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Clinton agrees to anti-Cuba sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anxious to avoid a fight with allies, President Clinton produced a surprise compromise on anti-Cuba sanctions that delayed a final decision beyond the November elections, yet won praise from Cuban-Americans.

The question was whether Americans would have the right to sue foreign companies doing businesses in Cuba on property seized by the Castro regime after the 1959 revolution. On Tuesday, Clinton granted the right to sue but then imposed a six-month moratorium on any legal action. The president could extend the moratorium in six-month intervals indefinitely.

America's allies, who were outraged at the threat of penalties, breathed a sigh of relief. And Cuban-Americans,

eager to increase pressure on Fidel Castro, hailed Clinton's decision as a step in the right direction.

The net result was to delay a final decision on politically sensitive sanctions until after the U.S. elections. Clinton's decision also defused an issue that could have been a liability for him in Florida and New Jersey, two states with large Cuban-American populations.

Clinton said his action — with the threat of lawsuits — should spur America's allies to join the United States in pressuring Castro to embrace democratic and economic reforms. "By working with our allies — not against them — we will avoid a split that the Cuban regime will be sure to exploit," the president said.

Republicans cried foul. Presidential rival Bob Dole said Clinton was "trying to have it both ways" with Cuba. "The bottom line is that President Clinton will not allow American citizens any legal recourse in American courts for the property stolen by the Castro regime," he said.



CLINTON

Bus route changes because of road work

By Jody Holley
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Navigating the maze known as Texas A&M has never been easy. This summer, driving around campus has become even tougher.

In June, one lane of Ross Street between Ireland and Spence streets was closed off so the Physical Plant could check the underground utility lines for damage.

Charles Sippial, assistant vice president for the Physical Plant, said repair plans will have to wait a little longer.

"We plan to get a camera that will run through the drain lines to check and make sure there are no broken lines, but right now we're still waiting on the camera to get here," Sippial said. "We are planning to do an excavation to see what it would take to repair the lines if they are damaged."

Tom Williams, director of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, said the surface damage to Ross Street stems from a flood in the late '80s that caused the pavement under the sewer line to give way.

He said the Old Army bus route has been changed to accommodate the street's partial closing. One of the bus stops has been moved, but only across the street to compensate for the one-way traffic.

"This has added time to the bus route, but routes have been changed before to accommodate construction," Williams said.

Melissa Fuss, a junior community health major, rides the Old Army bus to work.

"Because I don't use it that often, the change really hasn't affected me at all," she said.

Sippial also said other than repair

work, no street resurfacing projects are taking place right now, but he added tentative plans to resurface New Main Street are on hold.

"We'd like to tear it up and make it a grand entrance to the University to coincide with the Texas Avenue construction," Sippial said, "but right now it doesn't look like the funding is available."

Williams also said Lubbock Street will eventually close and become a controlled access area as part of the library garage project.

"Next spring or summer, as we continue to formalize and limit access, Lubbock Street will be closed to allow access to the library garage," Williams said. "This will make it more pedestrian-friendly."

"There was a plan to make Lubbock a pedestrian mall, but the funds are not available, so it isn't an active project right now," Williams said.

Irvin apologizes to family, fans

IRVING (AP) — Brash, sometimes arrogant Michael Irvin had to endure the most humbling and embarrassing day of his life.

Irvin apologized Tuesday to his family, teammates and Dallas Cowboy fans for a sordid scandal that included drugs and topless dancers.

Agonizingly, he faced almost as many cameras and reporters as team owner Jerry Jones did the night he fired Tom Landry.

More than 30 mini-cams and 100 media members watched as Irvin talked without notes about his mistakes. There were no questions.

"I hurt to the bone," Irvin said while members of his family including his mother, Pearl, and wife, Sandi, and his two daughters looked on.

Baby Chelsea, still being bottle fed,

provided the only light moment for her moist-eyed father, who was interrupted several times by her jabbering.

It gave the grim Irvin his only chance to smile.

Irvin even apologized to his late father, who died while he was a senior in high school.

"I'm not the man my father was," Irvin said in a barely audible whisper.

"There's no getting around it," he said. "I was wrong. I was wrong."

The star receiver was 40 minutes late for his own press conference at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquar-

ters hours after a judge sentenced him to four years' probation and 800 hours of community service for his no-contest plea to a felony cocaine possession charge.

"I'd like to apologize to my family," Irvin said. "I shall work on being a better father. I shall work on being a better husband."

The center of a scandal involving topless dancers, allegations of drug and sex parties and a murder-for-hire plot, Irvin said he will not report to Cowboys training camp when it opens Wednesday in Austin.

Instead, he said, he was going to Miami to be with his wife and children.

"I'm going home to talk with my wife, and we're going to decide what we'll do from there," Irvin said.



IRVIN

Family Medicine Center provides residencies for med school graduates

By Ann Marie Hauser
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Texas A&M University's College of Medicine realized a 15-year-old dream on Monday with the opening of the Family Medicine Center of the Brazos Valley in Bryan.

Operated by the Family Practice Residency Foundation, the clinic offers a family medicine residency program for medical school graduates.

Dr. Nancy Dickey, director of the Family Practice Residency Program, said patients will ultimately benefit from this program.

"In a lot of ways, the patients get the best of both worlds," Dickey said. "Because they've just graduated from medical school, the residents have the latest science right at their fingertips, and the supervising physicians have years and years of experience to draw on."

Residencies are three-year programs where future physicians receive additional training in specialized medical areas.

Residents in the program assume a

dual role of caring for patients and attending formal classes and seminars.

Dr. H. David Pope, director of the Family Medicine Center, incorporated his own practice into the Family Medicine Center and works along with Dickey in supervising the residents.

