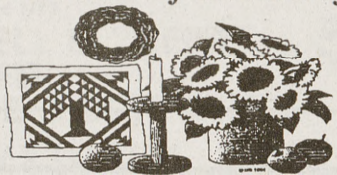


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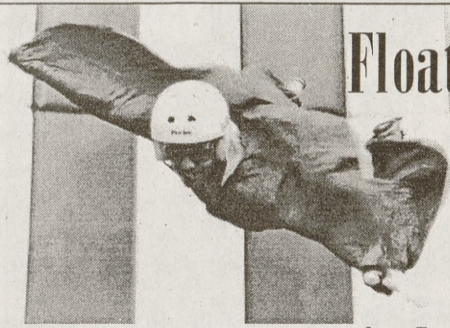


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## Reno announces she has Parkinson's disease

**The Attorney General announced that she was diagnosed with the disease three weeks ago.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With medication controlling the shaking of her left hand, Attorney General Janet Reno says her newly diagnosed Parkinson's disease will neither force her from office nor cease her long weekend walks along the Potomac River.

"I feel fine now. I continue to take my long walks," the 57-year-old attorney general told her weekly news conference Thursday. "I don't feel like I have any impairment. I feel strong and feel like moving ahead."

She has "an excellent, long-term prognosis," Dr. Jonathan Pincus, a neurology professor at Georgetown University Medical Center, said at a later news conference. "Her mild tremor was completely eliminated with modest doses," of medication, he said.

Reno disclosed that she was diagnosed three weeks ago with the progressive disease that undermines muscle control. Doctors as-

sured her that, like hundreds of thousands of other Americans with Parkinson's, she could continue working without impairment.

For reporters, who previously had noted a tremor in her hand, Reno thrust out a steady left hand to demonstrate that medication has controlled her only symptom. She takes 1 1/2 Sinemet pills before each of her three daily meals.

Earlier in the morning, Reno had advised the White House. She said chief of staff Leon Panetta "was very supportive." President Clinton telephoned Reno later in the day.

Reno made clear she had no intention of resigning and said if Clinton won a second term and "if he wanted me back, this would be no reason not to do it."

"If I didn't think I could do the job, I'd be the first to tell President Clinton," Reno said. "Based on everything the doctors told me and what I know, there should be no reason why, if the president wanted me to come back in a

second term, I wouldn't do so." Reno would not be the first public figure to hold high office with Parkinson's.

Former Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., stepped in Congress for 12 years after his Parkinson's disease was diagnosed in 1979. The disease forced him to abandon hopes of seeking the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination. Neurological problems resulting from a fall in January 1991 forced him to retire that year after 30 years in Congress.

It is estimated that nearly one million Americans have Parkinson's, but only a few have symptoms severe enough to have been diagnosed, said Dr. Stanley Fahn, a neurology professor at New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

The disease, which worsens over time, destroys brain cells that produce a substance called dopamine, which transmits signals to the brain, Fahn said.

Over time, it can cause tremors in the hands, shuffling gait, slurred speech and can eventually incapacitate people who have it. But Fahn said existing treatments can control symptoms for years and some experimental therapies show promise of reversing them.



Reno

## Clinton threatens another veto of Republican offers

**The Senate moves toward ending the three-day partial shutdown, but only if the president agrees to balance the budget in seven years.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Refusing to bend in a test of wills, President Clinton threatened anew Thursday to veto the latest Republican offer to end a three-day partial government shutdown. He said he was recalling furloughed workers to process claims for Social Security benefits.

Rebutted Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole: "He doesn't want a balanced budget.... That's the issue."

With the two sides seemingly at gridlock, Democrats savaged House Speaker Newt Gingrich for claiming Clinton had snubbed him recently aboard

Air Force One, and that he had toughened his terms on the budget battle as a result.

Several lawmakers trooped to the House floor with oversized copies of the front page of the New York Daily News. It bore a huge headline of "Cry Baby" and a cartoon depicting Gingrich in a diaper, holding a baby bottle and throwing a tantrum.

The Republican leaders repeatedly expressed a willingness to reopen talks with Clinton on ending the impasse that has forced huge sections of the government to remain closed since Monday and disrupted normal treasury borrowing. Gingrich, R-Ga., offered to meet Thursday night.

At the same time, the Republican-controlled Senate ignored Clinton's veto threat. It labored to pass legislation that would reopen the government through Dec. 5 on condition Clinton agree to work out a seven-year balanced budget, based on Congressional Budget Office economic

assumptions.

