Clinton plants tree in remembrance of Parallels evident in bomb victims, visits Oklahoma City

President and Mrs. Clinton speak to the citizens and the victims on a designated national day of mourning.

OKLAHOMA CITY — President Clinton led an anguished nation Sunday in prayers for the scores of victims of the federal office building bombing and their families. "In the face of death, let us honor life," he said.

On a day he designated a national day of mourning, a solemn Clinton told a nationally televised memorial service:

"Those who are lost now belong to God. Someday we will be with them. But until that happens, their legacy must be our lives.

Before flying to Oklahoma, Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton planted a dogwood tree on the South Lawn of the White House in remembrance of the children who died in the blast last week.

"Today, our nation joins with you in grief. We mourn with you. We share your hope against hope that some may still sur-Clinton said at the memorial service. He shared a platform at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds with the Rev. Billy Graham, the evangelist.

We pledge to do all we can to help you heal the injured, to rebuild this city, and to bring to justice those who did this evil," Clinton said. Earlier, Clinton planted a tree of remembrance in Washington Sunday for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing as his administration pledged to rebuild the demolished federal building and restore services.

On a designated national day of mourning, the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton emerged from the White House, both wearing black, and walked hand-inhand to the South Lawn. They then took turns shoveling dirt into a hole prepared for

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the commemorative dogwood.

After standing silent for a few moments, they boarded a helicopter and departed for Oklahoma City for a prayer service in remembrance of those killed in the bombing.

Earlier Sunday, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," said Clinton will approve the rebuilding of the federal building in Ok-

lahoma City that was blown up Wednesday. "The president will make a commitment today that that building will be rebuilt and we will restore those services to the people of Oklahoma City," Panetta said.

Whether the services restored in Oklahoma City include a day care center located at the federal building remains in doubt, Panetta said later Sunday on CNN.

"We have about a 100 day care centers located in federal buildings across this country," Panetta said. "As a consequence, however, of the increasing threat to federal buildings ... we need to look at whether day care centers should be located in those facilities.

Defense Secretary William Perry, meanwhile, rejected assertions that the military was somehow unwittingly supporting para-

"I don't believe it is appropriate to couple the militia groups, the terrorist groups, with the U.S. military, and I very much resent any connection between the U.S. military and terrorist groups," Perry said on NBC.

As to the participation of active-duty U.S. military personnel in paramilitary groups, Perry said, "What military people do on their own time is not something we keep records of or maintain control of."

Robert Brown, the editor of Soldier of Fortune magazine, told NBC that no one knows how many people are involved in these groups.

"I don't even think even the federal government can come up with accurate counts," he said. "I would suggest in the tens of thousands."

Visitation: Close yet not 24 hours

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Air Force Lt. Col. Joan Ferguson, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said Iniguez went AWOL from Fort

Riley, Kan., on Aug. 23, and was declared a deserter a month later.

On Friday, the FBI arrested what it said was the first of the two "John Does" in the agency's sketches: Timothy McVeigh, a 27year-old former GI with far-right political views. He was charged with taking part in the attack.
A senior law enforcement offi-

cial, speaking on condition of anonymity, said someone had recognized Iniguez from the "John Doe 2" sketch of a dark-haired, square-jawed man with a heavy brow. But Russell said Iniguez was not the second John Doe and was not a suspect.

McVeigh served at Fort Riley. as did Terry Nichols, one of two brothers being held as material witnesses in the attack.

The FBI said McVeigh had been infuriated at the govern-ment over the cult disaster at Waco, Texas.

At the bombing site, gusts dropped wind chills to the 20s early Sunday and shifted some slabs of concrete on ledges on the building's upper floors.

McVeigh was being held in the El Reno Federal Correctional Center on a bombing charge. Other charges were expected to follow. The government has said it will seek the death penalty.

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decision was a step forward, though they had hoped for more. Owen Ross, RHA president,

said that he was less than thrilled when he first heard

the decision.
"I was initially disappointed, but this really is an accom-plishment for the residents," Ross said.

