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U.S. probes babylift crash

Wirth charges evidence was destroyed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department is looking into allegations of misconduct by government lawyers in a lawsuit seeking damages for orphans injured in the 1975 "Operation Babylift" crash near Saigon.

according to a letter obtained Friday by United Press International.

The case involves the April 4, 1975, crash of a Lockheed aircraft near Saigon that was carrying about 240 Vietnamese orphans out of South Vietnam to their

raal y The Denver Post/Sunday, Dec. 16, 1984

Vietnam arrests 119 'traitors, spies' in coup plot By The Associated Press The government statement, in Bangkok, gave no details. through espionage, sabotage and BANGKOK, Thailand - Viet- broadcast on the official Voice of The statement came as 21 peoarmed activities. nam announced Saturday that 119 Vietnam radio, said security ple, some ex-officers of the for-The trial began in the city, forpeople it accused of being "all forces picked up the 119 "one by mer South Vietnamese military, merly the South Vietnamese cap-Thursday, Dec. 27, 1984 * 194 5 age' attacks in Cambodia rilla Panel says Viets stalling on talks had hisen rding guer-By The New York Times were Affairs Subcommittee on Asian nam enjoys broadly based, biparand Pacific Affairs, said Wednes- tisan support." . their VIENTIANE. Laos - A con- day at the end of the five-day trin Viatnam which invaded Co ; have munist ser ex-Khmer Denver Post third. Prince ied in a aamese



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Kim Phuc, then 9, runs naked through the streets after being burned in the horrifying napalm bombing in Vietnam in 1972 (inset). But today, Kim can smile because doctors have helped her recover from the agonizing pain of her scars. Above she enjoys an ice cream cone in Bonn, Germany, where she has found new hope.



in terror after a napalm attack. The anguish upon the face of

victims will finally come true. "It's wonderful to be rid of the pain. I feel like I've been reborn," Kim told the STAP from her bod



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Vietnam chiefs may be split on freeing prisoners to U.S.

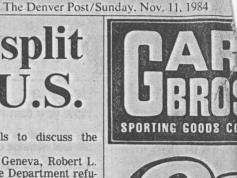
By Bernard Gwertzman

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The New York Times WASHINGTON - Reagan ad- '... there seems to be a ministration officials said on Satur-day that differences within Viet- worry in Hanoi that nam's leadership may have de- these prisoners will be

namese officials to discuss the matter.

On Oct. 4, in Geneva, Robert L. Funseth, a State Department refugee official, met with Deputy Foreign Minister Le Mai and outlined



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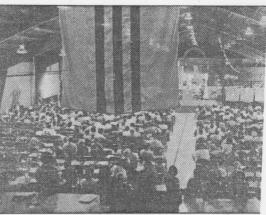
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A South Vietnamese flag hangs in the hall for the Vie

Mia Peters, 12, came to the United States in 1973. Adopted Vietnamese children meet their past al

By Diane Eicher Denver Post Staff Writer

RANBY — Pictures of scrawny babies and toddlers were everywhere, on easels and bulletin boards and in photo albums being passed around.

And even though many of the kids in the pictures were smiling, it was their eyes that got to you — haunting, yet hopeful, and unfortunately aware.

"Smile, you're on Candid Camera!" giggled a kid of about 10 as he stared back at the pictures and asked a little girl next to him if she'd found herself on the board yet.

He was too young to have known about the TV show, yet he knew its catch phrase. There was no doubt — these were American kids through and through.

But farther back than most of them remember was another life and country. That was what brought them here Tuesday, to the YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch near Granby for Vietnam Reunion '85 — the first nationwide gathering of adopted Vietnamese children.

Seven hundred people, including several Denverarea families, attended. Most of the families brought birth children, too.

As several months ago the United States looked back on the 10 years since the fall of Saigon, at the



Rocky Mountain News 2/11/85 Ex-nurse fights to stop movie on Vietnam

By CHARLIE BRENNAN

Rocky Mountain News Boulder Bureau

with a back brace from an injury suffered in Vietnam, is let her have." waging her own war against plans for a Hollywood movie based on a story she calls a monumental lie.

