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(Staff photo by Jeff Carruth)

The family of exchange student Ove Fladberg is visiting Pampa before his return home to Norway. From left are Reidun, Ove, Solfrid, Aruid and Jorn.

Exchange student, family find Pampa to be 'a lot like home'

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

For exchange student Ove Fladberg and his family, life in Pampa seems a lot like life in their home - Skien, Norway.

And the people are friendly too. Ove has lived and gone to school in Pampa for the past ten months as part of the American Field Service student exchange program. His father, Aruid, and mother, Reidun, along with Ove's older brother and younger sister have come to visit the area and meet his host family before his return to Norway on Wednesday.

Skien is a community of 20,000 located approximately 30 miles south of Oslo and only 15 miles from the Oslofjord coastline. According to Mrs. Fladberg, the city's economy is diversified with farming and light manufacturing accounting for most jobs.

Wheat is the major crop in southern Norway, and the climate allows for either a winter or spring planted crop. Oats and vegetables also are frequently grown too.

The Fladbergs themselves live on their own farm just outside Skien, primarily raising wheat. Mr. Fladberg takes care of the farm full time, but the whole family pitches in for harvests.

Mr. Fladberg uses machinery duplicate in design to what his American counterparts use except that it is scaled down. Many of the implements are up to two-thirds narrower in size to handle the smaller, contoured fields typical in Norway.

While the land may be different, the weather between Skien and Pampa is surprisingly similar, according to Ove and his family. Both towns received about the same amount of snow last winter. Daytime highs in Skien can reach as high as 80 degrees in the summer, and water temperatures along the coast are high enough to permit swimming.

As for television, Ove said Norway has cable and familiar channels like CNN and MTV.

Supermarkets in the two countries are pretty much the same too, except their diet is a little different. Fish and vegetables make up a larger part of the Norwegian diet while there is less emphasis on meat. But Ove said the Fladbergs can still get a Big Mac when they're in Oslo.

The family took a side trip to New Mexico last week, visiting Carlsbad Caverns, a mountain range and an Indian reservation. Mrs. Fladberg said the reservation reminded her of an indigenous minority group that lives along the northern tier of the three northern Scandinavian countries. The same, pronounced "Som," are a nomadic group with a separate language and culture that account for a small percentage of Norway's population.

Where the U.S. and Norway differ, according to Ove, is in education and things to do for young people.

Ove found classes in Pampa easier than in Norway, and he found a different attitude among students. "It's easy to pass classes. You don't have to work at it. Lots of students are very lazy and don't care that

much. If they had to do more homework, I think they would learn much more," Ove said.

Ove also said after overcoming the language barrier, he spent considerably less on time on school here.

He suggested one problem with American schools may be waiting too long to pursue career track education.

"You get tired and you may just drop out, or your grades may go down

"If you could go into something after ninth grade that is interesting, that you like to do, it would be better, because many of them don't understand why you have to take all these subjects," he said.

In Norway, students begin career track training after nine years of general education. After three years, students enter the work force or go on to college, depending on their field.

Mrs. Fladberg, who teaches the equivalent of middle school, said in connection with Norway's integration into the European Community that schools need to make students well rounded as well as prepared to make a living.

Ove's brother, Jorn, is finishing his education in electronics, and will go to work after one year military service which is compulsory for all men after completing their equivalent to high school.

Competitive sports for students in Norway are organized through clubs instead of schools, according to Ove. Practices are held in the evening after dinner. For example, Ove's sister, Solfrid, plays a version of handball through one of the local clubs.

"But there's not much for teenagers to do at night here," Ove said.

He said cities in Norway operate recreation centers that include different games, pool and dancing. The Skien area alone has four such facilities. The centers also sponsor outside sporting events and supply most of the equipment.

Another difference for teens between Norway and the U.S. is the price of a driver's license.

"It costs about (the equivalent of) \$1,000 to \$1,500," Ove said.

Mrs. Fladberg said the U.S. still gets along quite well with Norwegians, especially after World War II.

"The U.S. has a big place in Norwegians' hearts," she said.

And the Fladbergs were impressed with Texas hospitality.

"People are so willing to share with us," Mrs. Fladberg said.

"Everyone's very, very open. They smile and say 'Hello,'" Ove said.

Ove's sponsors in Pampa are Richard and Carol Peet, with whom he has lived with since August.

An AFS reception is scheduled for Tuesday night, at 7 p.m., at Lovett Memorial Library. The reception will honor this year's exchange students, Ove and Christina Gwiazda from Germany, along with Rowan Hampson, last year's exchange student from Australia who is currently back in Pampa.

Court limits property seizures in drug cases

By LAURIE ASSEO
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WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court today blunted a major weapon in the war on drugs, ruling that the Constitution limits the amount of money and property that authorities may seize from convicted drug dealers.

