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**** TOP STORY ****

(1) LOTT SETS AMBITIOUS FALL AGENDA, CRACKS WHIP ON FDA BILL

>> SENATE FLOOR: The majority leader threatened a cloture vote if negotiators don't have agreement by the end of the day on a plan for floor action.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott today outlined a busy fall agenda and set the tone today for the legislative rush by setting a deadline for action on a bill to overhaul the Food and Drug Administration and renew crucial fees to support the agency's work.

Lott, R-Miss., gave negotiators on the bill (S 830) until the end of today to reach agreement on a plan for floor action. If no deal is struck, he said he would file a cloture petition tomorrow to limit debate. A cloture vote would occur on Friday, Lott said.

The bill would streamline the FDA approval process for new drugs and medical devices and reauthorize user fees paid by drug manufacturers to support the FDA staff that conducts new drug reviews. Without such fees, which expire Sept.

30, as many as 600 FDA staffers could face layoffs.

Edward M. Kennedy, Mass., ranking Democrat on the Labor and Human Resources Committee, has been blocking floor action on the measure. He objects to provisions that would allow outside groups to review new medical device applications, and to a section of the bill that would impose national safety labels on over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics, pre-empting sometimes tougher state laws.

Other agenda items. Lott outlined a long list of other bills the Senate needs to get to this fall, with the 13 fiscal 1998 appropriations measures the top priority.

Although House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said today the House leadership hopes to adjourn by the end of October, Lott said he has not locked in on a target date. "I think we should proceed with what's on our agenda and then decide when to adjourn, not the reverse," Lott said.

Lott said he will ask committee chairmen to submit lists of "must do, should do" bills under their jurisdiction.

The majority leader said he wants to finish consideration of remaining appropriations bills by the end of next week and then focus on conference reports.

Lott also said he wants to act on a juvenile crime bill (S 10), Amtrak reauthorization (S 738), the highway bill, a Superfund rewrite (S 8), and a regulatory overhaul bill (S 981). He said he also wants to send the president legislation this fall to ban a controversial late-term abortion technique referred to by abortion opponents as a

"partial birth" abortion.

Lott said he was not certain if the Senate would act this year on legislation to implement the settlement between the tobacco industry and state attorneys general.

Fast-track. Lott said the Senate will take a close look at any request President Clinton formally submits for new fast-track trade negotiating authority. "We'll see what the president does," he said. "If they'll come up with a reasonable proposal for us to review, certainly we'll want to give it serious consideration."

**** HILL INSIDER ****

(2) ARMEY WANTS TO ADJOURN BY THE END OF OCTOBER

>> LEADERS: There is a 'general predilection' in the House to leave before November.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, Texas, sketched out an ambitious agenda this morning for the remainder of the year. And, he said, he would like to get it all accomplished by the end of October.

"There's no reason why that can't happen," he said. There is a "general predilection" among members to leave then, he said. But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Miss., this morning said it was too soon to start speculating on a target adjournment date.

At the top of Armeý's agenda is completing work on the 13 regular appropriations bills. "We've got a lot of catch-up work to do" on those bills, he said, because the budget reconciliation measures had pushed them to the back burner.

Armeý said two items that were dropped from the final budget measure will be taken up by the House as independent bills. One is a proposal by Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., to allow parents to set up tax-free education savings accounts to pay for elementary and secondary school expenses, including at private and parochial schools. Some Democrats portray that as a backdoor method of instituting vouchers for private schools.

The other such measure would exempt welfare recipients in workfare programs from the minimum wage and other regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Coverdell and workfare provisions were dropped from the final versions of the reconciliation spending bills (HR 2014 PL 105-34; HR 2015 PL 105-33) under veto threats from President Clinton.

Other items on Armeý's House agenda include the omnibus transportation reauthorization, a measure to impose sanctions on countries that engage in religious persecution, a community renewal initiative and the renewal of fast-track authority for trade agreements.

Armeý also said he would like to schedule action next week on recommended changes to the ethics process in the House. A moratorium on the filing of new ethics complaints expires

next week, and Arney said "it's time to get this done."

LINE-ITEM VETOES. The majority leader said the Republican leadership needs to study the three line-item vetoes issued by Clinton on the reconciliation package to determine whether to attempt an override. Arney said Republicans gave the president the new authority and "we don't particularly care to challenge his use of it."

He said that the leadership will want to do a vote count before making any decisions about whether to seek an override. There are "a lot of cross-winds blowing on this," he said.

UNLIKELY FOR ACTION. Arney also listed issues that he said were not as likely to make it to the floor this session. They include an overhaul of the Food and Drug Administration, a reauthorization of the superfund toxic waste cleanup program and a measure to block implementation of strick new clean air standards.

Arney also said that he did not expect much progress on the congressional review of the tobacco settlement. "I don't expect to see much completed on that" he said.

(3) SENATORS RETURN, PLUNGE INTO FISCAL 1998 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

>> SENATE FLOOR: The fiscal 1998 Labor-HHS, agriculture and Interior spending bills top the Senate's agenda this week.

On its first day back from a month-long recess, the Senate this morning returned to appropriations work, a task that will keep both chambers busy at least until the start of the new fiscal year Oct.1.

The Senate began debate on a \$269 billion fiscal 1998 spending bill (S 1061) for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Majority Leader Trent Lott, Miss., said he would like to finish work on the measure tomorrow night. No roll call votes are scheduled today, but amendments may be offered.

Both the Senate bill and the House version (HR 2264) include nearly \$80 billion in discretionary spending, or about \$5.3 billion more than this year's level. The Senate bill would block the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from implementing new ergonomic regulations.

This afternoon, the Senate will consider the House-passed version of a 1998 agriculture spending bill (HR 2160). The Senate has already passed its own version (S 1033), but has agreed to consider before the bill goes to conference an amendment by Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, that would increase funding for an anti-tobacco campaign by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The amendment would add \$30 million to an FDA account that would help state and local governments prevent tobacco sales to minors. The money would be shifted from a technology improvement account at the Agriculture Department.

The Senate bill includes \$4.9 million for the FDA

anti-tobacco effort; the House bill includes \$24 million, ensuring that the issue will be addressed in conference.

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the Harkin amendment at 9:50 a.m. tomorrow.

Lott said today that following work on the Labor-HHS and Agriculture appropriations bills, the Senate will likely turn to the Interior appropriations bill (HR 2107).

(4) QUICK INSIGHTS

>> POSTAL SHOOTING: A postal worker opened fire today in a crowded Miami post office, critically wounding two women before shooting himself to death as terrified customers fled..

The man came in the office about 1 p.m., walked out from behind the counter and shot the two women in the lobby, according to police. He then left the post office, walked to a tree, looked up in the air and shot himself in the face.

The post office is a few blocks from the oceanside mansion where designer Gianni Versace was shot to death in July.

>> PAPARAZZI IN COURT: A Paris judge Tuesday ordered five photographers investigated for suspected manslaughter in connection with the deaths of Princess Diana and Dodi Al Fayed.

The photographers, who were rounded up by police after the

fatal car crash early Sunday, were reportedly pale and unshaven when they were escorted in handcuffs into a courtroom. The men were released after being placed under examination, a step that could lead to charges of manslaughter, bodily harm and failure to assist accident victims.

Manslaughter and failing to assist victims each carry up to five years in prison and \$81,500 fines.

The photographers drew some support, however, from French actress Catherine Deneuve, who said they were only the "dogs of war" unleashed by unscrupulous press barons who should be barred from publishing paparazzi pictures.

>> STATE OF THE UNION: Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo received bad reviews for using a state of the nation address to rattle off statistics rather than proposing initiatives.

Zedillo delivered his annual address Monday evening to a parliament which for the first time in modern history is not entirely dominated by his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI). The PRI lost its 68-year-old majority in the Chamber of Deputies in July elections, though it continues to control the Senate.

Analysts complained that with the election result taking Mexico into uncharted political waters, Zedillo should have offered new solutions for Mexico's dire social problems. Instead, the president used most of his 90-minute address to reel off statistics covering everything from the

number of school textbooks handed out to the increase in grain harvests during his tenure.

(5) CLIPPINGS

>> FOREIGN LOBBYING: U.S. News reported that "Nearly 100 nations pay some 1,500 lobbyists and public relations consultants to influence the U.S. government legally."

The magazine said its list is the first compilation from congressional and Justice Department records of lobbying by foreign governments, corporations, and other organizations.

The top-10 list is led by Canada, at \$5,130,000; and Mexico at \$5,078,000. Others include: Japan, \$4,908,000; the United Kingdom, \$4,372,000; Taiwan, \$4,217,000; Israel, \$3,236,000; Haiti, \$2,324,000; Indonesia, \$2,032,000; Angola, \$1,878,000; and Hong Kong, \$1,708,000.

>> NEW CHAMBER HEAD: Business Week reported that the new president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Thomas Donohue, plans "a frontal assault on unions."

The magazine said "the smoothly aggressive Donohue, formerly the top lobbyist for the American Trucking Association, is a man on a mission: Reorganize the nation's largest business group into a lobbying powerhouse, just as the United Parcel Service settlement has re-energized labor."

Donohue may be "just what the Chamber needs," Business

Week said, because the business group's membership has recently "hovered at 200,000 businesses, while its budget has stagnated at \$70 million." Further, small businesses increasingly "complain that the Chamber hasn't taken a tough enough line against Clinton-style regulation."

Donohue "plans to boost membership, then add dozens of lobbyists." The Chamber's "top priority will be bills capping product-liability and class-action awards," and other goals include environmental regulations and immigration policy. However, while Donohue's "blustery style may grab headlines initially," it could also "reignite the warfare between business and labor that raged in the 1970s. And that might not win Donohue a lot of points."

>> CALIFORNIA PUZZLE: "Even an astrologer couldn't chart the course of California politics in 1998 a critical election year that will determine the balance of power in the nation's most populous state as it enters a new millennium," the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Although Labor Day "traditionally marks the start of serious campaigning," in 1997, "even the pros are on hold, as the courts mull over no fewer than three voter-approved initiatives" dealing with term limits, spending limits, and primary election rules "that could dramatically alter the landscape of California politics."

In the gubernatorial contest, Democratic Sen. Dianne

Feinstein "looms as 'the 800-pound gorilla'" in the race, but she "still hasn't given a hint of her plans." State Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres said Feinstein was "playing the Rose Garden strategy, which is the smartest move she can make." However, should she enter the race, the Chronicle added, she "opens herself up to attack."

Dan Schnur, a former spokesman for Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, said the GOP plans to "hit Feinstein hard on campaign finance issues, China, and her husband, Richard Blum's, investments there." Republicans, Schnur said, are also "dying to see what" Democratic Lt. Gov. Gray Davis "will do to her. The last time, he compared her to Leona Helmsley."

>> NEW GUBERNATORIAL FIELD: The Boston Globe reported that yesterday's Labor Day event at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel served up a new side dish to the traditional fare of bacon, eggs, and politics: potential new candidates to challenge Attorney General Scott Harshbarger for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination next year.

Former Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn was "working the crowd of about 600 union leaders," and says privately "he will jump in once his term as ambassador [to the Vatican] expires in the near future." Also "taking soundings was former [state] Senate Ways and Means chairwoman Patricia McGovern of Andover, who is thinking of shifting from her campaign for state treasurer." Boston Mayor Thomas M.

Menino "has been mentioned as a possible late entry but says it is doubtful he will run for governor." Rep. Martin T. Meehan "has also said he will take a look at the race but was attending Labor Day events in his 5th Congressional District and did not attend yesterday's breakfast."