Heather Hunter, RHA visitation ad-hoc committee chair, said she was pleased the hours were extended but hopes students will use the decision as a platform for future changes.

"I think students should try the new hours for a year, and if they work, use that as a basis for

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more changes," Hunter said.

The expansion sentiment was echoed by several others, although many added that any expansion efforts would not happen for some time.

Suzanne Lyons, RHA president-elect, said next year's RHA will not pursue visitation

"From what I understand, we want to phase this in," Lyons said. "So right now, we're going to see what happens.
"This is an accomplishment

for the RHA, but I think we're going to focus on other issues next year.

Ross said this will be a continuing issue, although he does not expect any more action soon.

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Waco occurrences, Oklahoma bombing

□ Loss of innocent children, federal agents and images of disaster mark similarities between the two tragedies.

DALLAS (AP) — Innocent children lost and scores dead. Weapons and federal agents. Government raids and televised images.

Such are the parallels be-tween the Oklahoma bomb-ing and a deadly siege and standoff in Waco.

"That's something that won't go away — little innocent babies that are thrown into this because of adult acWednesday morning's blast at an Oklahoma City federal building came on the second anniversary of the

Mount Carmel inferno.
The death toll, which includes 13 children, remained at 78 Sunday morning, with an other 150 people still unaccounted for. More than 400 others were injured in the blast.

In court papers, a co-worker described McVeigh, the suspect arrested Friday, as having "extreme right-wing views" and anger over the 1993 clash between authorities and the The Branch Davidians.

Besides the deaths of children, Harwell said he saw little of its similarity in the events that or curred in the two neighboring By states in as many years.

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tions," he said in a telephone interview from his home.

The 51-day standoff near Waco ensued after a raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, who were attempting to serve search warrants for weapons and an arrest warrant for the sect's leader, David Koresh.

It ended when FBI agents stormed the Branch Davidians' fortress near Waco on April 19, 1993, and the compound went up in flames. Eighty-five people including 18 children and Koresh, died in the siege and in an inferno investigators believe was caused by the sect

In addition, four ATF agents died and 16 were wounded in

"This was a law enforcement activity out here that failed to work the way that everyone wanted it to. ... This thing in Oklahoma, that was just two or three people, whatever, a small group, that decided they were going to kill a mass of persons. In They did this without any re gard to how many people the were going to kill," he said.

Also, the sight of a hand-cuffed and leg-shackled McVeigh, shuffling along in or ange prison garb as he led away by officials for a court ap pearance, bears resemblance to Waco. Branch Davidian sur vivors who were arrested as a result of the siege often were seen in chains and bright or THE BA ange jail jumpsuits.

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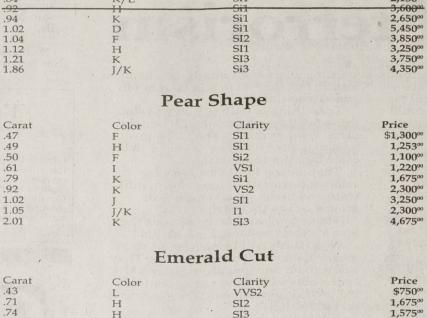
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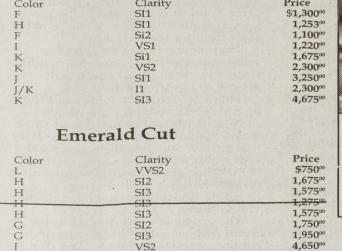


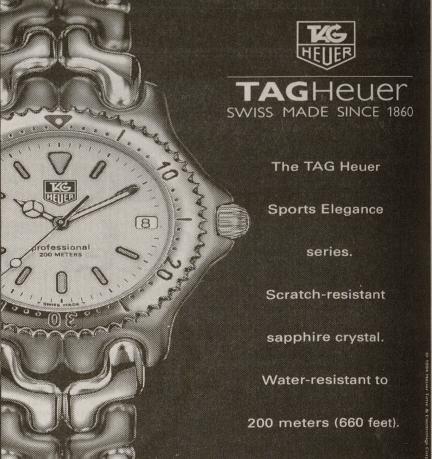
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