The government may not seize so much money or property that it violates the constitutional ban on excessive fines or cruel and unusual punishment, the court ruled unanimously in a drug-forfeiture case from South Dakota.

In a separate decision, the justices ruled 5-4 in a Minnesota case that government agents do not violate free-speech rights when they seize virtually all assets from pornographers who sold some obscene materials.

The forfeiture of money and property by convicted drug dealers is punishment "and, as such, is subject to the limitations of the Eighth Amendment's excessive fines clause," Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote for the court in the South Dakota case.

The court rejected the Justice Department's argument that the forfeiture is not punishment, but serves the remedial purpose of removing

property that might be used to commit future crimes.

The decision overturned a federal appeals court ruling that the Constitution's Eighth Amendment ban on excessive fines does not apply to drug forfeitures because they are civil cases, not criminal ones.

The Supreme Court ordered lower courts to review the case of Richard Lyle Austin to determine whether his constitutional rights were violated by the forfeiture of his home and business after he pleaded guilty to a drug charge.

The decision in the Minnesota case said the 1989 forced closing of a multimillion-dollar "adult entertainment" business did not violate the owner's free-speech rights.

Federal agents used the forfeiture provisions of the federal Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act to put Ferris Alexander out of business, a tactic he said amounted to an unlawful "prior restraint" of the non-obscene erotica he sold.

Agents seized and destroyed all of Alexander's inventory because the store sold four obscene magazines and three obscene videos.

"The RICO forfeiture order in this case does not forbid (Alexander) from engaging in any expressive activities in the future, nor does

it require him to obtain prior approval for any expressive activities," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

"It only deprives him of specific assets that were found to be related to his previous racketeering violations," Rehnquist wrote.

Writing in dissent, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said the forfeiture of non-obscene expressive material was unconstitutional.

"The court's failure to reverse this flagrant violation of the right of free speech and expression is a deplorable abandonment of fundamental First Amendment principles," Kennedy wrote.

The high court ordered lower courts to restudy the Alexander case to determine whether the forfeiture violated the constitutional limit on excessive fines.

In the drug forfeiture case, Austin was forced to forfeit his mobile home and auto body shop in Garrettsville, S.D., in 1991 after he pleaded guilty to one count of possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

A police informant bought the cocaine at the auto body shop, and a police search of Austin's mobile home found drugs, drug paraphernalia and a gun. The home and shop were worth about \$38,000.

Clinton: Attack sends message

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton said today the U.S. missile strike against Iraq crippled Iraq's intelligence capacity and sent a message worldwide of American resolve to combat terrorism.

Meeting with his Cabinet, Clinton said, "The action I took, I thought, was clearly warranted by the facts.

The United States will do what it can to combat terrorism. It is plainly what we ought to be doing."

The president said a report from his national security advisers confirmed that "we did in fact cripple the Iraqi intelligence capacity."

The United States fired 23 Tomahawk cruise missiles at an intelli-

gence compound in downtown Baghdad on Saturday after concluding Iraq hatched a foiled plot to assassinate former President Bush while he was in Kuwait in April.

Clinton said America's allies have been "quite positive" in their reaction.

Asked if Americans should be concerned about terrorism after the discovery of an alleged terrorism campaign in New York, Clinton said, "The American people should be reassured that in the New York instance, that the federal authorities and the New York police did a good job."

"I think the American people know enough about terrorism to know that it is always a potential problem, but we are going to be very aggressive in dealing with it."

After his first major showdown with Saddam Hussein, Clinton said he wants to return his focus to the economy and other domestic matters.

"I think it's very important ... that we move on to other matters, that we go back to the domestic agenda," the president told his Cabinet.

He said he wanted to concentrate on helping House and Senate negotiators shape a budget plan, prepare for the seven-nation economic summit in Tokyo next week and seek rapid passage of his national service program.

Asked how the attack on Iraq would affect his presidency, Clinton said, "I have no idea. I did my job. It was my job and I did it, as best I could ... The evidence was clear and we took the appropriate action."

Vice President Al Gore, making the rounds on the morning TV talk shows, warned: "It would be unwise for Saddam to retaliate in any capacity because that would receive a response."

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(AP photo)

Iraqi Ambassador to the U.N. Nizar Hamboon listens during a U.N. Security Council meeting Sunday on the U.S. missile strike against Iraq.

Muslim nations raise questions over U.S. missile attack on Iraq

By EILEEN ALT POWELL
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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Muslim nations see the U.S. missile strike on Baghdad as part of a Western double standard that singles out Iraq while failing to take similarly strong action against those who attack Bosnian Muslims.

