again in an association with an unsavory wheeler-dealer who had strong personal ties to the Clintons and even stronger financial ties to the Clinton administration in Little Rock.

In Whitewater, the trouble stems from the Clintons' business relationship with James McDougal, the guiding force behind Madison Guaranty, an Arkansas thrift that went broke and cost taxpayers more than \$80 million. Fiske will examine whether Clinton or his gubernatorial lieutenant...

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Pima County constable facing scrutiny in use of car, phone in last fiscal year

By Chris Lambert The Arizona Daily Star Pima County Constable F. Lee Archer did not serve a single court paper for 87 straight days last fiscal year.

During that period, he racked up 5,800 miles on his county car and 5523 in cellular phone bills. Archer, a Republican, said he did not serve papers because he suffered injuries in a minor car accident.

Although constables are considered peace officers, their primary duty is to serve Justice Court documents.

The County Attorney's Office is investigating him, and he is fending off allegations that include harassment of secretaries, failure to perform his duties, misuse of government property and having a role in a slash fund.

After seven years of evicting people and serving papers, Archer said he wants another four-year term "to clean up Dodge City and save taxpayers some money."

Complaints against him are false, he says. "Here's the plot," Archer said from his mobile phone while en route to an Arizona Employment Training Council meeting in Phoenix. "This is an election year. And the people in the office have a vendetta against me and they are using the County Attorney's Office at taxpayers' expense to get me."

He has stopped returning calls from Milan Murchek, a criminal investigator in the county attorney's economic-crimes division. His message to Murchek: "No way. You already had your shot at me."

Archer has represented outside Justice Precinct 3 since 1988. But to win re-election, Archer must combat complaints that...

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1994 AP file photo Tonya Harding remains on the U.S. Olympic team.

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