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U.S. Front Page Stories

*** Saudi asks U.S. to extradite Saudi tied to bombing

Saudi Arabia has asked the U.S. to extradite a Saudi dissident linked to the 1996 bombing which killed 19 U.S. servicemen last year, the Saudi Press Agency said. The Justice Department said earlier Monday a lack of evidence would force it to drop criminal charges against Hani

al-Sayegh and that it would now consider extraditing him to Saudi Arabia in connection with the bombing. It said Sayegh had reneged on a plea agreement to admit his guilt to plotting an aborted anti-American attack in Saudi Arabia in 1994 and 1995 and in return cooperate with the U.S. investigation into the bombing. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4853472-350>

*** Tobacco pledges not to cut any more deals with states

The nation's tobacco giants said Monday they would fight Texas' \$14 billion Medicaid lawsuit in court and warned they would cut no more deals with individual states. Executives from the top five U.S. tobacco companies said they would not negotiate an out-of-court settlement with Texas despite recently signing deals with Florida for \$11.3 billion and Mississippi for \$3.36 billion. The Texas trial, scheduled to begin Sept. 29, would be the first pitting the industry against one of the 41 state attorneys general who have filed lawsuits. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848098-9ee>

*** Rail strike cripples San Francisco area commute

Long lines of angry commuters formed Monday outside ferry terminals and bus stations as San Francisco's evening rush hour was disrupted by a labor strike of its biggest commuter rail system. The 270,000 people who take Bay Area Rapid Transit trains to and from work scrambled to find alternatives after a strike by BART's two largest unions shut down the 95-mile network connecting San Francisco to

Berkeley, Oakland, Fremont and other suburban communities. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown warned the strike could cripple the economy of the city. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4852082-5c5>

*** Kaiser nurses strike five California clinics

Nurses at five Kaiser Permanente hospitals and clinics in the San Jose area launched a two-day strike Monday to protest the company's plans to consolidate telephone advice centers in northern California. The walkout affected Kaiser's Santa Clara hospital and its Santa Teresa hospital in San Jose as well as clinics in Milpitas, Mountain View and Gilroy. The company kept the facilities operating with nurse managers and with staff from other hospitals. "For the most part it's business as usual on the clinic side," Kaiser spokeswoman Jean Tips said. Some patients were transferred to other hospitals. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4849982-423>

*** Mother Teresa remembered in New York mass

Thousands filled St. Patrick's Cathedral Monday in a memorial Mass for Mother Teresa, whose charitable works reached many of New York's poor and disadvantaged. Leading the Mass for 4,000 mourners, John Cardinal O'Connor said, "her life was lived because of sin ... the sins that we engage in toward one another and most particularly toward the poorest of God's poor." The Roman Catholic nun, who died Friday in Calcutta, India, of a heart attack at the age of 87, won the Nobel Peace Prize

in 1979 for her work and dedication to the poor. For the full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4847712-c09>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** U.S. anti-abortionist gets 10 years for arson

A Virginia judge Monday sentenced an anti-abortion vigilante to 10 years in jail for an arson attack on an abortion clinic. The man, James Anthony Mitchell, was convicted of setting fire to the Commonwealth Women's Clinic in the Virginia town of Falls Church on Feb. 18 this year. Mitchell pleaded guilty, and the offense carried a mandatory 10-year sentence, the Justice Department said.

Anti-abortionists have carried out more than 1,700 acts of violence against abortion clinics and their staff since 1977. For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848889-f03>

*** Member of Arizona paramilitary group sentenced

A top lieutenant in a paramilitary group accused of plotting to blow up federal buildings in Phoenix was sentenced Monday to four years and nine months in prison. Charles Knight, third-highest ranking member of the "Viper Militia," was also ordered by U.S. District Court Judge Earl Carroll to pay \$5,100 in fines and serve 36 months probation for his conviction on a conspiracy charge. Knight told the court he never

intended to commit a crime, saying his discussions with Viper members about violence was nothing more than boasting and "theoretical" at best. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4851666-eac>

*** Jewish group to form unit on looted art

The Jewish group that negotiated with Switzerland for return of Holocaust-era accounts now plans to investigate what happened to the billions of dollars of art looted by the Nazis. The World Jewish Restitution Organization plans at a meeting Tuesday to set up a special commission headed by Museum of Modern Art chairman Ronald Lauder, a former U.S. ambassador to Austria, to look into the question of looted art and what should be done, a spokesman said. World War II archives showed 55,000 works of art stolen by the Nazis in France alone were not returned to their rightful owners. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4850129-348>

*** Hurricane Erika strengthens, moves away from land

Erika strengthened to become a major Category 3 hurricane Monday, but posted a diminishing threat to land as it pinwheeled northward over the Atlantic Ocean, the National Hurricane Center said. At 11 p.m. EDT, Erika was centered 570 miles south-southeast of Bermuda and moving north-northeast at 12 mph. Maximum sustained winds approached 125 mph, making Erika the first Category 3 hurricane of the season. If it hits land at that strength, Erika would bring major flooding,

destroy mobile homes and cause severe damage to smaller buildings. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4852947-51d>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** White House vows new bid to save Weld nomination

The White House Monday vowed to salvage the nomination of former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld to become ambassador to Mexico. Spokesman Mike McCurry insisted it was not too late for Weld after his fractious dispute with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, despite predictions from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott that the nomination was dead. Helms, R-N.C., has vowed to use his senatorial privileges to bar a hearing for Weld, a moderate Republican, despite the emergence last week of support for Weld. For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4847832-c9e>

*** Gore attacks protectionism, urges fast track support

Vice President Al Gore attacked protectionist sentiment in the U.S. Monday, and urged Congress to grant the Clinton administration fast track authority to negotiate new trade deals. Gore said protectionism was "irrelevant, if not plain dangerous" in commenting on White House plans to request the trade negotiating authority this week. Fast track authority would allow the administration to negotiate a hemispheric

free trade area planned for 2005 without Congress being able to amend the final agreement. Congress could vote it up or down but not change it. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4849486-c2f>

*** Gingrich wants annual tax cut during peacetime

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Monday he wants to cut taxes every year during peacetime and plans to finance the reductions partly through massive reform of the federal government. In a speech in Detroit, Gingrich said he wants to apply the same business practices that made U.S. corporations lean and efficient to federal agencies in order to cut costs. Gingrich said the Republicans' future agenda includes eliminating the federal inheritance tax, eliminating the capital gains tax and simplifying tax codes. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848750-062>

*** U.S. bills to overhaul IRS compete in Congress

Legislation reflecting the Clinton administration plan to improve the Internal Revenue Service was introduced in Congress Monday, competing with another bill on how to manage the IRS. Rep. Charles Rangel introduced the "IRS Improvement Act of 1997." "Our goal with this proposal is to strengthen the IRS so it can better fulfill its important mission: collecting the nation's revenue, administering our tax laws and providing the best possible service to taxpayers," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said. Rep. Bill Archer said last week

tackling IRS reform would be a top priority. For full story see
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4851144-6d8>

The Courts

*** Former Citadel cadet sues over sex harassment

One of the first women to attend The Citadel filed suit against South Carolina's state-funded military college Monday, alleging that the school tolerated a hostile sexual environment. Attorney Richard Harpootlian filed the suit in U.S. District Court in Charleston, S.C., Monday on behalf of Jeanie Mentavlos. The lawsuit asks for unspecified damages and names the Citadel's governing board, a school official who helped oversee the barracks, and five cadets in addition to the school. A Citadel official said the college had no comment. For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848863-431>

*** British Columbia sues U.S. over salmon treaty

The Canadian province of British Columbia filed suit Monday against the U.S. government and the states of Alaska and Washington to try to force the negotiation of a new Pacific salmon treaty. British Columbia Premier Glen Clark said the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in the state of Washington, was an attempt "to stand up against the Americans." He said the suit -- joined by commercial, recreational and

aboriginal fishermen -- would seek damages of about \$234 million, although he added the suit was not about money. For story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848319-55a>

*** Fla. high court hears arguments on death chair

The Florida Supreme Court suspended indefinitely the execution of the convicted killer of a policeman Monday until it decides if the state's electric chair, which set a convict's head on fire, is cruel and unusual punishment. The court earlier this year had postponed the execution of Leo Jones until at least Sept. 15 after flames shot from the head of Pedro Medina, the last man executed in Florida, as he died in the chair six months ago. Jones was sentenced to death in 1981 for the shooting death that year of a Jacksonville, Fla., police officer. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848455-379>

*** Louisiana jury awards \$3.4 billion over rail fire

A jury awarded damages totaling \$3.4 billion Monday to 8,000 people who said they were injured mentally and physically by a 1987 railroad tank car explosion. Hardest hit by the huge award was rail firm CSX Transportation, ordered to pay \$2.5 billion. The plaintiffs accused CSX Transportation and eight other defendants of negligence in the Sept 9, 1987 incident in which a rail car carrying the petrochemical butadiene leaked and caught fire. Residents from nearly 200 blocks in New Orleans were evacuated overnight and claim they suffered health problems and mental anguish. For full story see

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** U.S. stocks, relieved by Fed comments, push higher

U.S. stocks closed higher on Monday, cheered by a drop in long-term interest rates following Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan latest comments on the economy. The session was highlighted by small stocks extending their rally and airline shares driving the Dow transport index to a record high. The Dow ended up 13 points at 7835. Gains beat declines 18 to 11 on moderate volume of about 462 million shares. Traders and analysts said investors took heart after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave no indications of an imminent credit tightening in a speech Friday. The Nasdaq composite shot to its second-consecutive record high, ending up almost 10 points to 1645. The S&P 500 rose two to 931. The 30-year Treasury bond was up 11/32 in late trade, its yield dropping to 6.61 percent. The dollar was mixed at 1.8070 marks and 121.03 yen. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848721-cc1>

World Front Page Stories

*** Divers to pull more bodies from sunken Haitian ferry

Divers were to return Tuesday to a sunken Haitian ferry to recover bodies of hundreds of passengers trapped when the boat tipped and sank near shore. As many as 400 people drowned when the packed ferry La Fierthe Gonavienne went down Monday in 120 feet of water 50 yards off Montrouis on the Gulf of Gonave, officials said. Divers from the Canadian contingent of U.N. peacekeepers recovered 24 bodies from the ferry Monday. An official said it was difficult to get the bodies out because the spaces were so narrow. She described a gruesome scene where dozens of victims were crammed into narrow passageways and near exits. For full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4853270-91c>

Impoverished Haiti no stranger to disasters, For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4850807-3d3>

*** Russian-U.S. crew restart computer on Mir

The crew of Russia's Mir space station restarted the main on-board computer Tuesday, one day after it failed and reduced energy supplies, a Mission control spokeswoman said. "The faulty part was replaced late yesterday. Mission control and the crew spent all night re-loading software programs into the system. Now the computer is working and gyroscopes are being cranked up," she said. Gyroscopic devices, or gyroscopes, help align Mir's solar panels with the Sun, enabling them to soak up power to feed the space station. Monday's computer failure caused the gyroscopes to switch off. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4854480-99a>

***** NATO troops keep hardliners from anti-Plavsic demo**

NATO peacekeeping troops blocked some 30 buses full of hardline Serbs heading for a rally in Bosnia Monday to challenge Western-backed president Biljana Plavsic, increasing tensions in the already bitterly divided area. As forces loyal to indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic tried to stage protests against Plavsic in her stronghold of Banja Luka, sources in her police force said two of their officers were shot at Monday at a checkpoint northeast of the town, and one was seriously injured. A NATO spokesman said U.S. officers were talking with hardline Bosnian Serb leaders to persuade them to turn back busloads of protesters. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4850652-f4b>

The World Political Scene

***** Israel and PLO compete to set Albright agenda**

Israel and the PLO are scrambling to influence the agenda of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as she makes her first visit to the region in the throes of a peacemaking crisis. Israel, battered by a triple suicide bombing last week and on high alert for more strikes, is demanding Albright use American muscle to force Palestinian President

Yasser Arafat to crush Islamist groups. Arafat's Palestinian Authority arrested 35 suspected militants on the eve of Albright's arrival Wednesday, wants the U.S. to widen its mission beyond Israel's narrow security agenda and insist Israel implement its commitments. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4850006-93b>

Sports

*** Jazz re-sign Hornacek to two-year contract

The Utah Jazz will go to war with all the weapons that helped them advanced to the NBA Finals in 1997 after re-signing shooting guard Jeff Hornacek to a two-year contract Monday. Financial terms were not disclosed. Hornacek was the Jazz's last remaining free agent. Over the last three years, he has missed just one game. After advancing to the NBA Finals for the first time in franchise history last year, the Jazz were in danger of losing nearly half of their team in the free-agent market. But Utah retained starting forward Bryon Russell and reserves Howard Eisley, Antoine Carr and Shandon Anderson before Hornacek came into the fold Monday. The 34-year-old Hornacek was the team's second-leading scorer last season, averaging 14.5 points per game, and averaged 14.6 points in Utah's postseason run.

*** Celtics sign first-round picks Billups, Mercer

Lottery picks Chauncey Billups and Ron Mercer, who figure to be key elements in Rick Pitino's rebuilding of the Boston Celtics, signed Monday. Terms were not disclosed, but Billups, selected third overall, could receive a maximum of \$8.3 million over three years, while Mercer, chosen sixth, can receive \$6.1 million over three years under terms of the rookie salary cap. The Celtics finished a league-worst 15-67 last season. The 6-foot-3 Billups is expected to step in at point guard for David Wesley, who signed with the Charlotte Hornets. Billups left Colorado after his sophomore season, during which he averaged 19.1 points and 4.8 assists per game and led the Buffaloes to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1969. The 6-7 Mercer has the skills to play both shooting guard and small forward. He also left school after his sophomore season, helping Kentucky to a national championship and runner-up in his two seasons.