Egypt and Turkey, mainstays in the U.S.-led coalition that drove Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991, said Washington should deal just as severely with Serb aggressors in Bosnia as it does with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I wish the position of American policies were as strict toward the crimes that the Serbs carry out against Bosnia-Herzegovina, which violate all legitimacy and international conventions," Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said.

Egypt has criticized the United Nations for failure to protect Slavic Muslims from attacks and "ethnic cleansing" by Bosnian Serbs.

Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller said: "We have always been for an effective response to international terrorism and cooperation in fighting it, but this should also be seen in Bosnia."

White House spokesman Mark Gearan called the Arab complaints "an inappropriate comparison."

"This was a sophisticated plan of state-supported terrorism against a former president for his actions as president.

"As such, it is a threat against the country and every American citizen," he said today.

Washington alleges Iraq was behind a plot to assassinate Bush on a visit to Kuwait in April. Iraq

said the raid killed at least eight people.

Among European leaders, British Prime Minister John Major called the U.S. attack an "entirely justified" response.

"One has to make it clear to international criminals like (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein that that sort

of behavior will not be tolerated," Major said.

The French Foreign Ministry said "France understands the reaction of the United States and the motives of this operation."

A statement by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl called the American action "a justified reaction to a

detestable attempted act of terrorism."

Major, Kohl and French President Francois Mitterrand were notified by Clinton in advance of the attack.

Opposition leaders in the three European countries voiced strong reservations, arguing the missile attack was not authorized by the United Nations nor valid under international law.

But Russia said the U.N. charter allows for such action, saying the U.S. attack stemmed from "a state's right to individual and collective self-defense."

However, a statement from Russia's Foreign Ministry added: "We hope a mutually acceptable solution of this bilateral problem can be achieved without military escalation."

The 21-member Arab League,

headquartered in Cairo, warned that unilateral action without the support of the U.N. Security Council "entails dangers that do not fit with the wish to establish a new world order."

The strongly worded statement called attention to the plight of the Bosnian Muslims and Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and called for "an end to the double standards of dealing with international conflicts."

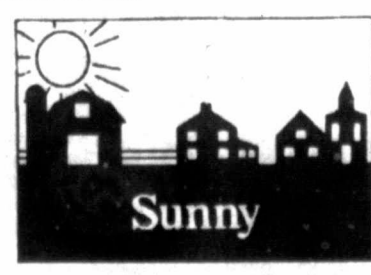
Sudan condemned the attack as "terrorism," and a Libyan statement declared "the threat to use force or to actually use it in solving conflicts."

Despite its enmity with Iraq, Iran condemned what it considers a bigger enemy, the United States. Iran's Majlis, or parliament, said the missile strike was "a threat to world peace and security."

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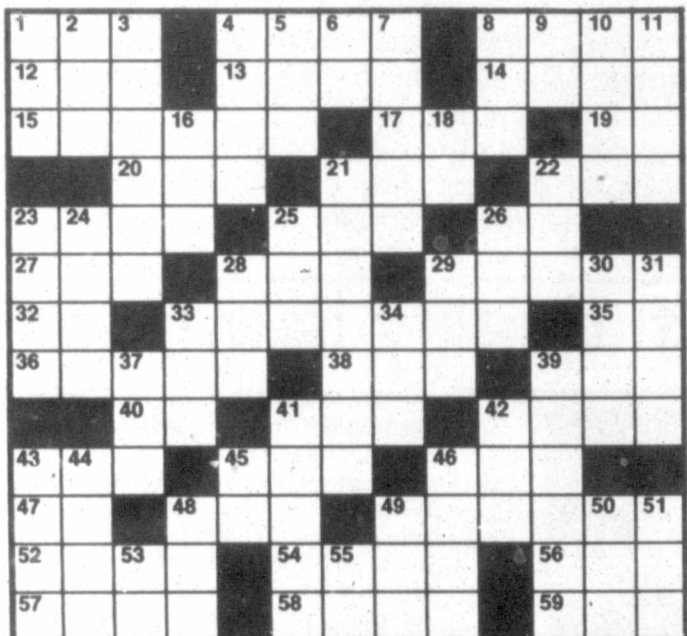
- 1 Sgt.
- 4 Part of hat
- 8 — a-brac
- 12 Recent (pref.)
- 13 — Calhoun
- 14 Donkey's cry
- 15 Fish trap
- 17 Hockey org.
- 19 S. of Tenn.
- 20 Forerunner of CIA
- 21 Scold
- 22 Negative prefix
- 23 Center of sail
- 25 Questioning sound
- 26 — Toya
- 27 Verb ending
- 28 Mesh
- 29 Measure of weight
- 32 Roman 51
- 33 Lumberjacks' game
- 35 16 oz.
- 36 — alcohol

