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Should the Angels keep Jim Fregosi as manager?

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Meet Sylvia

Our new comic strip hero may help you take a whole new look at life

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Weather
 Fair through tomorrow except for late night through mid-morning low cloudiness. A little cooler days. High both days in upper 70s. Low near 61
 Details: A-8.

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Nobody believes the Russians

Carter, allies skeptical as Soviets define Afghan pullout

New casualty reports may explain Moscow's announcement

VENICE, Italy (AP) — President Carter ended the allied summit today with a declaration that the "ruthless" Soviet invasion of Afghanistan would be opposed with "our combined strength." He called this a moral and strategic imperative, but other allied leaders said little on the subject.

but the focus shifted yesterday when the Soviets announced a partial withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan. Radio Moscow announced today one Soviet troop division, believed to have 7,000-11,000 men, and 108 tanks were being withdrawn from Afghanistan and returned home. That would leave about 75,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan. It was the first time the Kremlin

has said how many of its troops were being pulled from the war-torn country at its southern border, where an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops were sent last Christmas. Allied leaders were skeptical of Soviet motives and demanded a complete withdrawal. Carter emphasized the situation in his closing Summit/A-4, Col. 2

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Moscow's announced withdrawal of "unnecessary" troops from Afghanistan followed recent reports of an intense campaign to crush Moslem rebels battling the country's Marxist government. One reliable source in the Afghan capital of Kabul told contacts in India the violence of the Soviet campaign was reflected by an increase in coffin-making for Rus-

sian casualties. He reportedly said about 100 carpenters were kept busy in Kabul turning out wooden coffins used to carry the bodies of Soviet soldiers back to their homeland on nightly flights aboard Aeroflot transports. According to reports from a number of reliable diplomatic and Afghan sources in New Delhi, Soviet troops have suffered heavy losses in their largely unsuccessful

attempt to wrest control of the countryside from the insurgents. Several sources estimated the occupation, nearing its six-month anniversary, has cost the Soviet Union 10,000 lives. The Russians have been "like a man with a club fighting a swarm of bees," said one source. "Every swing, he gets a few, but also gets Soviets/A-5, Col. 1

Q&A

How will cameras in court affect California trials?

A limited experiment to determine the impact on trials of cameras in court is scheduled to begin July 1. In criminal cases, cameras will be allowed only if both sides and the judge agree. Charles F. Doolittle, vice-president of the Ernest Short and Associates consulting firm in Sacramento, is project manager for the experiment. He was interviewed by Milt Policzer.

Question: A number of states have already experimented with television in courtrooms. Why is it necessary for California to conduct its own experiment?

Doolittle: Well, I think every state needs to discover its own attitudes about extended media coverage. The nature of the judiciary is such that individual states like to have control over the rules within their own system.

Q: There is no way of having a control group in this type of experiment. No trial is identical to another, so you can't compare a trial that is covered by extended media with a trial that is not. Is there any real way of determining whether or not a particular trial is more or less fair as a result of media coverage?

A: Our basic approach is to try to get an evaluation that is as rigorous and as close to a scientific model as possible. For example, we could observe the normal, conventional coverage of a trial — prior to July 1 — that the press and other media have high interest in. Then we can compare the data on that trial to similar kinds of observa-

Q&A/A-6, Col. 1

Richard Pryor

"I just want to take it as far as it'll go," he said once. "I want to turn into pure energy one day onstage." When the accident happened, everyone asked "why?" Cynthia Heimel examines the Pryor genius and tries to answer the question. See Style. Pryor's condition. See page A-2.

Diary of a food crusader

By Ann Salisbury
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Roberta Weintraub, Supermom and president of the Los Angeles Board of Education, wakes up at 6 a.m. with her husband Lewis, her cat Squadron and her dog Poundie encooned among black-and-white striped sheets under a dingy brown bedspread.

But for Weintraub, who engineered the ban on junk foods in the Los Angeles city schools that was approved last Monday, it isn't too early to think about nutrition.

So she starts her day, pushing back the covers and reaching for half a toasted raisin-and-whole-wheat bagel and half an orange.

But last Friday, no sooner had she finished her morning coffee (yes, coffee) than she launched into a condemnation of whole milk. Right there in bed, with her husband plopped atop the sheets, she proclaimed that youngsters do not need whole milk, only skim or nonfat milk; that animal fats and cholesterol are bad for the heart; that grilled cheese sandwiches contain much too much high-cholesterol fat and white bread, which she says contains empty calories, and processed cheese. She is revolted.

She springs out of bed and attacks her exercycle. Not only is Weintraub a self-proclaimed food fanatic, but she's also an



Roberta Weintraub and son Michael: Hiding the fries.

exercise addict, who sports bulging biceps and rarely starts her day without spending 20 minutes lifting 25-pound dumbbells, 15 minutes on the exercycle, and several more minutes in the rowing machine.

Then she hops into the school board's green, 1975 Oldsmobile Regency with her yellow pint-sized thermos full of hot, black coffee, and zooms along the freeway to her office, to make dozens of decisions concerning the district's 566,000 students.

Driving down the freeway,

she offers maternal advice about life, love and marriage. Her own marriage, she reveals, has endured anguished switchbacks, sudden turns, jumps and sideways leaps.

Since she was a teen-ager, she says, she has haunted health food stores.