Oscar-award winning actress Sally Field has commis-

say who her lawyers are.

Asked if, as has been rumored, she plans to sue Walsh, she declined comment.

"If she wants to sue me, that's fine," Walsh said. "I have BOULDER - Pat Walsh, a diminutive woman confined three braces and a walker and a cane that I'd be glad to

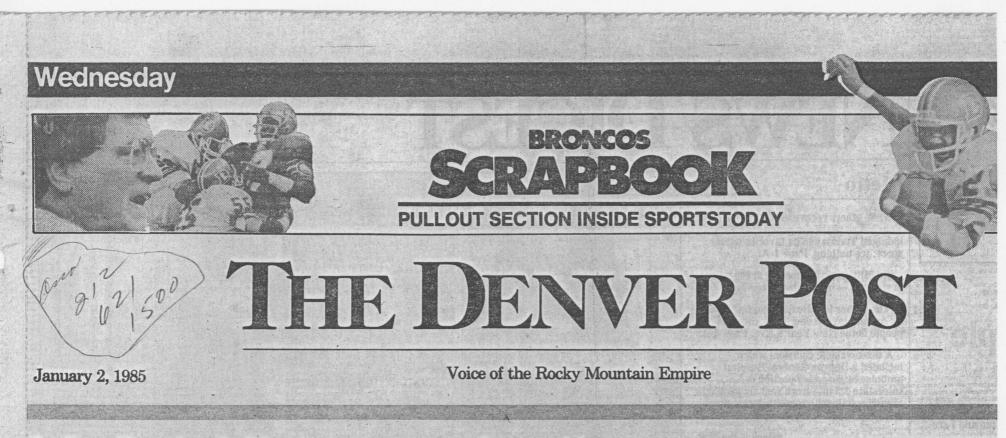
THE MEDICAL HARDWARE is required to relieve some of the chronic lower lumbar pain which is Walsh's souvenir from the time a soldier landed in a foxhole with sioned a writer to prepare a script based on Lynda Van both feet squarely in her back when trying to escape a

Walsh has heard previous suggestions that she is jealous of filmmakers' interest in the Van Devanter book.

She had, in fact, been represented by a Los Angeles agent but withdrew her book from consideration as a movie so that there would be no apparent "conflict of interest" in her campaign against "Home Before Morning.'

From her voluminous records, she produced a letter to her agent, dated Sept. 17, as proof.

Records are important, particularly because Walsh ad-



My Lai: Nightmare that lingers on The bowls

Like the Vietnam War itself, the My Lai massacre is fading in American memory. But in My Lai it remains an ever-present nightmare. George Esper, the last AP bureau chief in Saigon, looks at My Lai today in this report, one of a series from his first visit to Vietnam in 10 years.

By George Esper The Associated Press

MY LAI, Vietnam - The rice and vegetables grow in the lush green fields, the flowers are in bloom, and the trees are tall.

Greeting '85

A new generation of children walks laughing tion that took pride in abiding by the rules of through the hamlet of My Lai 4. Cows graze, war. dogs bark, chickens cackle.

Just as the rice harvest comes up every spring, life goes on in the hamlet in central Vietnam 16 years after a previous generation of children and their parents were killed by Amer- nists took over all Vietnam with the fall of the ican troops in what the world called the My Lai massacre.

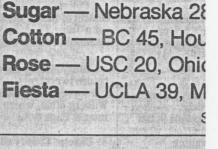
The bodies of the victims lie in the cemeter- the new My Lai. ies and fields in and around My Lai.

Although atrocities occurred on both sides during the war, My Lai stunned America, a na-

Visiting My Lai today, in a trip arranged at his request by officials of Vietnam's communist government, an Associated Press reporter finds a hamlet rebuilt since 1975, when the commu-Saigon government. An agricultural cooperative, formed by recent settlers, is the heart of

A plaque is inscribed with the names of 504

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Vietnamese orphan boy of '68 a Coloradan in the class of '86

By Jay Grelen Denver Post Staff Writer

A war behind, the United States ahead, and Tim Buchanan was in between.