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HUM PLAN PLAY
 OMY RAYE ROSE
 CUTTER RHO EA
 HUP TVA BAH
 PLOT HUE DA
 HIS HUG OUTDO
 OK HATBAND DO
 TEEMS OMA HAP
 ES HAI PAYS
 HUN HIT HUR
 EM NBC PIGLET
 IBAR KRIS OSS
 ROSA SONS WEE

DOWN

- 1 Compass pt.
- 2 Fair grade
- 3 Type of tea
- 4 Sis's siblings
- 5 Decay
- 6 Negative prefix
- 7 Talking bird
- 8 Barrel (abbr.)
- 9 Train rte.
- 10 Character in "Othello"
- 11 Shade of blue
- 16 Calif. time
- 18 Mercury symbol
- 21 Similar to pecans
- 22 Nickname for Nancy
- 23 Liver fluid
- 24 Single item
- 25 That woman
- 26 Haul
- 28 Nothing
- 29 — Clear
- 30 Singer — Laine
- 31 Recedes
- 33 Side issue
- 34 Same (pref.)
- 37 Shout of amusement
- 39 Not in any way
- 41 Adolescents
- 42 Cot
- 43 Local movie theater (sl.)
- 44 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
- 45 SW state
- 46 Nest of pheasants
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- 49 Exist
- 50 — de plume
- 51 Short for Augustus
- 53 In
- 55 I — Woman