*** Red Wings re-sign Fetisov to a one-year deal

Defenseman Vyacheslav Fetisov, who helped the Detroit Red Wings win their first Stanley Cup in 42 years before being injured with a teammate and team trainer in a limousine accident a few days later, signed a one-year contract Monday. Financial terms were not disclosed. Fetisov, 39, recorded five goals and 23 assists in 64 games last season. He added four assists in 20 playoff games as the Red Wings swept the Philadelphia Flyers to earn the Stanley Cup. Fetisov spent the offseason recovering from injuries suffered in an accident on June 13 in suburban Detroit, which also hospitalized fellow Russian

teammate Vladimir Konstantinov and the trainer. After recuperating, Fetisov brought the Stanley Cup to Moscow with Russian teammates Igor Larionov and Vyacheslav Kozlov.

*** Hurricanes sign Gary Roberts to multi-year deal

The NHL's Carolina Hurricanes signed left wing Gary Roberts, who was acquired from the Calgary Flames on Aug. 25, to a multi-year contract Monday. Terms were not disclosed. Roberts, 31, did not play last season because of a neck injury, but passed a team physical last week. He missed the final 40 games of the 1995-96 season because of the injury, retired at the end of that season and won the Masterton Trophy. Roberts had 22 goals and 20 assists in 40 games that season. Originally the 12th overall pick in 1984, Roberts has 257 goals and 248 assists in 585 career games. The Hurricanes also announced Monday that team captain Kevin Dineen will miss the first week of training camp to a lower abdominal tear. The 33-year-old Dineen underwent surgery in July to repair the injury.

*** Driver Emerson Fittipaldi injured in plane crash

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi likely will be transferred to a Miami hospital after reportedly suffering a fractured back when the small plane he was piloting crashed Sunday in Sao Paulo, Brazil. According to the Jornal de Brasil, the 50-year-old suffered the injury when his lightweight plane crashed in a swamp. His 6-year-old son, Luca, was the only other person aboard the plane and

was unhurt. Fittipaldi was taken to a hospital in Araraquara, Brazil, but a spokesman for Hogan Penske Racing, Fittipaldi's former team, said he likely will be transferred to Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where he was treated for a previous back injury.

Science and Medicine

*** Rhone offers new antibiotic for approval

Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc. said Monday it had filed for approval of a new kind of antibiotic designed to battle emerging "superbugs" resistant to traditional drugs. It filed a new drug application with the Food and Drug Administration for Synercid, the first injectable streptogramin, a distinct class of antibiotics. The company said it had been urged to move quickly on development of the drug. A company spokesman said the unusual FDA overtures indicated the agency's serious concern about new strains of bacteria that resist vancomycin, the antibiotic of last resort. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4850207-541>

*** Muhammad Ali talks about his illness

Former heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali, his body gripped by Parkinson's disease, said Monday boxing was a tougher challenge than the illness he has battled for 16 years. The rare public discussion of Ali's

health came at a briefing called by drug company Pharmacia & Upjohn to talk about medical advances in treating Parkinson's disease. Ali has been taking one of the company's drugs, Mirapex, approved for the U.S. market in July. But his wife, Lonnie, said the most improvement in his condition came from a different, 50-year-old drug that has brought back his ability to smile. A drug called Artane relaxed facial muscles that had been frozen by the disease. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4849898-5e8>

*** New York medical students honor bodies they dissected

Some 100 medical students in New York held a memorial service Monday to honor and bury body parts that had been donated to medical science. The remains of 157 people were given the honors by second-year medical students at Albany Medical College, one of a few medical schools in the nation that organizes graveside services for the dead whose bodies had been used for study. "We see their names in the program, and it makes this feel more real and pay more respect," said one student. The memorial service was intended to add a spiritual note to one of the more gruesome aspects of medical training. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4849993-c23>

Technology

*** Microsoft Agent released for free download

Microsoft Corp. announced Monday the release of Microsoft Agent, available for free download. Agent provides an easy-to-program technology that supports animated interactive characters, enabling developers to enhance the interfaces of their Web pages or desktop applications. Based on ActiveX technologies, Microsoft Agent's services can be programmed from any language that supports ActiveX -- including C++, Java, the Visual Basic programming system and scripting languages such as Visual Basic Scripting Edition and JavaScript. (PR Newswire) For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4847451-e6e>

*** Hewlett-Packard makes move to lead in PCs

Hewlett-Packard Co. will unveil several new products and an aggressive plan aimed at turning H-P into the world's number one PC maker by 2000. As part of its plan, Hewlett-Packard said it will unveil two new commercial PC brands and a new family of PC workstations. The workstations are aggressively priced and targeted to the fast-growing market of personal workstations, which run Windows NT software instead of the older, more costly UNIX software. H-P also plans to streamline its supply and manufacturing programs, similar to what Compaq Computer Corp. did when it lowered the cost of PCs this summer. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4853017-810>

*** Russian director shoots for the stars

A prominent Russian director wants to put some international stars on the troubled space station Mir to film a movie called "Space Flight has a Price," Variety reported Monday. Variety said director Yuri Kara has approached several well-known performers about his project, including Emma Thompson and Willem Dafoe. Kara said he has a deal with the Russian space agency for a \$30 million romantic thriller called "Space Flight Has a Price." He said actors signing on must pass a rigorous physical exam before they will be allowed to travel to Mir. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848749-e33>

*** Barbie song is off-key to doll makers

Barbie was caught in the middle of a legal dispute Monday over a pop song that her makers say is unauthorized and portrays her as a sex object. Lawyers for Mattel Inc., which manufactures the doll, were locked in talks with MCA Records, which released "Barbie Girl" by the Danish group Aqua. A spokesman said the lawyers were trying to resolve a trademark dispute over the song. Some of the lyrics to the hit have "Barbie" singing: "Make me walk, make me talk; Do whatever you please. I can act like a star; I can beg on my knees." Full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4848838-e9d>

*** Women make better bosses, says survey

Women are seen as more successful bosses than men because they work harder and their feminine approach is better suited to the modern team-based office, according to a survey released Tuesday. The survey also found women managers were more likely to encourage new ideas and ways of doing things, and better at praising their staff. "The survey results do not show men are ineffective as empowering leaders," a consultant said. "However, these results help to discredit the myth that women are unsuited to leadership positions..." For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4852703-e8f>

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- *** Democratic chair defends Clinton, Gore

Former Democratic Party chairman Don Fowler defended President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore Tuesday against accusations of campaign fund-raising abuses but found his own veracity under fierce attack.

Testifying before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, Fowler acknowledged that the Democratic National Committee made mistakes during the 1996 election campaign but insisted these were "mistakes of process, not intent." The committee is investigating the fund-raising frenzy surrounding the 1996 election. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862054-c58>

*** Paula Jones' attorneys withdraw from Clinton suit

Attorneys representing Paula Jones in her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Bill Clinton have been taken off the case at their request. U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, in an order filed Tuesday, granted a motion by lawyers Joseph Cammarata and Gilbert Davis to withdraw from the suit because of what they described as "fundamental differences" with Jones. Wright said their departure would not change the schedule for the trial, which is set to begin May 27, 1998. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863181-591>

*** Consumers need to check gas appliance fittings

Homeowners should have their their natural gas ovens and clothes dryers checked for old, dangerous connectors that can cause a fire or explosion, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday. The connectors are made of brass and connect home appliances such as ranges, ovens and clothes dryers to gas supply pipes. The checks should be made only by a heating contractor, plumber or other

professional because moving an older appliance can cause the connectors to crack and set off a gas leak or explosion. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860452-fde>

*** States given funds for better school meals

Nineteen states were awarded a total of \$4 million in training grants Tuesday to make school meals more nutritious and appealing to children's tastes, the Agriculture Department said. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced the grants during a visit to a school breakfast program in Baltimore. Maryland and South Carolina both received \$300,000 grants. New rules require schools to serve meals that reflect dietary guidelines, which encourage less fat, salt and sugar in meals and more grains, fruits and vegetables. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862679-a66>

*** Hurricane Erika heads toward north Atlantic

Erika, a strong Category 3 hurricane with winds near 125 mph, posed little if any threat to land Tuesday as it headed toward the northern Atlantic Ocean, the National Hurricane Center said. At 11 a.m. ET, Erika was centered about 435 miles southeast of Bermuda and moving toward the north-northeast at 15 mph, forecasters said. The hurricane was not expected to move within 300 to 400 miles of Bermuda, sparing the British territory of virtually all its wrath, said a hurricane forecaster at the National Hurricane Center. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861324-572>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Internet addict placed on probation in Ohio

An Ohio woman described by police as an Internet addict was placed on two years probation Tuesday for neglecting her three small children while spending several hours a day on her home computer. Police said Sandra Hacker, 24, kept her three children in deplorably filthy conditions in a separate room of her apartment, while devoting her time to the Internet. Cincinnati Judge William also fined Hacker \$100 and court costs and suspended a 180-day jail sentence on condition that she take parenting classes. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862165-1d1>

*** Florida man shot for holding sock

A Florida man who covered his hand with a sock to work on his car was recovering in hospital Tuesday after being shot by police who apparently thought he had a gun. Bobby Whipple, 27, had wrapped his hand in a dark sock while working on his car Saturday, prompting at least two people to alert police to a man wielding a gun. After receiving the reports, 14 officers surrounded Whipple and five, including one using a shotgun that shoots pellets, opened fire after he did not respond to calls to put his "weapon" down. See full story

at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862474-d9c>

***** Romance in Va. riding set ends in bloodshed**

She is the rich daughter of an international arms dealer from Virginia's horse riding set. He was a stable hand from Argentina who came to the United States to play polo. Their 18-month romance ended in murder at Susan Cummings' 300-acre estate on Sunday when she allegedly shot Roberto Villegas in self-defense after a fight. Police said Cummings called them to say a person had been shot at her residence. Cummings, 35, was charged with first-degree murder and the use of a firearm in committing a felony. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861868-290>

***** Asian Americans report rise in hate crimes**

Americans of Asian origin reported a 17 percent increase in 1996 in the number of anti-Asian incidents apparently motivated by racism, a lobby group said Tuesday. A report by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium said the number of such incidents rose to 534 from 458 in 1995. They included two murders, two bomb threats, an arson attack and many types of harassment. Racial motivation was confirmed in 90 percent of the cases and suspected in the rest, it said. Asians comprise 3.7 percent of the population. Full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863435-32e>

***** Generous Gambian millionaire headed for Miami jail**

A Gambian millionaire who delighted Miami with his largesse is going to jail after a judge ruled he was not protected by diplomatic immunity when he tried to bribe a customs officer, the U.S. attorney's office said Tuesday. Foutanga Dit Babani Sissoko, 51, pleaded guilty in March to offering \$30,000 to a customs agent to permit the export of two military helicopters without proper licenses. Gambia's government intervened, saying he had diplomatic status as a "special adviser" But Judge Michael Moore disagreed in a ruling Monday. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861035-89e>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Clinton ready for tough fight on trade authority

President Clinton prepared Tuesday for a tough fight in Congress to win approval for him to negotiate new trade accords, saying the United States must be able to end barriers to its products. Clinton plans to launch his final push for congressional approval of "fast-track" authority Wednesday, which allows a president to negotiate a trade agreement without later changes by Congress. The House and Senate would have the option of accepting or rejecting the entire trade pact. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863158-e3a>

*** Two Senators fight tax deduction for tobacco deal

A Republican and a Democrat teamed up in the Senate Tuesday to try to prevent tobacco companies from deducting from their taxes billions of dollars of payments they would have to make under the proposed tobacco settlement. As the settlement proposal is currently drafted, tobacco companies would be able to write off a large part of the \$368.5 billion in payments, reducing their true cost by about a third. Connie Mack, R-Fla., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said they would introduce legislation to cancel the tax break, worth roughly \$100 billion over 25 years, and direct the money to the National Institutes of Health.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861891-b25>

*** Anti-religious bigotry move in Congress blasted

The Clinton administration strongly opposed Tuesday a drive in Congress that would require automatic sanctions against countries accused of religious persecution that threatens life and limb. Arguing that the administration was already treating religious liberty as a foreign policy priority, John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights, said anti-persecution bills were likely to harm rather than help victims of intolerance. The proposed act would punish the most life-threatening forms of religious persecution. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863731-ef4>

*** New York's Democrats vote in mayoral primary

New Yorkers cast ballots Tuesday in a Democratic mayoral primary

election to choose a candidate to run against incumbent Republican Rudolph Giuliani. The mayor, who has achieved recognition for bringing crime down to its lowest level in a generation and fighting for immigrants' rights, is well ahead of all the Democrats who could challenge him in November, according to opinion polls. The Democratic front-runner is Manhattan borough president Ruth Messinger. Polls, which opened at 6 a.m., close at 9 p.m. ET. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862877-bce>

*** FTC proposes cigarette tar, nicotine testing changes

Federal regulators proposed changing how tar and nicotine levels in cigarettes are measured and reported Tuesday to more accurately reflect the varying ways people smoke. "We now know that the way a person smokes affects the amount of tar and nicotine they get. The present system doesn't reflect this," said Jodie Bernstein of the Federal Trade Commission. The proposed system would produce a range of potential yields for each cigarette, rather than the single number.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863711-7ca>

*** U.S. calls salmon suit counterproductive

The United States said Tuesday a lawsuit by the Canadian province of British Columbia over a salmon dispute was counterproductive and both sides should "reduce the level of rhetoric." The State Department's James Foley said, "We don't think the lawsuit is helpful at all. We think it's terribly counterproductive." British Columbia filed suit

Monday against the U.S. government and two U.S. states to try to force the negotiation of a new Pacific salmon treaty. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863507-826>

The Courts

*** Two Democratic donors sentenced in fund-raising case

Two major Democratic Party fund-raisers were each sentenced Tuesday to 10 months incarceration and home confinement for arranging some \$50,000 in illegal contributions in 1994 and 1995. Judge Ricardo Urbina also ordered the contributors, Nora Lum, 54, and her husband, Gene Lum, 57, of Long Beach, Calif., to each pay \$30,000 in fines and to be placed on two years' probation. They admitted making about \$50,000 in illegal contributions to Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and failed Oklahoma congressional hopeful W. Stuart Price. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861588-3ca>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Starwood to buy Westin Hotels

Starwood Lodging Trust, the biggest hotel REIT in the nation, said it

has signed a definitive agreement to buy Westin Hotels & Resorts.