A new home was only an ocean and an airplane ride away for the

infant, who spent the first months of his life in a Saigon orphanage. On Nov. 10, 1968, the sickly Vietnamese orphan arrived in Denver to parents who had tan-gled with the bureaucracies of two warring nations to get their son, a boy who might not have lived past infancy in his native country. But live he did, raised an Amer-

INSIDE For a list of area high school graduations this week, see Page 6-A.

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ican and a Coloradan, and Tim Buchanan graduates Wednesday from East High School, 18 years after his photograph appeared on the front page of The Denver Post as he arrived in his new hometown.

Buchanan, adopted by John and Lee Sanne Buchanan, has no memory and little interest in his homeland, he says.

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His interests for the moment lie in riding his dirt bike and finding a job to pay the rent for the apartment he and his older sister have just leased.

He plans to put off college for now while he decides what to do.

"My parents are always worrying. I'm always doing risky things. My parents think I party too hard," he says. " 'Don't stay out too late and don't do anything stupid.' That's the last word I al-ways hear.''

His mother likes to say they

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Vietnamese orphans get \$19 million

By Ann Schmidt

Denver Post Washington Bureau WASHINGTON — Seventy-eight Vietnamese orphans who were injured in a 1976 crash of a plane airlifting children from Saigon will receive a settlement of \$19.7 million from the Lockheed Corp. and the U.S. Department of Justice.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Lockheed Aircraft Corp. tentatively has agreed to a \$10 million settlement of court claims brought on behalf of 76 orphans killed in the "Operation Babylift" crash of an Air Force-operated C5A in Vietnam 11 years ago.

The agreement would end just about all the lawsuits growing out of the 1975 crash near Saigon, in which 185 people including the 76 The Denver Post/Thursday, October 16, 1986

Vietnam opens battle-scarred doors to tourists

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - When the United States and Vietnam were deadly enemies, most Americans touring the war-scarred Southeast Asian nation wore camouflage uniforms and traded gunshots with an not only to open it up to tourism; they'd also like to open it up to people who have left Vietnam and would like to go back and see their families."

Quin-Harkin says his tours of 30 people each will begin Nov. 24, and

tion that apparently goes to Hanoi for review and requires seven weeks for processing.

Although some Vietnamese who left the country will be allowed to visit, there is no open-door policy.

Americans have anything to worry about," he said. "I talked to a fellow who had been there and he had a great time . . . we have absolutely no reason to believe that we're "What I understand ... is not off and running. We think such hattle sites as Cu Chi

"We have no reason to believe things will run on a regular basis." The 19-day tour includes Da Nang, site of some of the war's bloodiest fighting, and Hanoi, capital of what then was North Vietnam. Also included are stops at So E

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78-Rocky Mountain News Fri, May 30, 1986, Denver, Colo: Vietnamese left out of Agent Orange fur

Q. I came to the U.S. from Vietnam 11 years ago. Now I'm an American citizen. Before 1975, I was in the South Vietnamese army, and I flew monu Agant Arongo



benefits of the Veterans Adminis- the Vietnamese community by U.S. tration are based upon the claim- veterans," he said. "I want them to ant being a veteran of the armed know there's no resentment here." forces of the United States, or being a dependent or survivor of such and survivors of vets killed by my efforts to contact the company.

the VA for a response. "All the "There's still a lot of resentment of

a veteran," wrote veterans ser-vices officer Baul Barels "You for frust fund monou William

exactly that. I ordered The AMA Book of Skin and Hair Care from a company called Materia Medica via a check for \$5.80 3 months ago. Only totally disabled veterans I never got the magazine, despite, Can you help? - A.J., Arvada.

Though the contamination in drinking water supplied by the water district poses no immediate health threat, officials said, they recommended that the water be purified until a treatment facility can be established.

The health advisory particularly applies to the 400 to 1,000 area residents who get their drinking water from private wells.

Carla Salbato, a Wheat Hidge resident with relatives in Commerce City, said she didn't believe the EPA's contention that 5 parts per billion of TCE in the water is safe, "The EPA has lied many times before,"

first to senior citizens and day-care centers,

For those people using private wells, the Army funds might pay for the cost of con-

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8-Rocky Mountain News Fri., March 7, 1986, Denver, Colo.