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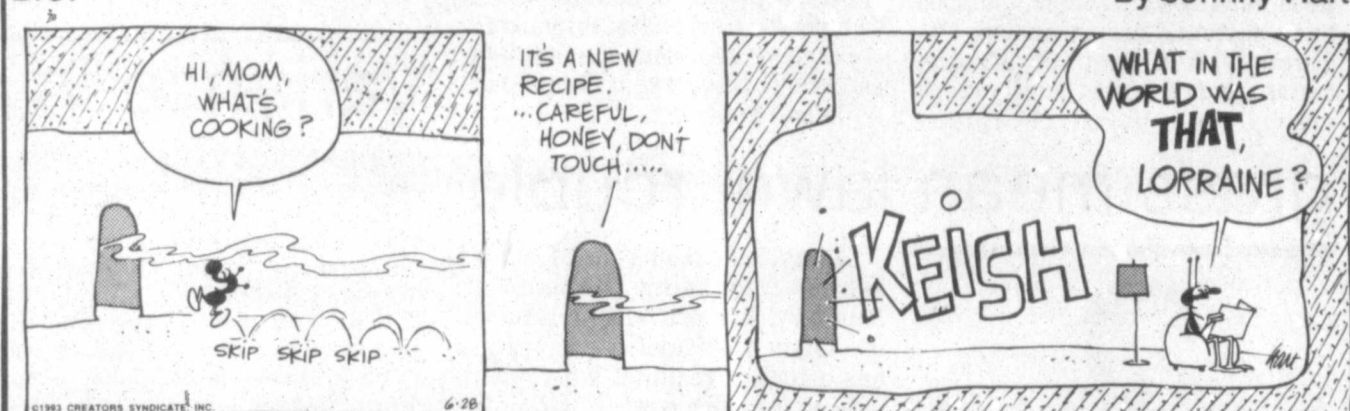
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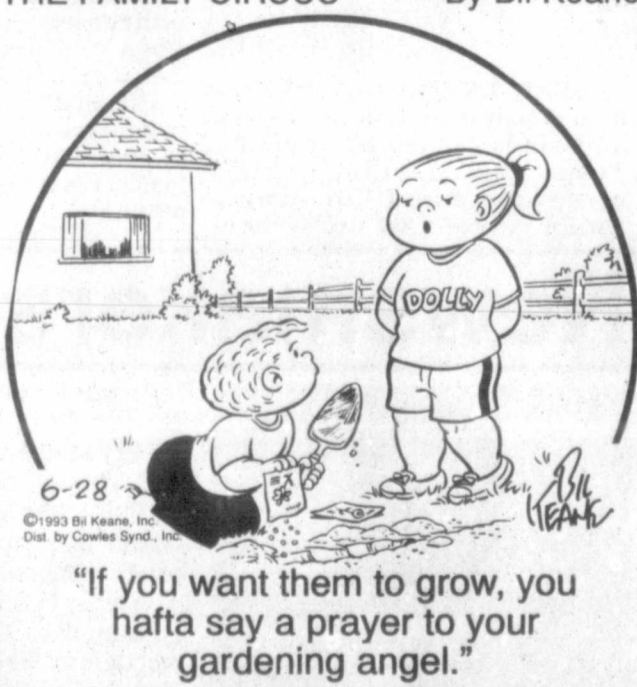
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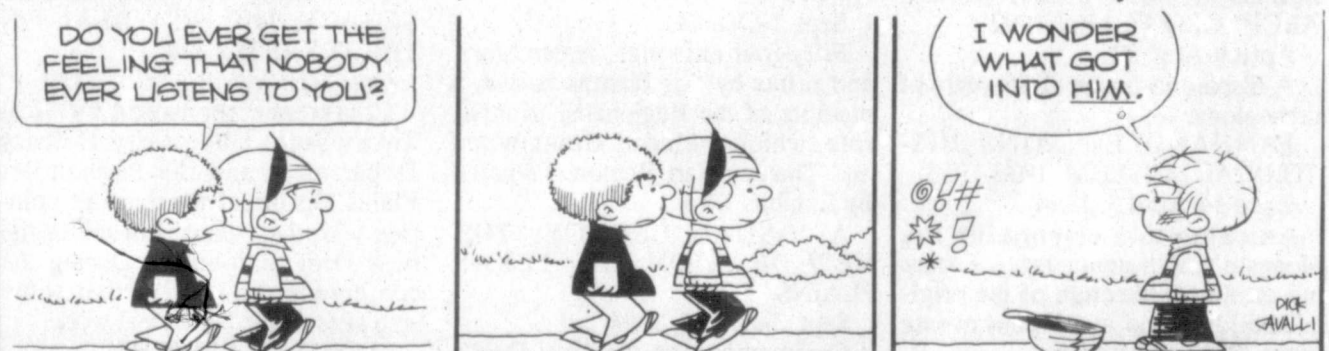
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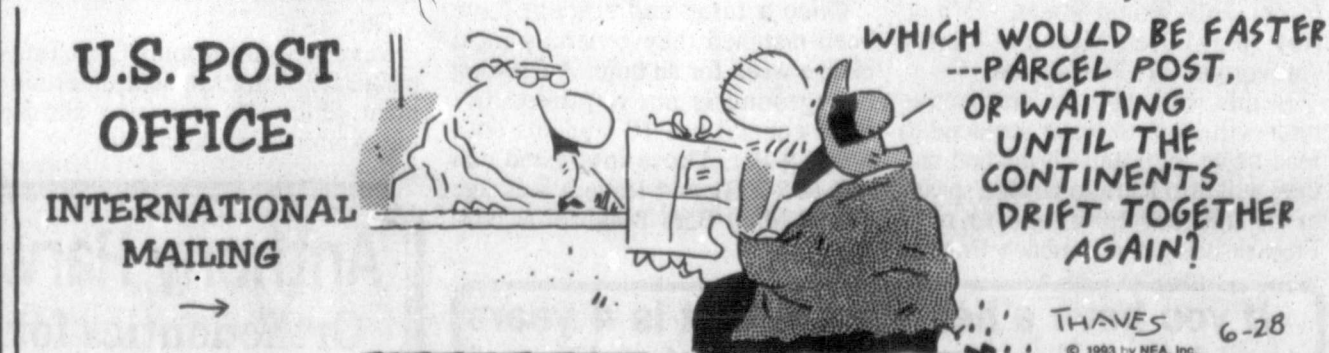
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are two reasons why you're fun to be around today. One, you let people do their own thing and two, if they have nothing to offer, you'll think of ways to inspire them. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you are bottom line conscious today, it will help you to deal more profitably with others in situations where you have something you want to sell or buy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you'll start finding reasons that could help you change a bad opinion about someone you know socially. This will be precipitated by nice things this person will start to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Career and finances are the two areas where you are likely to show the greatest gains today. In some instances matters will be interrelated, in others they won't.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your leadership qualities are very pronounced today and it could be difficult for you to be a follower instead of the guy/gal up front. Do what your instincts direct.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually it isn't very wise to rely too heavily upon hunches in your practical affairs. However, today your intuitive perceptions could be more accurate than your logical evaluations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A close friend could be instrumental today in changing your outlook about something that has had you perplexed. He/she will know how to lift the veil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to spend as much time as possible today with friends you think of as being successful. Their ideas and ways of doing things could inspire you to come up with some ingenious conceptions of your own.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Over the next few months friends could start to play more important roles in your personal affairs than usual. In most instances their input will be constructive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Experiencing a lift in your self-esteem today could be the result of the kind way you handled a situation where you choose to satisfy the needs of others above your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Being involved with persons whose ideas you respect would turn out to be a positive experience for you today. They could help you achieve both a change of heart as well as a change of attitude.