Starwood will acquire Westin for a combination of securities, cash and assumed debt with a total value of \$1.571 billion, based on Monday's closing price of Starwood of \$49.4375 a share. (Reuters)

*** New record for Nasdaq

Blue chips meandered Tuesday, but the Nasdaq Composite powered its way to a third-consecutive record close. The Nasdaq closed at 1656, up 10 points. The Dow managed at 16 point gain to close at 7851 on volume of 507 million shares. Advancers led decliners 15 to 12. The S&P closed up two points at 933. The 30-year bond was down 6/32 to yield 6.62 percent.

*** Columbia/HCA forecasts weak third quarter results

Columbia/HCA Healthcare said it anticipates weaker than expected financial results in the third quarter. Management projected reporting revenues would be flat or down slightly from the third quarter of 1996. The company also projected a reduction in earnings per share to \$0.20-\$0.25 vs. \$0.46 in last year's third quarter. First Call third quarter estimates are for \$0.53 per share. Columbia has announced several initiatives to address current issues, including a slowing of the company's acquisition program and elimination of Columbia's national branding campaign. (Reuters)

*** San Francisco rail strike drags into third day

San Francisco woke up to another day of jammed freeways and crowded buses and ferries Tuesday as a strike on the biggest commuter rail system in the Bay area dragged into its third day. The 270,000 people who usually take Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trains to and from work scrambled for alternatives after the strike by BART's two largest unions shut down the 95-mile network. The dispute centers on BART's contract proposal. The union has rejected BART's offer of a 3 percent annual pay raise for three years and continuation of a pay system where new hires are paid less than established workers. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861099-06c>

*** R.J. Reynolds to pay \$10 million in Joe Camel lawsuit

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has agreed to pay California communities \$10 million to settle a lawsuit accusing it of targeting children with the cartoon character Joe Camel. The settlement promises \$9 million for anti-smoking education aimed at young people. The rest will cover attorneys' fees. R.J. Reynolds has repeatedly denied the Joe Camel campaign was aimed at minors. But in July, the company said it would drop the ads for a more lifelike illustration of a camel, used on its cigarette packs for generations. (USA Today)

*** U.S. productivity jumped in second quarter

American businesses boosted productivity in the second quarter at the fastest rate in 3 1/2 years, the government said Tuesday in a report

that eased concern over inflationary pressures. Productivity outside of the farm sector rose at a 2.7 percent annual rate in the second quarter, dwarfing the previously estimated 0.6 percent rise, the Labor Department said. It was the largest gain since a 3.3 percent jump in the fourth quarter of 1993 and followed an increase of 1.4 percent in the first three months of the year. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863483-9bd>

World Front Page Stories

*** Serb hardliners flee Banja Luka without PM

Bosnian Serb hard-line leader Momcilo Krajisnik fled Banja Luka Tuesday under a hail of stones hurled by demonstrators loyal to Western-backed President Biljana Plavsic. Witnesses said Krajisnik and a dozen bodyguards dashed from a hotel where they had been trapped and climbed into cars. Prime Minister Gojko Klickovic tried to join Krajisnik but ran back to the hotel when he saw police were unable to control the crowd. The confrontation threatened to destabilize plans for local elections across Bosnia this weekend. For the full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863096-cb8>

Bosnian Croats announce boycott of local elections, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863337-299>

U.N. monitor turns down meeting with Karadzic, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862331-a7a>

*** Diana driver had alcohol and drug traces in blood

New blood tests on the driver killed with Princess Diana in a Paris car crash confirmed he was legally drunk and also showed he had taken anti-depressant drugs that could have boosted the effect of the alcohol, a source said Tuesday. The tests confirmed that Henri Paul, whose family disputed initial reports that he was inebriated, had alcohol levels three times over the legal limit for drunken driving.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863621-40f>

Diana's Althorp home appeals for flowers to stop. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862272-78e>

Al Fayed's file civil suit against media, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860557-231>

*** Anglo-Irish welcome Sinn Fein in talks

Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, formally signed a declaration renouncing violence Tuesday, gaining a place in peace talks. The British and Irish governments hailed the move as a crucial step toward lasting stability in the British-ruled province, where the Irish Republican Army has been fighting in a war that has claimed 3,200 lives since 1969. Britain last month invited Sinn Fein into the talks because the IRA has been operating what London regards as an unequivocal cease-fire since July 20. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862533-2fd>

*** Divers say up to 200 bodies in sunken Haitian ferry

A salvage team prepared Tuesday to move a submerged Haitian ferry to shallow water to speed recovery of the bodies of up to 200 passengers entombed when the vessel sank. Haitian President Rene Preval and ministers visiting the scene were confronted by villagers who demanded to know why the government had not done more to prevent accidents. The ferry La Fierce Gonavienne (the Pride of Gonave) sank Monday. It was Haiti's worst maritime tragedy since the 1993 sinking of the ferry Neptune, in which at least 500 people are thought to have perished. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863896-fbf>

*** Mother Teresa may get fast track to sainthood

Mother Teresa of Calcutta may be put on a faster track toward sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church because Pope John Paul II believes her life was so exemplary, a top Vatican cardinal said Tuesday. According to Vatican regulations, the process of sainthood cannot begin until five years after the death of a person -- and sainthood sometimes takes decades or even centuries to achieve. But people worldwide want the Vatican to make an exception for Mother Teresa because she dedicated her life to helping the poorest of the poor. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861272-86e> Rifle volleys, but no 21-gun salute, for Teresa. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861269-2bd> Schedule for Mother Teresa's funeral, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861274-0b7>

*** Russian space officials put Mir glitch behind them

Russia's Mir space station turned back to face the sun Tuesday after the crew fixed the latest in a series of problems aboard the 11-year-old craft, mission control said. Mir's main computer failed Monday, shutting off the gyrodine devices which help align its solar panels with the sun. Energy supplies were reduced as a result. The crew, with help from mission control, repaired the computer overnight and restarted it early Tuesday. The gyroscopic devices are crucial to help align Mir's solar panels with the sun. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860122-183>

The World Political Scene

*** U.N. refugee operations are suspended in Congo

Sadako Ogata, U.N. high commissioner for refugees, said Tuesday she had to suspend operations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo because of its recent involuntary repatriation of Rwandan Hutu refugees. But Ogata left the door open for activities in areas other than Kisangani in an apparent effort to persuade the government of Laurent Kabila to cooperate. The Congo earlier this month expelled 700 Hutus from Kisangani before the refugee agency could complete evaluating whether those who refused to go home had valid reasons. For

story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4863374-591>

U.N. mission plan first trip in Kabila's Congo, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862624-1bd>

*** Israel, Palestinians trade blame ahead of Albright visit

Israel and the Palestinian Authority traded blame Tuesday for the deep crisis in peacemaking as each side sought to influence the agenda for U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's maiden visit to the region. Israel, battered by a triple suicide bombing last week and on alert for further attacks, is demanding Albright use U.S. muscle to press Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to crush Islamist groups. It said the Palestinian Authority's round-up of some 35 suspects ahead of Albright's arrival Wednesday fell short of its demands. Arafat's spokesman Marwan Kanafani called the demands ridiculous. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861920-306>

Israel spells out security demands, see

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*** U.S. officials in Beijing for talks with N. Korea

A senior U.S. negotiator arrived in Beijing on Tuesday for talks with North Korean officials on the future of four-nation talks aimed at securing a lasting peace on the Korean peninsula. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Charles Kartman arrived from Seoul where he had held consultations with South Korean authorities. Kartman was due to hold one day of talks with North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim

Gye-gwan in Beijing on Wednesday. It will be the first meeting of senior U.S. and North Korean officials since the North Korean ambassador to Egypt sought asylum in the United States last month. For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4855965-ac3>

***** U.S. blames non-aligned countries for arms deadlock**

The United States blamed non-aligned countries for the failure of the world's main disarmament forum to launch any substantive negotiations during the 1997 session which ended Tuesday. Katharine Crittenberger, acting head of the U.S. delegation, said Washington hoped the Conference on Disarmament would reconvene in January ready to negotiate global bans on landmines and production of nuclear bomb-making fissile material. After 10 days of haggling, the body formally adopted its annual report to the General Assembly. Full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861881-d74>

***** Japan, N. Korea sign deal on wives, details vague**

Japan and North Korea signed an accord Tuesday paving the way for Japanese wives in the isolated Stalinist nation to visit their homeland. But Japanese officials said the deal left many details yet to be decided. Red Cross negotiators meeting to arrange for visits by some of the estimated 1,800 Japanese wives in North Korea reaffirmed a deal on the issue reached last month, Japan officials said. Groups of 10-15 spouses were expected to spend about one week in their homeland, officials said. For the full text story, see

World Business and Financial News

*** Asian-Pacific markets rise, lifted by regional bullishness

Regional bullishness lifted Asian-Pacific markets Tuesday. The Tokyo market was mixed, while the Nikkei gained on limited buying from public and pension funds. Hong Kong investors responded to a resurgence in other regional currency and stock markets by returning to the local equities market. The equities market in Sydney rose, lifted by the futures market. Shares on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange rose in volatile trading despite profit taking. Share prices climbed on the Stock Exchange of Singapore, as investors continued their frenetic rush to buy following the heavy selloff in equity markets in the Asian region last week. (WSJ)

*** European shares decline amid domestic news

Share prices were mostly lower across Europe Tuesday, with domestic news pushing the bourses lower. London stocks lost ground Tuesday after British retail inflation was shown to have accelerated at a 3.5 percent annual rate in August, about as expected. The Milan market slipped Tuesday as concerns about the difficulties the government could have gaining parliamentary support for the 1998 budget and the

reform of the welfare state came to the forefront. French shares fell as strong gains in a couple of shares failed to break a general downward trend as investors took profits from Monday's gains, worried about upcoming tax changes. Swiss, Dutch and Belgian share prices fell on a quiet market as many investors remained sidelined. Meanwhile, Swedish shares rose as the banking and insurance sectors pushed the main index up. (WSJ)

*** German jobless numbers hit new high

The government says the number of unemployed people in Germany rose to 4.372 million in August, the highest level for the month since World War II. The Federal Labor Office says despite good summer weather and an export boom, 470,000 more people were jobless this year than at the same time last year. The agency says the jobless rate held at the post-war record 11.4 percent, the same as in July. But the number of jobless rose by nearly 18,000 from July, a bigger increase than labor unions had expected. While the jobless crisis in western Germany appears to have bottomed out, officials say it continues in eastern Germany, where a quarter of the work force is unemployed. (USA Today)

*** France to sell part of telecommunications company

The French government will sell up to 38 percent of France Telecom next month to help control the nation's budget deficit. French Economics and Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn says institutional and private investors will be offered about 20 percent

of the telecommunications giant. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, whose Socialist-led coalition came to power in June, had called for a suspension of privatizations during his campaign. But in his first major policy speech as premier, Jospin said selloffs could proceed if deemed in "the national interest." (USA Today)

*** Italian holding company to buy stake in Valentino

HPI, the Italian holding company controlled by the merchant bank Mediobanca, announced it has signed a letter of intent to acquire a controlling stake in fashion house Valentino. But Holding di Partecipazioni SpA, whose interests are concentrated in the textile and publishing sector, says it is conducting thorough examinations before concluding any deal. Valentino Group, which is 65 percent controlled by fashion designer Valentino Garavani and 35 percent by partner Giancarlo Giammetti, is estimated to be worth more than \$400 million. (USA Today)

Sports

*** Phillies Hall-of-Famer Ashburn dead at 70

Former Philadelphia Phillies center fielder and Hall-of-Famer Richie Ashburn died early Tuesday in New York of an apparent heart attack. He was 70. Ashburn broadcasted the Phillies' game against the New York

Mets Monday night and later died in his room at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. He finished his career with the Mets in their first season, 1962, and joined the Phillies as a broadcaster the following season. Ashburn won the batting title in 1955 with a .338 average and again in 1958 with a .350 mark. One of the great leadoff hitters of all-time, he led the National League in walks and runs scored four times, and hits and triples three times.