Eventually her zeal spread to her husband, a specialist in colon and rectal surgery, who she says now is convinced 60 percent of his patients could

Weintraub/A-8, Col. 2

Vietnamese forces cross into Thailand

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP) — Vietnamese troops, backed by artillery, today slammed across the border into Thailand, overrunning one Thai village, shelling others and sending an estimated 100,000 panic-stricken Cambodian refugees fleeing from border camps into Thailand, Thai military sources said.

Sources in this town on the Thai-Cambodian frontier said more than 30 Thai soldiers were killed and about 100 wounded since the early morning offensive began.

Unconfirmed reports indicated there also were heavy casualties among the estimated 200,000 Cambodian refugees camped along the frontier.

Fighting was reported continuing, with the Thai military ordered to full alert along the entire length of the jungle border. The Vietnamese offensive was reported focusing on a 40 miles stretch of border north of this town, 140 miles east of Bangkok, the Thai capital. Thai troops barred civilians from roads leading north from here.

Associated Press correspondent Apichart Rattanavichai, reporting from the frontier, said Vietnamese troops overran a Cambodian border encampment at Noon Mark Moon. They then entered a nearby Thai village and burned a few homes but apparently did not harm the few villagers who remained behind when the fighting started, he said.

Apichart said Vietnamese artillery shelled at least three other

Thailand/A-4, Col. 2

Gates disavows report linking Reinhardt to mob

By Linda Breakstone
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Police Chief Daryl Gates has denied that there was ever an official LAPD report linking Los Angeles Police Commission President Stephen Reinhardt with members of organized crime.

The development may impede efforts of Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to halt Reinhardt's appointment to the federal bench.

In an interview with the Herald Examiner, Gates said no report linking Reinhardt with the mob exists. Shown a copy of what has been described as an official LAPD report, Gates said, "That is obviously not ours. Believe me, it's pretty well known that Stephen (Reinhardt) and I don't get along philosophically. If I had something on him, I certainly wouldn't hide it."

Contacted in Washington, counsel for the Republican minority leadership of the committee, which has been holding up President Carter's nomination of Reinhardt, expressed surprise at the news of Gates' denying the existence of an official report linking Reinhardt with organized crime.

"I hope they're not playing semantical games with us," said Duke Short, a former CIA agent and counsel for the GOP minority committee members. "We still want to hear from Gates on this." Last month, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-



Stephen Reinhardt
 "Vicious campaign of lies ..."

Utah, a committee member, asserted he knew of an official LAPD report which "raised questions of Mr. Reinhardt being in association

Reinhardt/A-7, Col. 2

State Democrats say 'Klandidate' is not suitable

Ku Klux Klan leader Tom Metzger has been sharply disavowed as the Democratic candidate for the 43rd Congressional District by the state Democratic Central Committee's executive board, which passed a resolution declaring him "not suitable or desirable."

In a unanimous voice vote at the weekend session of more than 100 executive committee members, a requirement was also lifted that party members support the elected nominee, freeing district voters to back any other 43rd District candi-

Klan/A-3, Col. 2

Wiretap

Was Republican National Committee co-chairman Mary Crisp's office in Washington bugged or not? After hearing "beeping" on her phone, she called in private investigators and police, who say they can't rule out the possibility a wiretap had been used. See page A-13.

NEWS FOCUS

Detective story: The mystery death of the butcher's mother

Did one of their fights end with her murder?

By Bruce Henderson
 Herald Examiner staff writer

Los Angeles Police Department homicide Detective Steve Hodel looked carefully at the nude body stretched out on the stainless-steel gurney in the hallway at the county coroner's office.

Identified by a plastic tag attached by wire to her big toe, this was the body of Gloria Ford (not her real name), age 49, one of the 5,956 corpses handled by the coroner's office to date this year. She had died a few hours earlier at Queen of Angels Hospital of an apparent brain hemorrhage, after being brought in the night before

There have been about 800 homicide investigations in Los Angeles County so far this year. This story is about the 24th investigation in Hollywood. It is the first of a two-part true detective story with a surprise ending.

by a Fire Department rescue ambulance.

The reason Detective Hodel was here at one o'clock in the morning was to inspect the extensive bruises on her head, shoulders, arms and torso — which caused the coroner's office to report the case to police as a suspicious death.

"There's another one on the buttocks," said the deputy coroner, a thin, pale man wearing rubber gloves. "No more than 48 hours old. Same as these."

The detective's attention went back to the large black-and-blue

bruise covering her forehead, stopping just above the sightless brown eyes.

"She was running a 2.0 blood alcohol when she got to the hospital," said Hodel. "She was certainly in no condition to defend herself."

Hodel had seen enough. Although he couldn't be sure of the cause of death until the autopsy, he saw plenty of evidence of "blunt-force trauma" — the official term used to describe a vicious beating at the hands of another person.

So, he had no choice but to treat the death of Ford as Hollywood's

latest homicide.

"The deputy coroner mumbled, 'I better get her back into refrigeration.' He opened a nearby door and rolled the gurney into a large, cold room filled with dozens of other corpses of varying sizes, shapes, colors, sexes and ages, all prostrate on gurneys awaiting autopsies.

Hodel walked down the hallway with his partner for the night, Detective Bernie Skiles.

Out in the parking lot, Hodel lit his seventh Pall Mall of the hour.

At 6-foot-2 and 205 pounds, with closely cropped graying hair, Hodel displays the easygoing demeanor of a big man who doesn't have to prove anything.

"Seeing a dead body is one of the

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