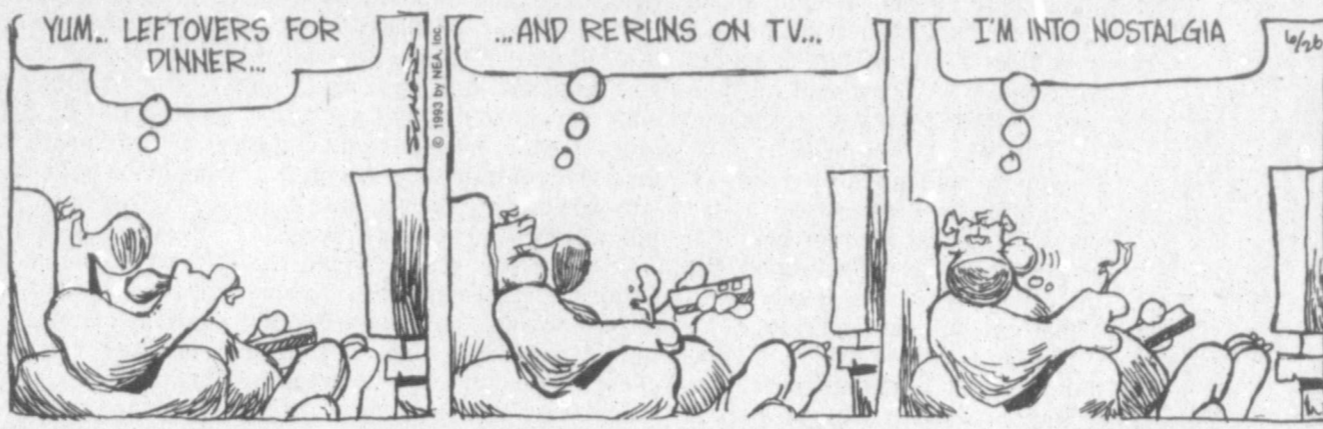
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your best asset today is your innate ability to change out-moded things into something newer and more functional. This could be with relationships, as well as with materials.

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Jim Courter, chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, talks to reporters in Washington on Sunday about the military base closings recommendations.

Base closings panel wraps up its studies

By LARRY MARGASAK
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers would save billions of dollars from a federal commission's recommendations to shut or cut dozens of military bases, but thousands of residents losing jobs from coast to coast hardly feel like winners.

The bay area of San Francisco, a Northern Virginia office complex near the Pentagon, portions of upstate New York and Charleston, S.C., were among those devastated Sunday by recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission as it wrapped up five days of deliberations.

Other areas had taken their hits earlier in a cleaving process that started last Wednesday.

The commission has to get its list to President Clinton by Thursday. He can approve or reject all or part of the report. If the president disapproves, the commission has until Aug. 15 to submit another list. If Clinton fails to send the second report to Congress by Sept. 1, the process ends and the proposals are not enacted.

But if Congress receives a report from the president as expected, it has 45 legislative days to enact a joint resolution of disapproval. Unless it clears both houses, the commission's recommendations are adopted. Congress must take up-or-down votes but cannot vote piecemeal changes.

"The nation should be very pleased," Commission Chairman Jim Courter said Sunday after the grueling marathon ended. "This round of base closures means the suit will fit the man and the man was shrinking."

The commission has not tallied a list of overall savings from its recommendations. But the panel adopted most of the Pentagon's proposals, which Defense Secretary Les Aspin said would save about \$3.1 billion per year starting in 2000.

Courter and his six commission colleagues said they were in personal agony day after day as they made decisions that will leave thousands of Americans jobless. Before voting to temper Charleston's losses by establishing a high-tech naval electronics center there, Courter acknowledged the panel was devastating the city "block by block."

The commission voted to eliminate the city's naval base, shipyard and supply center, while sparing its naval hospital.

The commission eliminated naval

facilities all over the bay area, including the Oakland Naval hospital, two air stations, a shipyard and an aviation supply depot. In Southern California, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard was saved but the San Diego Naval Training Center was selected for closure.

In upstate New York, the panel decided to close Plattsburgh Air Force Base and leave almost nothing at Griffiss Air Force Base.

And Northern Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, is set to lose eight different Navy commands, which would be transferred from rented space near the Pentagon to facilities elsewhere. Estimated job loss for Virginia: 11,000.

While the losses pleased no one, reactions were not always uniform.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., reacted angrily to the Northern Virginia decision, for he was the secretary of the Navy who ordered these units moved from Washington in the early 1970s to place them near the Pentagon.

"We're going to fight this decision," Warner said, adding he might introduce legislation that would allow a reversal if new information showed taxpayers would save money from a revised ruling.

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley said his city "will seize this opportunity for the community to move forward" even though the area will lose more than 50,000 jobs from the closings and gain only some 5,000 from the new electronics center.

But while there were losers, there were some winners, too.