*** Reports: Lindros close to re-signing with Flyers

CNN/SI is reporting that Eric Lindros and the Philadelphia Flyers have all but agreed on a new contract for the superstar center. Lindros, who has one year left on his current deal, is seeking approximately \$8 million per year, \$4.5 million above his current salary of \$3.5 million per year. The reported deal would pay Lindros approximately \$60 million over seven years. Flyers spokesman Joe Klueg would not confirm an agreement Monday, but Lindros' father and agent Carl said the Flyers expect to conclude the new deal Tuesday when the team opens training camp in suburban Voorhees, N.J. Lindros scored 32 goals and 47 assists in 52 games last season.

*** Gators' Spurrier signs 6-year deal for reported \$12M

The University of Florida apparently made football coach Steve Spurrier an offer he couldn't refuse. The coach of the defending national champions finalized a six-year contract Monday for what USA Today is reporting to be worth \$12 million. If he remains at Florida

for the duration of the contract, he will be with the school through the 2002 season. The deal is laden with extras, such as 40 tickets for each home game, a car apiece for Spurrier and his wife, bonuses for bowl games and a clothing allowance. Spurrier became Florida's first Heisman Trophy winner in 1966 as a quarterback and returned to the school in 1990 to bring the Gators their first SEC championship. They have won their last four conference championships.

*** Blue Jays' Guzman to undergo season-ending surgery

Of-injured Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Juan Guzman will have season-ending surgery to remove calcifications in his right shoulder later this week. Guzman, who last pitched July 15 in a loss to Baltimore, has battled shoulder stiffness all year. He is 3-6 with a 4.95 ERA in 13 starts this season. He led the American League with a 2.93 ERA last year, when he was 11-8 with four complete games in 27 starts. Guzman has already missed more than a month this season with a broken thumb, suffered while fielding a grounder in a May 28 game.

*** Ohio State removes three players from basketball team

First-year Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien has wasted no time in building the Buckeyes in his image, removing three players from the basketball team, including forwards Shaun Stonerook and Jermaine Tate, their second- and third-leading scorers. Along with the two, sophomore guard Trent Jackson also will not play for Ohio State. O'Brien, who was hired after resigning from Boston College, will try to turn around a

program that went 10-17 last season and finished ninth in the Big Ten Conference with a 5-13 mark. Stonerook, a 6-foot-7 forward, averaged 11.7 points and a team-leading 7.7 rebounds per contest. The 6-9 Tate was second on the team in scoring at 14.1 points, but missed the final 11 games of the season after being diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a heart condition.

*** ABL, Fox Sports Net agree on national TV package

The American Basketball League and Fox Sports Net reached agreement on a national television package for the 1997-98 season Tuesday. The coverage will feature 16 regular-season contests on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. ET, plus the All-Star Game, as many as seven playoff games and the five-game Championship Series. The first game will be on Oct. 12 as player-coach Teresa Edwards and the Atlanta Glory travel to take on legendary coach K.C. Jones' New England Blizzard. The nine-team ABL, which is beginning its second season, will also be seen on Saturday nights on Black Entertainment Television. The 12-game schedule on BET will begin on Dec. 6. Competing league the WNBA recently completed its inaugural season and was seen nationally on NBC, ESPN and Lifetime.

Science and Medicine

*** China astronomers say quakes can be predicted

A team of Chinese astronomers and seismologists say they can predict earthquakes by using instruments measuring the earth's rotation, the Xinhua news agency said Tuesday. The scientists said data on the earth's rotation differed in an area about to be struck by an earthquake from that elsewhere. They gauged rotation using a vertical plumb line and measured the line's movements, finding it registered unusual changes before an earthquake shook an area. The difference could occur weeks or months before a tremor depending on its strength. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4856825-256>

*** Beirut under threat from earthquake - scientists

Scientists have found new evidence that Beirut, being rebuilt after two decades of civil war, faces a substantial threat from earthquakes. Britain's annual science festival was told the new evidence should persuade the Lebanese officials to demand a stricter building code in a city being transformed into a global business center. The research was carried out by scientists from the University of Leeds, host to the science festival, and the American University of Beirut. One researcher said Beirut lies on a major active fault. For the full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4859465-3ec>

*** Giant panda gives birth to twins in China

A giant panda has given birth to twins in the second such rare delivery in just over two weeks, the Xinhua news agency said Tuesday. The rare pregnancy in captivity in the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding

and Research Center in the province of Sichuan resulted in two baby male pandas weighing 5.55 ounces and 4.37 ounces, the agency said. The twins, born to seven-year-old Yaya, were the first of the fourth generation of pandas to be kept in captivity, Xinhua said. Most first-time mothers usually bear just one cub, Xinhua said. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861623-d42>

*** Ancient skeleton pits scientists against Indians

For more than a year, an ancient skeleton that could shed light on how people came to inhabit the New World has been locked away while anthropologists and Indian tribes battle over its future. The nearly complete skeleton emerged in July 1996 from the sandy bottom of the Columbia River, where it was spotted by two college students watching a hydroplane race from the riverbank in Kennewick, Wash. It turned out the skeleton, quickly dubbed Kennewick Man, was an astonishing 9,300 years old, making it one of the oldest found in the United States. For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860358-54f>

*** St. Paul's detention site believed found in Israel

Archaeologists in Israel have uncovered a Roman governmental complex where they believe Saint Paul was held in detention almost 2,000 years ago. The site is in the Mediterranean coastal village of Caesarea and includes a large palace, offices, a bathhouse and courtyards. Yosef Porath, in charge of Israel Antiquities Authority operations at Caesarea, said archaeologists had unearthed a mosaic bearing a Latin

inscription suggesting one office served as a governmental bureau responsible for internal security. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860145-eb3>

Technology

*** Mega-capacity laptop storage device released

Procom Technology Inc. Tuesday announced the immediate availability of its Proton 523 PCMCIA storage device for laptop computers, a 520MB removable hard drive that fits in Type III PCMCIA slots. Proton 523 is the largest-capacity removable laptop drive on the market today, the company said. Procom's Proton 523 is the first offering in the Proton line of PCMCIA hard drives designed for the growing portable, storage market. Proton serves as a portable, secondary hard drive ideal for backup or storing infrequently used applications that would otherwise consume valuable space on the internal hard drive. (PR Newswire) Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4858519-05a>

*** Network traffic and security analyzed by new program

Fastlane Software Systems Inc. announced Tuesday the release of the first commercial IRIX version (v2.0) of Xni, its conversation-based, network analysis, security and accounting software tool. Running under Irix 5.x and 6.x, Xni was designed change the way organizations

analyze and understand their networks. Xni provides a conversation-based, graphical view of network usage and traffic flows in real-time. It runs on non-dedicated Silicon Graphics workstations, and requires no additional hardware for operation. (PR Newswire) For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860721-9b0>

*** Year 2000 solution for infrastructure compliance market launched

As hundreds of consulting companies race to meet the demand for application compliance, one company is addressing a critical issue that has eluded the Year 2000 radar screen -- infrastructure compliance. Churchill & Harriman's new ICU 2000 (Infrastructure Compliance Update 2000) service, set to hit the estimated \$60 billion market for unaddressed infrastructure compliance Tuesday, already is drawing raves. ICU 2000, intensive care for ailing infrastructure, provides companies with monthly reports that track Year 2000 compliance for a business' infrastructure inventory. (PR Newswire) For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861676-667>

*** Psychologist takes couch on-line with Internet therapy

Psychologist Robert Wilson sits down for a therapy session with a group of patients troubled by anxiety and irrational fears. He greets the six men and women and then begins. Wilson and several colleagues playing the role of his patients are demonstrating his firm's new Web site -- <http://www.wilsonbanwell.com> -- that offers psychological counseling on-line. Wilson types his comments on a computer at his

Vancouver offices. The "patients" are scattered at other locations and type their responses on their own computers without ever seeing Wilson and their fellow group members face-to-face. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4860205-194>

*** Desolation, grief at India Web site for Teresa

More than 300 messages from grief-stricken people all over the world have flooded into an Indian Web site set up to gather condolences for Mother Teresa, operators of the site said on Tuesday. The Mother Teresa Condolence Message Board has been put up on the Internet at <http://www.indiachat.net/motherteresa/> for Internet surfers, the firms which set up the site said in a statement. The messages highlighted the senders' grief in different ways. "God has taken the light from us," said a message from Sumeet Singh Sethi, in Bangalore. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4858435-ed9>

Human Interest

*** Russians advocate Armageddon evacuation to Siberia

Armageddon is just around the corner but there is no need to panic. A group of Russian scientists plan to save humanity by attracting flying saucers from the fourth dimension and evacuating humanity to Siberia. They say they have no more than two years to do it. "We want to warn

the West so that we can save them in Siberia," Vladimir Sobolyov, president of the independent research center, told a Congress of UFOlogists, Astrologers and Clairvoyants. He predicts Earth will tilt about 30 degrees, very quickly, sometime within the next two years. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4861216-2e3>

*** Swiss police catch burglar from ear prints

Swiss police tracked down a prolific burglar from the ear prints he left on his victims' doors. The burglar was sentenced to four years in jail by a Geneva court Tuesday for breaking into more than 380 houses at a rate of 15 a week -- leaving ear prints which showed up in microscopic analyses. After the man's arrest, burglaries in the well-to-do city dropped by two-thirds.

*** L.A. schools to drop Indian sports mascots

It's the last of the Mohicans now ... and the Braves, Chiefs and Warriors. The Los Angeles Unified School District voted to ban the use of Indian names as mascots for the city's high schools. "Any time you have a school with a mascot like an Indian or warrior, there is going to be corresponding behavior with people walking up and down with papier-mache masks and that stupid tomahawk thing," said Chumash tribal elder Joseph Talaugon of the Committee for Native American Rights.

*** Richard Branson to try world balloon trip again

British tycoon Richard Branson said Tuesday that in two months he will again try to circumnavigate the world in a hot air balloon. Asked by South African journalists when his next daredevil stunt would be, the Virgin Group boss said, "Foolishly, in two months. I am attempting to go around the world again." In January this year Branson was forced to abandon his journey after getting no further than Morocco and Algeria. He said his team had been testing the balloon in the desert. "We think we've worked out what went wrong...", he said. For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4862423-08e>

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*** Berger to testify to Senate funds committee

The Senate committee investigating campaign fund-raising abuses Tuesday hammered Vice President Al Gore and summoned National Security Adviser Sandy Berger to testify Thursday. Berger will be the most senior administration official called by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Attorney General Janet Reno last week ordered a 30-day review of Gore's activities, which could lead to the appointment of an independent counsel. Meanwhile, Indiana Republican Rep. Dan Burton announced that the House Governmental Reform and Oversight Committee would begin its own hearings next week. Full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4882149-23a>

*** Calif. city accused of violating race preference law

A legal group said Wednesday it has sued the city of San Jose, accusing it of violating a controversial California law barring affirmative action programs. The Pacific Legal Foundation alleged in the lawsuit that rules adopted by San Jose that direct a share of city contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses violate the new state law, Proposition 209. The foundation sued on behalf of a general contracting firm that was allegedly denied a contract to supply a circuit switcher for the city's sewage treatment plant. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881778-7a1>

*** San Francisco rail strike talks break down

Formal talks aimed at ending a disruptive strike of San Francisco's largest commuter rail system broke down Wednesday, angering commuters

stuck in the traffic chaos. Negotiators met through the night to try to resolve a contract dispute that has halted Bay Area Rapid Transit trains. BART's two largest unions went on strike Sunday, shutting down the 95-mile network that links San Francisco to Berkeley, Oakland, Fremont and other suburbs. An official said the talks were derailed by a "misunderstanding" and the unions had submitted a counter-offer to BART management. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4884668-d68>

*** One presumed dead, several injured in Ohio plant blast

An explosion ripped through a Georgia-Pacific Corp. chemical plant Wednesday, killing one worker and leaving eight others injured, officials said. A spokesman for the Columbus, Ohio, mayor's office said one worker is missing and "there's not too much hope of finding that person alive." A company spokesman said the accident happened when three chemicals -- phenol, formaldehyde and sulfuric acid -- were being combined to make a bonding agent used for sand coatings in automobile industry metal moldings. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881841-99f>