Vietnam War MIA bill killed in crossfire

By BERNY MORSON

Rocky Mountain News Capitol Bureau

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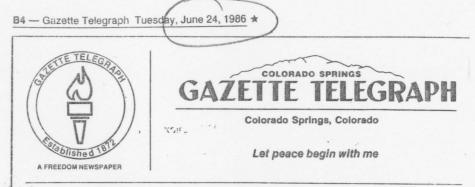
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A secretary at *Soldier of Fortune* in Boulder answered the phone "Omega" yesterday, but when asked about Task Force Omega, said no one there ever heard of it. *Soldier of Fortune* is published by Omega Group Ltd.

But later in the day, an answering service

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editorials

Vietnamese 'boat people'

Every few days, groups of desperate Viet-namese climb into wooden fishing junks and appeal. We urge federal officials to help the cast off from their homeland, preferring possible death on the South China Sea to another day under the despotic rule of the Vietnamese communist government.

Unless they are rescued, their 20-horsepower motors usually give out after a day or

European rescuers. The committee's new proposal should overcome the State Department's refusal to issue visas to boat people whom federal officials haven't screened first.

At any rate, desperate refugees are going

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Hanoi invites legislators to check MIAs

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Hanoi yesterday invited four members of a U.S. congressional delegation to make on-site investigations of reports that American prisoners of Michael Bilirakis, R-Fla. and Bob McEwen, K-Ohio, also said they were willing to take the Vietnamese foreign minister up on his offer. DeConcini said the unprecedented offer for

Senator on MIA trip recovers Vietnamese

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unday, January 19, 1986

MIA trip to reunite 2 kids, mom

By The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Sen. Frank Murkowski went to Vietnam to find out about American MIAs from the Vietnam War, but left Saturday with two sobbing Vietnamese children who were separated from their mathem sector upper acc The children had been accompanied from Ho Chi Minh City by their aunt, 30-year-old Nguyen Thi Sau, who raised them in their hometown of Tay Ninh City after their mother left. When Sau parted from the chil-

"have a home and good financial standing."

DeConcini summed up the delegation's efforts in Hanói saying, "Even though we may not have succeeded in the area of resolving the MIA issue, this happening with Monday, July 18, 1988

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Vietnam faces major food production crisis

Denver Post Wire Services HAIPHONG, Vietnam - Mis-

HAIPHONG, Vietnam – Mis-management, corruption and transportation problems have left Vietnam unable to feed itself 13 'Food production is up, but the agricultural sector is plagued by management problems.'

difficulties and the problems in finding solutions as the long-term structural problems in the heavily subsidized agriculture system remain.

Saturday, July 23, 1988

THE DENVER POST

Marines returning to Vietnam to save lives

Denver Post Wire Services

ARLINGTON, Va. — "You are going back to a country that is no longer the way you remember it," the Vietnam veteran was telling six fellow veterans who listened anxiously at the edge of their

they are going back to help the Vietnamese remove them.

"When we put these mines in, they were put there for a good reason: to save the lives of American soldiers," says Gene Spanos, a Resement III, police lighterant

Connecticut and Massachusetts, they agreed to get together last weekend outside Washington, D.C., before making the trip to Vietnam next winter.

The job of these men during the war was to lay mines around

mains are the mines, out of sight beneath the bush but just as dangerous as the day they were laid. Spanos got the idea for the trip last fall during a reunion in Chicago of the 11th Engineer Battalion. "One of the guys brought up the



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They remember Vietnam Colorado Air National Guard had exemplary record

By David McQuay Denver Post Staff Writer

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In Vietnam they fought together, played together and sweat in the sweltering heat together. Twenty years ago this April, they came back together — all but two.

On Memorial Day weekend several hundred men from the 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron of the Colorado Air National Guard came together again. They had a Big Chill reunion at Buckley Air National Guard Base and the Holiday Inn Holidome on East 40th Avenue, where there was a dinner and dance. During the weekend, Colorado Adjutant Gen. John France was master of ceremonies, and former Gov. John Love gave a speech.