Among them:
— Fort McClellan, Ala., which the Defense Department sought to close; and McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, which the Pentagon first decided to close, and then to spare to prevent "piling on" cutbacks in California.

— The Naval Submarine Base at Groton, Conn., which was marked for elimination by the Pentagon.

— McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey which was chosen, over the military's objections, as a major "air mobility" base.

— The Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois, the lone survivor among three naval training facilities.

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British homosexuals fighting for equality

LONDON (AP) — Bucking some of the most anti-gay laws in Europe, Britain's homosexuals have come out from the shadows and are fighting for equality.

The search for a serial killer preying on homosexual men has drawn attention to activists' claims that gays suffer legal discrimination and are increasingly the targets of violent crime.

But these threats haven't emptied gay clubs, bars and restaurants, and more than 60,000 people turned out for London's 21st annual Lesbian and Gay Pride festival a week ago.

"The gay community is now determined to enjoy a lifestyle with open windows instead of closed doors," said Lancelot Fougere, 23, an accountant at Village Soho, the first of a new wave of trendy continental-style gay bars and cafes.

Gay businessmen, trying to capitalize on gay spending power, are trying to establish a gay district in the heart of London like those in

New York and San Francisco.

Old Compton Street in the Soho district now has two gay bars, three gay fashion shops, several gay-oriented cafes and a gay beauty center. In the next few weeks, a gay hair-dressing shop and a chic bar complex are opening.

"It's part of the change in the overall attitude to gay people," said Paul Valencia, 21, a bartender at a trendy new cafe called Kudos.

"I think a lot of change is due to the European Community, because gay people are making comparisons with other countries which are more relaxed about homosexuals. I also think a lot of inspiration comes from America because there's quite a gay political movement there," he said.

Over the past decade, polls show Britons have become more tolerant of homosexuals and would support liberalizing laws. Many gays have come out of the closet, including renowned Shakespearean actor Sir Ian McKellen.

"We're operating with 19th century laws and we're completely out of line with most other Western democracies," said Angela Stone, director of Stonewall, a group established by McKellen and other prominent homosexuals in 1989 to campaign for legal reforms. It is named after the New York bar where homosexuals rioted against police harassment in 1969.

The government lifted a ban on gay merchant seamen and has promised to outlaw prosecution of homosexuals discovered in the armed forces, but hasn't lifted the ban on lesbians and gay men enlisting in the military.

The top item on Stonewall's agenda is a case before the European Court of Human Rights, seeking to lower Britain's age of consent for gay men from 21 to 16, the age of consent for heterosexuals and lesbians.

Edwina Currie, a lawmaker who backs Stonewall's campaign, said

her fellow Conservatives aren't likely to change the age of consent. Her party, she said, "is not very good on social issues."

David Allison, 57, of the radical gay rights group Outrage, said gays are arrested "with depressing regularity" for offenses such as kissing in public or stopping to talk with another gay, which can be interpreted as soliciting.

Ninety homosexuals were murdered in anti-gay attacks between 1987 and 1992, Allison said, and "queer-bashing is a fact of life for every member of the community."

According to a survey by the Gay London Policing group, which counsels gays and monitors police, 30 percent of gay men and women are likely to be attacked at least once because they are homosexual.

Scotland Yard is running a pilot project in six divisions to monitor attacks against gays. Gay groups say they want this extended nationwide.

Study claims children more at risk from pesticides

WASHINGTON (AP) — Because they are growing, infants and children are more sensitive to pesticides than adults — but the government has failed to take this into account when assessing health risks, concludes a study by the National Academy of Sciences.

There is "a potential concern" that some children may be ingesting unsafe amounts of pesticides, says the study released Sunday.

"We found some serious deficiencies that need to be corrected" in the government regulatory process, Dr. Philip Landrigan, a pediatrician who chaired the 14-member panel that conducted the study, said.

The study, entitled "Pesticides in the Diets of Infants and Children," said the government should:

— Develop new test procedures for evaluating pesticide toxicity in children

— Collect more detailed data on

the amount of food children eat.

"Infants and children are subject to rapid tissue growth and development, which will have an impact on cancer risk," the study stated.

While detailing the perils of pesticides, the panel encouraged families to have their children eat fruits and vegetables.

"It seems internally inconsistent, I know," Donald Mattison, dean of the graduate school of public health at the University of Pittsburgh, said in a telephone interview.

But "many members of the panel believe washing and peeling fruits and vegetables will go a long way toward reducing risk," said Mattison, vice chairman of the panel.

"We know the benefits of fruits and vegetables in children's diets, and there's a gut sense that the risks are probably of a smaller magnitude," Mattison added.

The 386-page document says the prevailing method of estimating pesticide risk is based on a single number representing average exposure of an entire population. But that doesn't take into account the fact that infants and children eat fewer foods, consuming much more of certain foods per unit of body weight.