*** Most in poll want probe of Gore fund-raising calls

Sixty-four percent of Americans view Vice President Al Gore's fund-raising calls from the White House as inappropriate, and 54 percent want an independent investigation of them, an ABC-TV poll on "Nightline" showed Wednesday. Gore's solicitation of campaign funds

has lowered his approval rating to 49 percent from 56 percent in March. It was only the second time since 1992 that Gore's rating had dropped below 50 percent. President Clinton's approval rating was 57 percent, down from 60 percent in March. However only 34 percent believed what Gore did was illegal. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4886985-1c6>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Army issues reprimands in sex scandal

The Army has issued career-ending letters of reprimand or taken other serious action against up to 10 senior officers and enlisted personnel in a major sex harassment scandal, officials said Wednesday. Details of the punishments for failure to exercise proper oversight over training of women recruits, some who were raped by drill sergeants, will be announced today by Army Secretary Togo West. The defense officials, who asked not to be identified, declined to confirm a CNN report that a letter was sent to Maj. Gen. Robert Shadley, former commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4882991-a5c>

*** Rights group faults Colorado's lockups for youth

Human rights advocates faulted Colorado's detention facilities for

young offenders as unsafe and overcrowded in a report released Wednesday. In a statement accompanying the report, the New York-based Human Rights Watch group said, "Despite the tough talk and harsh treatment, these youth will return to society. For society's sake as well as theirs, the state needs to make major changes." Overcrowding at virtually every incarceration facility in Colorado was the underlying cause of other problems, according to the report. Full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4878049-cb3>

*** U.S. attorneys general warn against Gerber hoax

Consumers should not respond to a rumor that Gerber Baby Food will give them a \$500 gift certificate if they send their children's birth certificate to a post office box, state authorities said Wednesday. A spokesman for the National Association of Attorneys General said the group has sent warnings to all states about the hoax. Gerber Products Co. also said that the rumor is false. The hoax, which appears to be a variation of a scheme that began last year, resurfaced in the last two weeks through e-mail. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881925-e42>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Weld stands ready for possible Senate hearing

President Clinton's embattled choice for ambassador to Mexico is willing to face a Senate committee Friday if the scheduled meeting is permitted to become a hearing on his nomination, the White House said Wednesday. Clinton has been fighting an uphill battle to win a hearing for former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Conservative Foreign Relations chairman Jesse Helms of North Carolina has opposed the nomination and blocked the confirmation process by refusing to hold a hearing. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4884582-f90>

*** Clinton testing plan appears headed for House defeat

President Clinton's controversial plan to test 4th graders in reading and 8th graders in math appeared headed for House defeat Wednesday as a key Democrat gave up efforts to preserve the proposal. Wisconsin Rep. David Obey, the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, said he and Republican committee leaders would accept an amendment blocking the Education Department from spending money to develop the plan. The testing amendment must still be voted on by the full House. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881525-104>

*** Clinton launches trade bill campaign amid delays

President Clinton launched a high-profile campaign Wednesday to win new trade negotiation powers from Congress, but deep divisions among his own Democrats have delayed legislation. Clinton said the so-called

"fast track" negotiating authority would help him break down foreign barriers to U.S. exports and strengthen U.S. leadership in the global economy. "Every single trade agreement we will reach will tear down barriers to our goods and services," he said. Every president since Gerald Ford in 1974 has had fast track authority under which Congress gives up its right to amend trade deals. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4882546-c7f>

The Courts

*** Blue Note loses appeal of trademark case

A federal appeals court upheld a ruling Wednesday that dismissed the Blue Note jazz club's trademark lawsuit against a Missouri college nightspot with the same name that advertised on the Internet. The case was watched because it raised the issue of whether a Website owner is seeking national customers just because it put promotional information on the Internet. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower court ruling after finding the Columbia, Mo. club primarily patronized by University of Missouri students "was unquestionably a local operation." For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4882633-d30>

*** EEOC sues Nynex over maternity leaves

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued Nynex Wednesday for allegedly discriminating against some female employees by reducing their seniority due to maternity leaves. The suit against Nynex, which became part of Bell Atlantic Corp. last month, alleges that female Nynex employees who were pregnant before the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 were not given service credit for their maternity leaves on the same basis as employees who took other types of leave. When Nynex offered a retirement incentive program in 1994, those women were ineligible or received lower pension benefits. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4883168-51f>

*** Record number of tobacco papers ordered released

The Minnesota Attorney General said Wednesday a key official in the state's Medicaid suit against the tobacco industry recommended a record 834 confidential industry documents be released. Attorney General Hubert Humphrey said the industry had sought to keep the documents secret under attorney-client privilege. He said the order calls for the disclosure of 100 times the number of Liggett documents released in the recent Florida tobacco litigation proceedings.

Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota sued the industry to recoup health care costs of smokers. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4883308-379>

*** Judge orders school to host Farrakhan

A federal judge ordered a public school system in Alabama Wednesday to

let Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan speak at a high school auditorium next week. U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ordered school officials to abide by a rental contract for use of Montgomery's Carver High School auditorium for a rally Sept. 17. School officials, after learning Farrakhan planned to speak, said they would no longer honor the contract signed last week with the Montgomery Study Group. The American Civil Liberties Union filed an emergency lawsuit Tuesday claiming the group's right to freedom of expression had been violated.

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Dow ends with triple-digit loss as IBM fears boil

U.S. blue chips were battered Wednesday as Wall Street worries grew that foreign currency troubles will eat into corporate profits. The latest round of earnings jitters was sparked when brokerage Goldman Sachs & Co. trimmed its profit forecast for IBM, citing adverse currency exchange rates. The Dow Jones Industrial Average staggered 132 points or 1.7 percent, to close at 7719. The warning flare about IBM's earnings cast a chill over the broader market, derailing technology stocks and small-cap stocks which had been steaming ahead to new peaks. The Nasdaq lost 17 to close at 1639. The S&P 500 fell 15 to 919. Declines led advances 17 to 10 on NYSE volume of 521 million shares. The 30-year U.S. Treasury bond fell 13/32, driving up the yield to 6.66 percent. The dollar was mixed at 1.7985 marks and 119.15

yen. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881617-957>

*** Ford to market electric-car re-charger

Ford Motor Co. plans to unveil Thursday a device that recharges electric vehicles in about 10 to 20 minutes instead of hours, USA Today reported. The device, called PosiCharge, may help broaden the mass appeal of the electric car. It is made by AeroVironment and will be marketed by Ford. It can work on nearly all electric vehicles and will go on sale as early as mid-1998. PosiCharge will initially be priced at about \$35,000, but the price is expected to drop to \$20,000 as volume increases. Ford's \$33,000 electric Ranger pickup will be designed for PosiCharge, the paper said. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4886569-f19>

World Front Page Stories

*** Mother Teresa to go to grave on Gandhi's carriage

Mother Teresa's body will be carried to her grave on the same gun carriage that bore Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru to their cremation sites, a senior army officer said Thursday. "This is a historic gun carriage. It is being brought specially from Delhi," an official said. The Indian government has broken with tradition and will accord the Nobel Peace Prize winner a state funeral and national

day of mourning Saturday. Mother Teresa died last Friday of a heart attack at the age of 87. Her embalmed body is lying under a glass encasement in St. Thomas's Church in Calcutta. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4887498-aa2>

*** Haitians angry at slow recovery of ferry victims

The relatives of scores of drowning victims whose bodies remain entombed in a sunken Haitian ferry burned tires, blocked a highway and marched to the beach carrying a coffin in angry protest Wednesday as divers suspended the recovery operation. U.N. peacekeepers who pulled 54 bodies from the submerged 60-foot ferry in two days of diving also rejected plans to pull the vessel into shallower water. A U.S. Navy salvage expert flew from Puerto Rico to assess the best way to remove the bodies of as many as 150 people trapped in the steel hull. More than 200 people are believed to have died in the accident. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4883082-ee9>

The World Political Scene

*** U.S., N.Korea talks end after unplanned 2nd day

U.S. and North Korean officials extended talks today to pave the way for formal peace talks amid optimism the defections to the U.S. of two

Pyongyang diplomats would not stall progress. U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Charles Kartman met North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye-gwan in Beijing, following up from talks Wednesday, a spokeswoman said. Embassy officials on both sides were tight-lipped on details of the meetings, held amid tight security. At issue was whether North Korea would go ahead with four-nation peace talks the week of Sept. 15 in New York. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4886086-bbd>

N.Korea names replacement for envoy who defected, For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4887196-6b4>

*** Hong Kong's Lee attacks Tung's U.S. message

Hong Kong democracy crusader Martin Lee criticized the territory's leader Tung Chee-hwa Wednesday for touting an "indefensible" anti-democracy message to U.S. leaders. Lee, chairman of Hong Kong's Democratic Party which was ousted from the territory's legislature when Tung took office, said Tung was carrying a futile message to U.S. politicians who already knew the real facts. Tung is in Washington and New York on an official visit. "His problem is not that he's not a good messenger, he's one of the best, but it's the message which is difficult," Lee said. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4869706-599>

*** Japan surplus rises again as trade tensions grow

Japan's surplus in its current account, the broadest measure of trade in goods and services, showed another rise Thursday for the month of July amid signs of renewed trade tensions with the U.S. The current account surplus rose 62.7 percent in July from a year earlier to 906.0 billion yen, the Finance Ministry said. Fueled by strong export growth, it was the fourth consecutive month of year-on-year rises. The surplus in merchandise trade alone rose 50.5 percent from July last year to 1.04 trillion yen. "...domestic demand is weak. It was already expected exports would rise..." an official said. For full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4884014-3fe>

*** Menem says trade disputes will not derail Mercosur

South America's Mercosur free trade pact has come too far for a handful of recent trade disputes to threaten its future, Argentine President Carlos Menem said Wednesday. He said the countries in the region had overcome too many obstacles to back off from the process of economic integration. "This is a process that cannot be derailed due to a few small differences," Menem said. "Wars don't lead to anything -- no matter how small they may be." He appeared to be referring to a succession of highly publicized trade and diplomatic rifts between Brazil and Argentina, senior members of the four-country alliance. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4884197-54a>

Sports

*** Cards' McGwire hits 50th home run

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals joined the 50-home run club for the second straight season Wednesday when he connected against the San Francisco Giants. McGwire led off the third inning by homering to deep left field on a 1-0 pitch from Giants left-hander Shawn Estes at 3-Com Park. It was the 16th home run for McGwire in just 34 games for St. Louis. The veteran first baseman hit 34 homers for the Oakland Athletics before being dealt to the Cardinals on July 31, hours before the trading deadline. He has six homers in his last six games. McGwire becomes just the second major leaguer to reach 50 homers in back-to-back seasons, joining Babe Ruth, who did it in 1921 and 1922, as well as 1927 and 1928. McGwire is the second player to reach 50 homers this season, joining Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners, who reached the milestone Sunday.

*** Arizona State hoops coach Frieder resigns

Arizona State basketball coach Bill Frieder, who has been haunted by his players' off-the-court conduct, resigned Wednesday after eight seasons at the school. The university confirmed Frieder's departure.

Recently, two ASU basketball players were arrested on charges of campus theft. According to KMVP Radio in Phoenix, as many as 12 basketball players have been arrested for off-the-court incidents during Frieder's tenure in Tempe. The school also has been tainted by an ongoing FBI investigation into possible point-shaving by the basketball team during the 1993-94 season. Since a 24-9 record in 1995, the Sun Devils have struggled the last two years. Arizona State slipped to 11-16 in 1995-96 and was 10-20 last season.

*** Sharks sign free-agent Niklas Andersson

The San Jose Sharks Wednesday signed free-agent left wing Niklas Andersson, who spent the past two seasons with the New York Islanders. The 26-year-old Andersson is coming off a career year, posting career highs with 31 assists and 43 points in 74 games, also a career best. He broke into the NHL with the Quebec Nordiques in 1992-93, but signed with the Islanders as a free agent in July 1994. The younger brother of Tampa Bay Lightning winger Mikael, Andersson had 14 goals and 12 assists for New York as a rookie in 1995-96. He is the third free agent to sign with the Sharks in the off-season, joining defenseman Bill Houlder and left wing Barry Potomski.