The House approved the measure early Thursday, 277-151, with 48 Democrats in favor. Democratic lawmakers said Clinton had lobbied them by telephone shortly before the vote to make sure the margin of support wasn't big enough to override his threatened veto.

It wasn't, but only by a dozen votes. And Clinton was told in one conversation that the time had come to begin thinking about a "gracious exit" from the standoff, said one lawmaker who recounted the exchange on condition of anonymity.

With Republicans insisting on a seven-year time frame, both sides were dancing around the key issue of economic assumptions — estimates of growth, unemployment and inflation that have a major impact on government spending and revenue estimates.

Clinton made plain he would veto the GOP legislation. Signing it, he said, would be tantamount to accepting GOP plans

for "crippling cuts in Medicare and unacceptable reductions in Medicaid, education and environmental protection."

"Congress should act responsibly and pass straightforward legislation to open the government and enable it to meet its financial obligations," Clinton said. "It should do it right now."

"The American people should not be held hostage any more by the Republican budget priorities," said Clinton, repeating a veto threat he first made Wednesday night.

Gingrich expressed irritation at Clinton's customary charge that Republicans were seeking to cut Medicare: "There's just something profoundly wrong when the president of the United States ... uses information that is not factually correct."

Republicans propose sharply slowing the projected growth of Medicare over the next seven years, and insist that the \$270 billion in savings over those years are needed to assure the program's solvency.

## Serbs indicted for actions against Muslims last summer

**Chief prosecutor Richard Goldstone urged all sources of evidence to cooperate with the U.N. war crimes tribunal.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two top Bosnian Serb leaders were indicted by a U.N. war crimes tribunal Thursday as directly responsible for "unimaginable savagery" against Muslims in a fallen safe haven last summer.

The chief prosecutor, Richard Goldstone, said he was cautiously optimistic they would be placed on trial. Goldstone said warrants would be sought in Belgrade, Sarajevo and Pale, the Bosnian Serbs' administrative capital.

He also urged all countries where refugees or other sources of evidence may reside to cooperate with the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

After two days of talks with CIA Director John Deutch and other senior Clinton administration officials, Goldstone also announced the indictment of a Bosnian Muslim in the deaths of several Bosnian Serbs in southern Bosnia. The prosecutor said the unidentified suspect was in a Bosnian Croat unit when the crimes were committed.

More than 50 Serbs and Croats have been

indicted by the U.N. tribunal. Goldstone praised the United States and the Netherlands for cooperating, implying other nations may not have been so forthcoming.

The State Department, in turn, pledged full U.S. support and said no quarter would be given to any suspected war criminals in order to facilitate an agreement to end the war in Bosnia.

"We believe justice is every bit as important as peace," Nicholas Burns, the department spokesman, said. "If we had any evidence of any individual's involvement, we would turn it over."

However, Burns said he was not aware of "any information that would be a trail of evidence" linking Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, a key figure in ongoing peace talks near Dayton, Ohio, with Bosnian Serb atrocities.

Goldstone declined to say whether Milosevic was being investigated.

The Bosnian Serbs' political and military leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic, were first charged by the tribunal in July with directing and controlling atrocities perpetrated against the civilian population throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina since 1992, with a sniping campaign against civilians in Sarajevo and with taking U.N. peacekeepers as hostages and using them as human shields.

The new indictments accuse them of direct responsibility for atrocities perpetrated against the Muslim population of Srebrenica after Bosnian Serb forces overran the U.N.-declared refuge in July.

"A truly terrible massacre of the Muslim population appears to have taken place," Judge Fuad Riad, an Egyptian, wrote. "The evidence tendered by the prosecutor describes scenes of unimaginable savagery; thousands of men executed and buried in mass graves; hundreds of men buried alive ... a grandfather forced to eat the liver of his own grandson."

"These are truly scenes from hell, written on the darkest pages of human history."

On Wednesday, Burns reiterated it would be "inconceivable" for Karadzic and Mladic to be left in positions of authority in the event of a peace settlement.

Goldstone, at a news conference, said the new indictments would be presented to the governments of Serbia and Bosnia, and also to the would-be Bosnian Serb government in Pale.

Any peace agreement should provide for war crimes prosecutions, the South African-born prosecutor said at a meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott.

The Bosnian Serbs have rejected the authority of the U.N. court and declined to turn over suspects. The tribunal itself has said it would not try suspects in absentia.

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