The Environmental Protection Agency regulates pesticide levels by balancing agricultural benefits with health risks. And on Friday the EPA responded to the report — joining with the Agriculture Department and the Food and Drug Administration in calling for a reduction in the use of pesticides on fruit and vegetables.

Although the government has long established tolerance levels for pesticide residues on food, the Clinton administration's response Friday marked the first time the government has said farmers should cut the

use of chemicals.

The National Agricultural Chemicals Association promised to "work with everyone to further strengthen the food safety system." The group lobbies on behalf of U.S. pest control manufacturers.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association "endorses the Academy's call for more testing of chemicals and for the gathering of more dietary and residue data on foods consumed by young children," GMA President C. Manly Molpus said in a statement. The group lobbies for 130 companies.

And the study "points to serious problems in our food safety regulations, but we need action, not alarm," said Wendy Gordon, co-founder of Mothers & Others For A Liveable Planet. "It's up to the government to give farmers the support they need to get off the pesticide treadmill."

Panel concludes work, pessimistic on AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Commission on AIDS ended its work today on the same note it hit when it started four years ago: The country is doing a terrible job of dealing with the epidemic.

More people will be infected, more will die, a cure is "difficult to imagine" and a vaccine for general use in humans is at least five to 10 years away, the commission said in its final report.

"This is a short, sometimes angry report tinged with sadness and foreboding," said an introduction to the report by Dr. June Osborn, the commission's chairman, and Dr. David Rogers, the vice chairman.

"The human immunodeficiency virus has profoundly changed life on our planet," they wrote. "America has not done well in acknowledging this fact or in mobilizing its vast resources to address it appropriately."

The commission, which started its work in 1989 and consisted of both Democrats and Republicans, often criticized the Bush administration for not doing enough about the epidemic and for being squeamish about discussing subjects such as homosexual sex.

But in this final report, the commission said, "New hope surged with the election of President Clinton."

The administration has proposed a 1994 budget that

includes \$2.7 billion for AIDS research, treatment and prevention, a 28 percent increase over this year's spending.

Nevertheless, the report said that while Clinton was sympathetic to the cause and had promised much, he had yet to deliver.

Members of the commission were ready to be openly critical of the president for failure to act. But after his appointment last Friday of Kristine Gebbie as the government's AIDS policy coordinator, they were planning to temper their remarks.

"We're pleased that the Clinton administration has finally started its engine on AIDS," Rogers said in a separate statement accompanying the report.

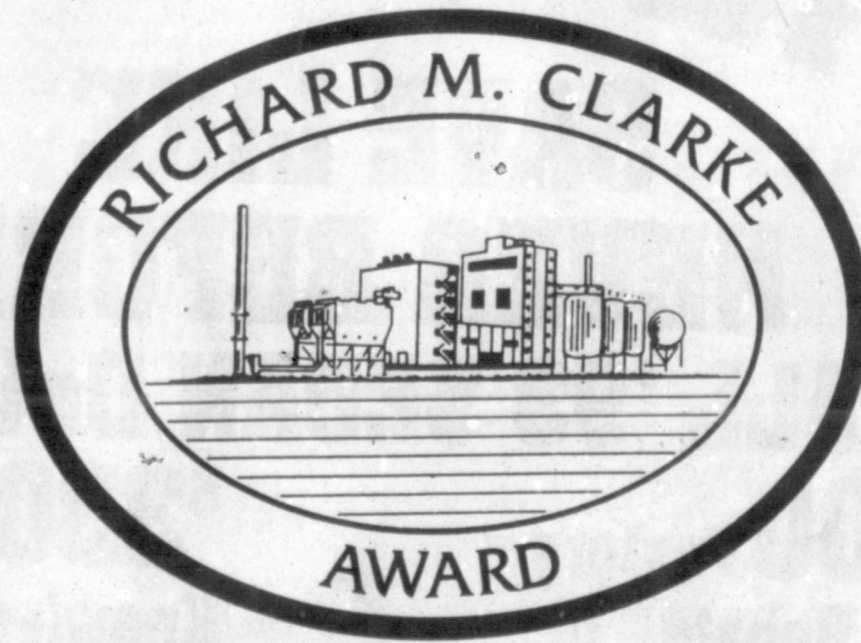
An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the timing of Gebbie's appointment and the release of the report was a coincidence.

The commission, which issued 14 reports in the past and many recommendations, has boiled its message down to two points, calling on leaders to speak frankly about AIDS and to develop a "clear, well-articulated national plan" for dealing with the disease.

"What should be done is not complicated," the report said. "But it requires leadership, a plan, and the national resolve to implement it."

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