"Our job is to try and take care of people," Pope said. "This is an ideal place to develop a Family Practice Residency Program."

To serve patients as efficiently as possible, a laboratory, pharmacy and X-ray equipment are available on the premises.

Dr. Christopher Cole, a summa cum laude graduate of the Ohio State University College of Medicine, is the first resident to the program and began seeing patients on Monday.

Cole came to Bryan from Houston where he had already completed a residency in radiology and oncology.

Unhappy as a specialist, he recognized the need for doctors in family medicine and decided to switch.

"It (family practice) is a better uti-

lization of resources," Cole said. "The distribution of doctors is terrible. The big city is too concentrated."

The next resident will join Cole in November, and eventually 16 or more will fill the allotted 18 positions by July 1997.

Dickey said many potential residents have inquired about the program.

"People were interested in the program before it was even accredited," Dickey said. "We've been fascinated."

Dickey estimates the clinic will eventually have a patient population of 10,000 to 15,000.

Medical students find residency programs through various means such as computer matching systems, booths at medical fairs and brochures.

Dr. Lamar McNew, a clinical professor of the Family Practice Residency Program, said this is an exciting and challenging time.

"It's a blast," McNew said. "They're (residents) excited about learning. Our eagerness to teach is like sharks in a feeding frenzy."



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GOING FOR A SPIN

Scott Meadows, a senior environmental design major, circles Albritton Tower Tuesday morning after returning from a ride to Caldwell.

Gore: Yeltsin looks 'in good health'

MOSCOW (AP) — Somewhat stiff and slow-moving but quick with a smile, Boris Yeltsin met with Al Gore on Tuesday and eased some of the concerns about his fragile health.

"He looked good to me," said Gore, the first Western leader to see Yeltsin since the latest speculation about his health flared up before the July 3 presidential election.

The worries surged again Monday when Yeltsin suddenly canceled a planned meeting with Gore and went off to a government health resort outside Moscow. Aides described him as "very tired" and in need of rest.

With slow, cautious movements, Yeltsin paced back and forth in the moments before Gore came in to greet him at the resort. He was alert, grinning as he and the U.S. vice president joked.

Monday's postponement was the latest in a string of no-shows that began near the end of Yeltsin's vigorous campaign for a second term. Since then, Yeltsin had been seen only in official TV footage and carefully scripted Kremlin events.

"He seemed to be in good health, relaxed, smiling and seemed very actively engaged in the subjects we discussed during our conversation," Gore said after the meeting in Narvikha, seven miles from Moscow. Gore

left later to return to Washington.

Yeltsin's meeting with Gore was his first appearance before the foreign media since falling ill last month with what officials said was a bad cold.

Concerns about Yeltsin's health are sure to persist. He has had two bouts of serious heart trouble in the last year, suffers from a bad back, and is prone — by his own description — to bouts of drinking and depression.

Aides say Yeltsin is exhausted from the grueling campaign schedule, but not sick.

The Clinton administration was a strong supporter of Yeltsin's re-election bid against a Communist challenger. Gore congratulated Yeltsin on his victory, and praised his dancing at a campaign rock concert.

"You learn all kinds of things when you're running for office," Yeltsin replied with a laugh.

Gore said the two had a "good conversation characterized by a great deal of warmth and personality." He called the talk "enjoyable."

Gore also met Tuesday with Yeltsin's new national security chief, Alexander Lebed. They discussed the political situation in Russia and nuclear security issues, the Interfax news agency said.

Colonias project helps border residents

By Tauma Wiggins
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The Texas A&M Center for Housing and Urban Development has received national attention for assisting low-income communities along the Texas-Mexico border.

The department was selected as the Most Significant Sustainable Community Development Program in Texas by President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development.

Colonias are small communities made up of up to three to 5,000 people along the Texas-Mexico border. Residents developed these communities because of a lack of low-income housing, according to a press release from the College of Architecture.

David Ellis, assistant director for planning and economic development, said Colonias residents are hard-working and do not let their financial circumstances stop them from providing a home for their families.

"I think one of the most rewarding things I've seen is the people who live in the Colonias," Ellis said. "They are entrepreneurs at heart. They're pursuing the American dream — building their own town home on their own lot. They're not sitting around waiting for someone to help them."

Ellis said the ideology behind the Colonias program is to provide these communities with services from which they are isolated, such as community centers.

"The concept is simple," he said. "What we do is work in the Colonias. They are socially and economically isolated and we try to reduce that. We build community centers,

but what's unique is what goes on inside the building."

Many programs have been implemented in the Colonias, ranging from health education and baby clinics to boy and girl scouts and job training.

Martin Sanchez, economic development coordinator for the Texas A&M Center for Housing and Urban Development, said the Colonias Project is also responsible for helping residents find job training and employment.

"With job training we're not creating a dependency, so when we start walking away from a community they can work on their own," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said in a study of a Colonias project in Laredo by Kermit Black from the Center for Housing and Urban Development, Colonias communities showed a higher average income than the inner-city citizens of Laredo.

He said in the inner-city community, low-income housing is relatively inexpensive but not a better living arrangement than the Colonias.

"Low income-housing can be \$500 to \$600 a month," Sanchez said. "Do I want to live in a slum for that rate or buy a piece of land that I will own? They (Colonias residents) aren't trying to be squatters, they are making a rational choice."

One problem many Colonias residents experience is buying land at a cheap price, only to realize there are no facilities such as running water, sewer systems or even roads, Sanchez said.

Texas A&M has implemented 17 Colonias programs along the Texas-Mexico border and is nearing completion with its current project in Laredo.