Science and Medicine

*** Hubble sees warped halo around 'bare' black hole

A new image of a suspected massive black hole shows a warped halo illuminated by a torrent of ultraviolet light, instead of the usual donut-shaped shroud, astronomers reported Wednesday. This so-called "bare" black hole picture made by the Hubble Space Telescope indicates that the environments of these mysterious astronomical features may be more varied than previously thought. Hubble's earlier images of suspected black holes have been largely hidden from view by a torus, a donut-shaped cocoon of dust, scientists said in a statement. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881578-8f9>

*** Three drugs better than two in fighting HIV - studies

Two studies show conclusively that a triple drug treatment can dramatically reduce the amount of AIDS-causing virus in the blood and lower the risk of death for at least a year. What the studies in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine did not address was how most of the millions of people around the world infected with the human immunodeficiency virus could afford the estimated \$10,000 to \$12,000 annual treatment. The three drugs involved in the "cocktail" are indinavir, lamivudine and AZT, known as zidovudine or Retrovir. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4880955-170>

Technology

*** 'Next Generation Internet' delayed

The Clinton administration's repeated missteps in explaining its "Next Generation Internet" project to Congress have led to underfunding, which will delay the project, White House officials said Wednesday. The administration had sought \$100 million for next year, but the House has approved only \$78 million and the Senate just \$35 million. The Next Generation Internet project aims to send data at 1,000 times the speed of today's net. Higher speeds and improved reliability could spur a host of new uses for the network. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4882124-05b>

Human Interest

*** Honduras greets Lee with 'wrong' China flag

Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui got a rude surprise Wednesday in Tegucigalpa, where his Honduran hosts inadvertently tagged him as head of the wrong China. Honduras welcomed Lee by splattering full-page greetings in local papers. But instead of identifying Lee with the flag of Taiwan's exiled Republic of China, the ads featured the flag of its bitter rival -- the communist People's Republic of China. "It was a mistake, the Honduras government has apologized and corrected the situation," a Taiwan government spokesman said. The error was widely reported in Taiwan media Thursday. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4887717-a1c>

*** Florida man parasails to Cuba

The son of a former Key West, Fla., mayor who won fame by waterskiing to Cuba in the 1970s set sail Wednesday on his own record-setting journey to the island nation. Sean McCoy, 34, took to the air at about 9:25 a.m. ET, 19 years to the day after his father, Sonny McCoy, made the 90-mile journey on waterskis. A man speaking for McCoy said he hoped the journey to the tourist town of Varadero, about 100 miles east of Havana, will earn an entry into the Guinness Book of World Records for the highest, farthest and longest parasail flight. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4881404-27b>

*** Astrological chart found in Ali robe

An astrological chart has been found woven into the robe that Muhammad Ali wore in Zaire in 1974 when he fought George Foreman for the world heavyweight boxing title, Christie's auction house said Wednesday. Christie's, preparing for the Oct. 19 sale of more than 3,000 items from Ali's life and career, said the discovery was made Aug. 28. The chart was drawn on a handkerchief by late astrologer Frederic Davies. The chart predicted a victory for Ali Sept. 25, 1974, the original date of the fight known as the "Rumble in the Jungle." Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4882279-55f>

*** Fur flies in Hong Kong pet shop over bald cat

An argument over a bald cat landed a Hong Kong pet shop owner in court after he attacked three men with a meat cleaver and then chased them down a street, the South China Morning Post said Thursday. The men had accompanied disgruntled customer Cheng Chui-ping to see pet dealer Li Kwok-wai after her cat went bald. Cheng told a local court she paid Li HK\$7,800 (US\$1,007) for a golden-furred cat in March, but the cat went bald. Li replaced it for a cheaper but "bigger and fatter" cat, but it also went bald. The owner said all the cats were sold out and also refused a refund, then attacked the men. For full story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4885906-d85>

*** Eliot Ness memorialized as ashes are scattered

The cremated remains of Eliot Ness, the federal G-man who battled Al Capone during the Depression, were dispersed Wednesday 40 years after his death. Ness's remains had been in his daughter-in-law's possession in Cleveland and were scattered in the waters of the Wade Chapel Lake in Lakeview Cemetery after a ceremony with full police honors. Ness was one of the 20th century's most famous crime-fighters after he was put in charge of a unit enforcing prohibition in Chicago in the 1920s. Ness and his small group of agents got the name "Untouchables" for their dedication and incorruptibility. For full story see

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- *** Shanghai women dote on pets to ease loneliness

U.S. Front Page Stories

*** 'Frasier,' 'Law & Order,' NBC big winners at Emmys

"Frasier" was named best comedy for the fourth year Sunday while "Law & Order" was a first-time winner as best drama, making NBC the top network at the 49th annual Emmy Awards. In acting categories, the categories mirrored last year's winners -- "NYPD Blue's" Dennis Franz as best actor in a drama, "Mad About You's" Helen Hunt as best actress in a comedy and John Lithgow as best actor in a comedy for "3rd Rock From the Sun." The only newcomer in the acting categories was Gillian Anderson as best actress in a drama for "The X-Files." NBC was the top network with 24 Emmys ahead of Home Box Office with 19 wins. CBS had 12 Emmys and ABC won 10. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4950516-1f3>

List of 1997 Emmy award winners, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4949825-cde>

*** San Francisco rail strike ends, commuters still fume

Management and union negotiators hammered out an agreement Saturday to end a six-day strike of the San Francisco area's biggest commuter rail system that brought rush-hour chaos to the region. Officials of Bay Area Rapid Transit and its two largest unions announced the tentative agreement on a four-year contract after marathon talks broke down several times. BART and union officials apologized to long-suffering commuters who had to get up earlier than usual to battle congested freeways or join long bus and ferry lines to get to work this week. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4929577-62a>

*** Republican senator raises impeachment of Reno

A leading Republican senator said Sunday Attorney General Janet Reno was close to having impeachment proceedings started against her over her failure to appoint a special counsel to investigate campaign financing. Sen. Mitch McConnell reiterated the Republican call for an independent counsel to investigate fund-raising abuses and blasted Reno on "Fox News Sunday" over her refusal to start an investigation. On a separate news program, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Reno should move quickly to appoint an independent counsel or recuse herself. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4943403-067>

*** Army to toughen fitness standards for women

The Army plans to toughen fitness tests for women after a gender investigation found the comparably easier levels were irritating male soldiers, Saturday's Washington Post said. The changes were considered before the release of a report Thursday that found pervasive sexual harassment and discrimination against women in the Army. Brig. Gen. Evelyn Foote said lower requirements for sit-ups and push-ups by women were a serious problem for men. "Men cannot accept the fact that because of gender there should be different standards," she said. Only 50 percent of male soldiers said women "pull their load." For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4919069-0a0>

*** U.S. biophysicist admits passing secrets to Russia

U.S. biophysicist Theodore Hall, youngest member of the Los Alamos team that developed the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki in 1945, says in a new book he passed nuclear secrets to Russia. Statements from Hall, now 71 years old and living in England, appear in a new book, "Bombshell: The Secret Story of America's Unknown Atomic Spy Conspiracy." The book arrives in bookstores this week and will be officially released Oct. 1. In over 100 hours of interviews, Hall told of his concern about a possible U.S. monopoly on nuclear weapons and said he felt no remorse about sharing information with the

Soviets, since they were U.S. allies at the time. For story see
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4948848-228>

*** Illinois college student is 1998 Miss America

Miss Illinois, a 20-year-old Northwestern University senior, won the Miss America Pageant Saturday, pledging to use her new title to promote AIDS prevention over the coming year. Katherine Shindle of Evanston, Ill., was crowned Miss America 1998 in front of thousands of onlookers in the Atlantic City Convention Hall on the Boardwalk. She mouthed the words "thank you," and closed her eyes as her predecessor, Miss America 1997, Tara Holland, placed a rhinestone tiara on her head. She was the first Miss America in 50 years to win the title after sporting a two-piece swimsuit in the evening's competition. For story see
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4936252-85e>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Two U.S. military planes crash, third missing

Military officials were expected to face questions about aviation safety after two military planes crashed Sunday and a third was missing off the southern African coast. Air Force Col. Virginia Pribyla said the three incidents did not mean a slump in military

aviation safety. She did admit Sunday was a "bad day," beginning with the crash of a U.S. Navy fighter McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornet in southwestern Oman. Off southern Africa's western coast, a massive search is under way for a C-141 carrying nine passengers, which may have collided with a German military plane with 24 passengers. An Air Force F-117A stealth fighter broke up and crashed into three houses in suburban Baltimore Sunday injuring four people. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4950124-082>

'Stealth' fighter crashes in Maryland, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4949295-423>

Fighter plane crashes in Oman, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4940805-b6c>

Pentagon says U.S. plane missing off Africa, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4946794-81e>

Mayday report after planes vanish in S. Atlantic, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4949824-0f0>

*** 'Bounty hunters' charged with first-degree murder

Arizona prosecutors filed first-degree murder charges against five men who stormed a house and killed a young couple, since the men were not bounty hunters but burglars, officials said Sunday. Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley said the charges were upgraded from second-degree murder to first-degree after new evidence showed the group was going to rob the house and was not seeking a fugitive. Authorities had maintained the group was looking for a bail jumper who skipped out on a \$25,000 bond when they broke into the home Aug

31, and killed Christopher Foote and his girlfriend Spring Wright.

For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4946900-e8a>

*** Three die in Washington state helicopter crash

A rescue helicopter taking part in a search for a missing hiker crashed in Washington state's Olympic mountains Friday, killing three people and injuring four, officials said. The Bell 205 helicopter with a pilot and six passengers crashed on its way from a makeshift landing site near Mount Baldy, 20 miles southeast of Port Angeles. The Federal Aviation Administration said the pilot and two passengers were killed in the crash. Heavy cloud cover prevented rescue helicopters from reaching the remaining four passengers after the accident, but they were eventually airlifted to area hospitals. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4919862-9d4>

*** Illinois woman dead after car slams into bedroom

A 65-year-old woman was killed and her husband slightly injured Saturday when a car slammed into their bedroom in suburban Chicago, police said. Romeoville Police Sgt. Richard Madal said Lorraine E. Rud was killed just before dawn. Her husband, who was sleeping next to her, was listed in good condition at an area hospital. Madal said the car ran a stop sign and crashed through the couple's building and into their bedroom. Investigators said alcohol played a role in the

crash. Police said a minor and an adult were in the car. It was not clear who was driving. No charges had been filed.

*** Burlington Northern train derails, burns

A Burlington Northern-Santa Fe freight train derailed and part of it fell into a dry creek bed in Texas Sunday, the latest in a string of fiery railroad crashes in the state. The train was traveling from Houston to Tulsa and derailed as it crossed a wooden bridge over Onion Creek near Ennis. A Burlington Northern spokesman said 20 of 63 cars jumped the tracks, sparking a fire which burned 10 cars and part of the wooden bridge. Thick black smoke billowed above the crash site as plastic pellets inside the cars burned. A dozen people were evacuated from nearby homes but no one was injured. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4945639-bb6>

*** Teens partied, set fire to New Jersey house

Up to 70 teenagers and young adults spent three days in an empty house throwing parties, destroying the interior and setting it on fire, Police Capt. Dennis Cronin of Old Bridge, N.J., said Friday. Thirteen people were arrested for vandalism, arson and theft from the home of 44-year-old Marilyn Charleston while she was on vacation over Labor Day. Five of those arrested were adults and the rest juveniles. Charleston's visit to Virginia Beach, Va., after taking her two children to Hampton University was cut short when her parents called to say her home had been damaged by fire. For story see

The U.S. Political Scene

*** White House shifts strategy on tobacco deal

President Clinton is expected to push for tough modifications in the landmark tobacco accord but may delay disclosing some of the specific changes he wants, officials said Saturday. In a shift in White House strategy, Clinton no longer is expected to give a complete assessment of the \$386.5 billion agreement between the tobacco industry and 40 state attorneys general. Instead he will most likely announce a call Wednesday for changes to ensure the Food and Drug Administration has unquestioned authority to regulate nicotine as a drug, a concern he already has voiced publicly. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4927742-71b>

*** Fund-raising scandal hurts Vice President Gore

Vice President Al Gore is rapidly emerging as the principal victim of the Senate hearings on campaign fund-raising abuses. The hearings were designed to examine the scramble for campaign dollars surrounding the 1996 election. For the first month few Americans paid close attention as senators investigated illegal foreign donations to the Democratic Party and the possibility China tried to influence the

election. Two weeks ago the committee hit pay dirt when it bored in on Gore. A Los Angeles Times poll indicated Friday Gore was seriously tarnished with 59 percent of respondents saying Gore had behaved improperly. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4924165-68f>

Clinton presses campaign finance reform, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4926207-2af>

*** Weld vows to pursue fight for Mexico envoy job

A defiant William Weld vowed Sunday to pursue his long-shot battle to become U.S. ambassador to Mexico by arousing public ire against Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, who is standing in his way. Saying he had the full support of President Clinton, the former Massachusetts governor urged Helms to "do the right thing" and allow his nomination to receive a full hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which the senator chairs. Helms has refused to grant Weld a hearing because he is critical of Weld's stance in favor of allowing medical use of marijuana. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4947007-88d>