And they remembered the two men who didn't come back. Maj. Clyde Seiler was a pilot killed by ground fire, and Capt. Perry Jefferson was killed while flying reconnaissance with an Army pilot. They also remembered the 40 men of the squadron who have died since coming home.

"What I remember the most," said Bob Cherry, who was squadron commander, "is losing two men. That's the thing that stuck most in my mind. In the last few weeks we lost two. To get that close to coming home and losing two ..."

After the USS Pueblo was seized by North Korea, President Lyndon Johnson activated the 902 men in the Colorado Air Guard's 140th air wing, and sent them all over the world. The 376 members of the 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron, however, were sent to Vietnam as a unit in 1968, and they spent a year there. (Many of the guardsmen not sent to Vietnam, however, were at the reunion.)

When the 120th got to Phan Rang, there was some skepticism and some snickering from the Air Force about what these "weekend warriors" could de How



REUNION: Members of the 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron gather at Buckley Air National

we had anyone who had less than 1,000 flying hours in the F-100," Cherry said.

"One of the guys had more flying time than the pilot and co-pilot transporting us over to Vietnam," said Frank Mullins, who was a flight chief for weapons.

Bob Huffman remembers his birthday there. He was the munitions services chief. "I turned 40 over there," he said. "We were having a party on my birthday, and they (the North Vietnamese) hit us again. We ran to the bunker. When you're having a 40th birthday in Vietnam, you wonder what the hell you're doing over there."

He also remembers the orphanage where he was a volunteer. "My wife sent me things over for the kids. I made friends

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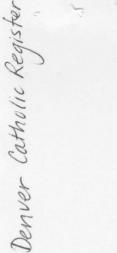
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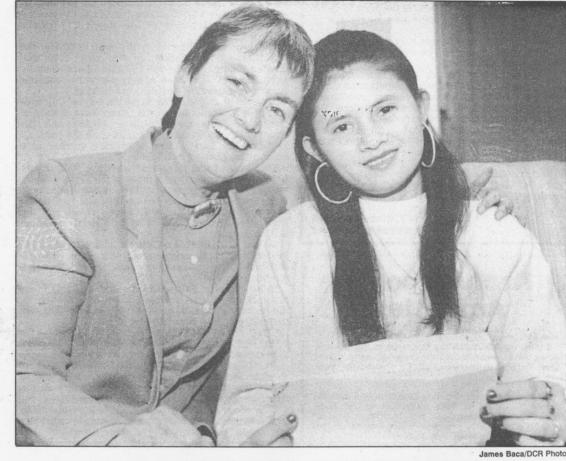




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Giving thanks for their friendship are Sister Mary Nelle Gage, left, and her Vietnamese Amerasian friend, Cherry.

Looking for her father Nun helps Amerasian teen and her mother By Charlene Scott

In this season of giving thanks, a young Vietnamese girl is thankful for the Denver nun who is helping her find her American father.

Cherry is a 16-year-old Amerasian, whose Vietnamese mother married a serviceman from the United States during the Vietnam war.

They were married in 1971 for one year, then in 1972 he was sent back to the United States, explained Loretto Sister Mary Nelle Gage, a codirector of the Ecumenical Refugee Services in Denver for the past five years.

"Cherry's mother, Hong, was three months pregnant with her daughter when her husband left," Sister Gage said. "Hong received one letter from her husband asking her to name the baby 'Cherry' if it was a girl, 'John' if a boy."

Hong had written to her husband, a surgeon, through the years, sending him photos of Cherry the baby, Cherry the toddler, Cherry the teenager. But after the first letter, she never heard from him again. "I go to school in Vietnam -- and my friends have fathers," Cherry remembered sadly. "I cry and go home, and my mother cry too. Because I do not have a father. I am upset."

Their hopes were lifted two years ago when an uncle immigrated to this country and contacted the doctor's mother.

Cherry's American grandmother said she would care for her if she and her mother came to this country, Sister Gage said.

So the two women said farewell to their extended family of 50 persons - all who lived together in the same household in Vietnam - and left their homeland in search of the other half of Cherry's heritage.

After eight months in a Philippines camp, where they studied English, the pair arrived in Denver three months ago. A second call to the grandmother revealed that her phone had been disconnected.

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