*** Gingrich says speakership of House secure

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Sunday his leadership position was secure and he intends to remain in the post into the next century. Despite a contentious party skirmish in July challenging his

leadership, the Georgia Republican told ABC's "This Week" program, "I think virtually everybody in the House agrees that I am the speaker and I will remain the speaker." Gingrich also blasted Attorney General Janet Reno for failing to appoint a special counsel to investigate campaign financing, and urged the administration to track down fund-raising witnesses in China, Indonesia and Thailand. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4947996-bed>

Gingrich praises Christian Coalition efforts, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4931211-fc9>

*** Clinton to unveil initiative to curb Medicare fraud

Seeking to curb fraud and abuse in Medicare, President Clinton plans Monday to declare a moratorium on new firms providing home health care services under the vast health care program for the elderly. A senior official said the moratorium was part of a broader effort to crack down on fraud in such home health care services, which represent more than \$15 billion of the annual \$200 billion Medicare program. The moratorium would stay in effect until a federal regulation is passed setting out tougher requirements to become certified to provide such home health care services. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4951655-9a0>

*** Clinton's fast-track trade bill likely this week

Commerce Secretary William Daley said Sunday President Clinton will probably submit a bill this week seeking fast-track authority from Congress to allow the administration to negotiate free trade accords. Clinton launched his final push last week for approval of the so-called fast-track authority, which would allow him to negotiate trade agreements without later changes by Congress. The House and Senate would have only two options: accept or reject an entire trade pact. Daley would not say how short Clinton was of tying up the necessary House and Senate votes to ensure passage. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4941780-bd9>

The Courts

*** Defense motion delays flight attendants' suit

Tobacco companies facing a flight attendants' class action lawsuit over smoking-related illnesses asked the judge hearing the case to dismiss it Friday, saying the plaintiffs had not proven their case. Dade County Circuit Judge Robert Kaye responded by giving Stanley and Susan Rosenblatt, who represent the estimated 60,000 flight attendants in the case, until Wednesday to respond. As a result, jurors will be told they do not have to return to the court room until Sept. 22, at the earliest. Argument on the motion has been tentatively scheduled for next Thursday and Friday. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4915973-9c2>

*** Cisneros' ex-mistress indicted on fraud charges

Linda Jones, ex-mistress of former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, was indicted Friday on 26 fraud and money-laundering charges resulting from a probe into Cisneros' cash payments to her. A federal grand jury in Lubbock, Texas, indicted Jones, formerly known as Linda Medlar, on 26 counts of bank fraud, conspiracy, money laundering, making false statements to a federally insured bank, obstructing justice, lying to federal agents and concealing evidence. It also indicted Jones' sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Allen Wooten, on 18 of the 26 charges. No charges were brought against Cisneros. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4920068-d53>

*** Adviser calls IRS audit of Paula Jones harassment

The Internal Revenue Service launched an audit of Paula Jones after the former Arkansas state employee declined to settle her sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, a key adviser said Sunday. Susan Carpenter McMillan told NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" that the IRS launched its audit of Jones and her husband Stephen Jones five days after Jones turned down an offer from Clinton's lawyers to end the case. "I call it harassment," McMillan said. She said it was peculiar that Jones' apartment rent receipts were being demanded by the agency, although it was never claimed as a tax deduction. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4951210-c73>

*** Ruling may cost Thorn EMI unit \$90 million

A state judge ruled Rent-a-Center stores in New Jersey owe as many as 78,000 customers excess interest and fees paid for furniture and small appliances, the Philadelphia Inquirer said Saturday. Superior Court Judge Stevenson Fluharty's ruling could cost the company, a subsidiary of Thorn Americas, itself a unit of the British firm, Thorn EMI, as much as \$90 million. Fluharty said each customer was entitled to recover 40 percent of what had been paid to Rent-a-Center, but that award could be trebled under the state's consumer fraud law. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4925452-235>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Boeing sues U.S. Airways over canceled jet order

Boeing Co. has sued U.S. Airways Group Inc. over the carrier's decision to cancel an order for 48 of the manufacturer's jets and place a huge order with its European rival Airbus Industrie instead. A Boeing spokeswoman said Saturday the company filed suit in Washington state court, charging the Herndon, Va.-based airline had refused to make payment on eight Boeing 757s and 40 Boeing 737s on order, valued at about \$2.2 billion. The suit seeks unspecified

damages. Boeing said it was only the second time it had gone to court to try to force an airline to honor its purchase agreements. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4929910-5>see

*** U.S. labor sees a comeback with BART, UPS strikes

Gains in two high-profile strikes may mark a turning point for labor unions, which are once again flexing their muscles after years of decline. Some 2,600 workers of the San Francisco area's commuter rail network reached a tentative agreement with Bay Area Rapid Transit Saturday to end a six-day strike that caused widespread disruption for commuters. The two striking unions managed to squeeze out higher pay raises and an end to a two-tier wage scale. An analyst said together with a recent strike by 185,000 United Parcel Service workers, seen as a labor success, it indicates a resurgence of unions. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942706-2>fb

World Front Page Stories

*** Mother Teresa laid to rest as rich and poor mourn

Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to the "poorest of the poor," was buried Saturday in her adopted city

Calcutta ending a week of mourning by the rich and poor, the powerful and downtrodden. Her white casket was lowered into the ground inside the building housing her missionary's headquarters. Thousands of faithful stood outside for a last glimpse of the woman known as the "Saint of the Gutters," who won a Nobel peace prize in 1979 for her work with the destitute. Gurkha soldiers fired three volleys and four buglers sounded the Last Post to end the state honor for the tiny woman who died of a heart attack Sept. 5 at the age of 87. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4925818-59d>

Mother Teresa-from humble roots to 'living saint,' For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4920144-f5a>

Hillary Clinton celebrates Teresa amongst orphans, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4925542-919>

Teresa leaves behind questions on future, finance, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942716-288>

*** Mayday report heard after planes vanish in S. Atlantic

Rescuers hunting for two missing planes which may have collided over the South Atlantic with a total of 33 people aboard have picked up a faint voice calling out a Mayday distress message. The military aircraft from Germany and the U.S. both vanished Sunday in the same area off the west coast of southern Africa while on separate missions. Several hours later, according to South African rescuers, a French C-160 aircraft from Gabon helping in the search picked up a human voice calling out Mayday, raising hopes there might be survivors. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4949824-0f0>

Chronology of recent crashes of Tupolev airliners, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942500-eda>

Twenty-four believed dead in German plane crash, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942637-351>

*** Bodyguard says Diana was upset by buzzing paparazzi

Princess Diana was upset about the behavior of photographers in the hours leading up to her fatal car crash, according to her companion's bodyguard. Kes Wingfield, personal bodyguard of Dodi Al Fayed who was killed with Diana in Paris Aug. 31, also said driver Henri Paul did not appear drunk. Wingfield, who drove a decoy car to pull away paparazzi that night, said pursuit of the princess escalated through the previous day. "She was expressing concern one of the paparazzi would actually fall in front of our cars because they were only small motorbikes zooming in and out of the traffic," he said. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4944310-24b>

Diana driver may not be buried for days, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4926371-632>

British tabloids pledge to spurn paparazzi, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4939625-70c>

*** Mir loses alignment to sun after computer fails

The main computer on Russia's Mir space station has failed in a repeat of a problem faced by the three-man crew last week, a Mission

Control spokesman said Monday. "The computer crashed on Sunday. Now the station is not aligned with the sun," the spokesman said. He said the situation was similar to a computer crash Sept. 8. It was also the latest in a series of problems that have jinxed Mir since its power supply was damaged in a collision June 25. "Now we have a foreseeable emergency situation, very similar to last week's. Experts are investigating what exactly has happened," the spokesman said. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4952265-028>

*** N.Ireland talks under doubts over unionist role

Talks on a new start for Northern Ireland open Monday deviled by old doubts on whether the pro-British Ulster Unionist Party will negotiate with the IRA's political arm Sinn Fein. UUP leader David Trimble, whose party is the voice of a 60 percent Protestant majority that wants to keep the province British, declined to show his hand ahead of the talks' start Monday. Trimble said his party was determined to defend the union between Britain and Northern Ireland but would not say whether it would hold direct talks with Sinn Fein, which seeks the end of British rule. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942254-34b>

David Trimble -- strident supporter of British rule, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4939596-c6c>

Gerry Adams -- Sinn Fein leader and conflict veteran, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4939484-d28>

Ten parties hold key to N.Irish peace, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4939455-b8b>

*** China ex-party chief urges review 1989 crackdown

China's disgraced Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, purged after the 1989 student demonstrations for democracy, has appealed to the party to review the crackdown, sources said Monday. The daring call by the former heir of Deng Xiaoping for the party to reverse its verdict that the 1989 protest was a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" marked his first political move since he was sacked eight years ago.

"Everyone knows that at the time most of the students wanted punishment of the corrupt and to promote political reform and not to overthrow the Communist Party," he wrote in a letter dated Sept. 12.

For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4951476-ee5>

China official warns against blind faith in Deng, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4937033-08b>

China ideologue rules out democracy, privatization, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4934917-163>

The World Political Scene

*** PLO negotiator says Albright mission just a start

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Sunday it was too early to

judge if Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's Middle East tour was a success. Erekat said after briefing Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam al-Majali on talks with Albright that her mission was just the start of attempts to rescue peace from crisis. "The Middle East as a whole is standing at a juncture ... These are very dangerous times ... we want the American administration to exert every possible effort to restore confidence and credibility to the peace process," he said. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4939639-e9d>

Egypt calls Albright tour encouraging, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4930480-fe0>

Rabin's widow blames Israel for peace crisis, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4926011-f5d>

Thousands of Israelis rally for peace, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4929014-ddd>

*** Bosnians vote, hardliners accused of sabotage bids

Bosnians voted on the second day of municipal elections Sunday and international mediators said the poll had been a success despite efforts by hard-line nationalists to sabotage it. The local elections, the first in seven years and seen as vital to keeping the troubled peace process alive, are bitterly contested because refugee votes threaten to overturn the results of "ethnic cleansing" and military conquest. The result of the vote, in which thousands of

refugees fearful of returning to their home districts could cast absentee ballots, is not expected to be known for a week. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4943474-476>

Croats accused of obstruction in Bosnian vote, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942054-082>

Facts and figures on Bosnia local elections, For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4923438-9cf>

*** Saudis may come to Mideast summit, U.S. says

Saudi Arabia told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Saturday it may rethink its opposition to attending a planned Middle East economic summit if the peace process revives, U.S. officials said.

Albright, on her first Middle East tour, arrived Saturday to a warm reception in the Muslim kingdom, whose leaders hailed her as a breath of fresh air in U.S. Middle East policy. One of her main goals in Saudi Arabia is to persuade the influential oil-rich state to attend the economic summit, grouping both Israel and Arab countries, scheduled in Doha, Qatar, in November. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4930752-249>

*** Enlargement to top agenda for EU foreign ministers

European Union foreign ministers will hold their first discussion Monday on the future enlargement of the bloc, but diplomats say no decisions on membership will be taken at the meeting. In July the

Commission unveiled a report which showed the EU's executive saw just six countries as being likely to be involved in a first wave of enlargement. The report led to relief among those countries considered possible candidates by the Commission, but howls of indignation from those being discounted as unlikely to be offered swift EU membership. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4922295-eed>

EU Ministers' EMU plan leaves big questions open, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4937860-a54>

Lithuania sees 50-50 chance of entry to EU talks, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4922779-1c0>

*** Expulsions cast shadow on India-Pakistan talks

News of another round of expulsions by India and Pakistan cast a shadow Sunday over attempts to put the search for peace between the arch foes on track. An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said India expelled two Pakistani officials last month and Pakistan two Indians this month. The expulsions did not appear to involve diplomats and Indian officials said they were confident the episode would not upset four days of talks to begin Monday in New Delhi. Pakistan and India have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 and remain at odds over the status of Kashmir. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4944357-0c2>

Expelled Indians said linked to Pakistani spy, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4951969-fd8>

*** U.N. General Assembly session to focus on reform

The 52nd annual General Assembly session that opens Tuesday will spend much of its time overhauling the U.N. machinery, nine months after placing Secretary-General Kofi Annan at the organization's helm. The Ghanaian diplomat and his senior aides have drafted a package of reforms aimed at streamlining the U.N. to enable it to confront the challenges of the new millennium. American U.N. envoy Bill Richardson was more emphatic. "The viability of the U.N. is at stake. Without genuine reform, I fear for the future of the organization," he said. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942715-6ad>

World Business and Financial News

*** China says '97 surplus with U.S. to exceed '96

China's trade surplus with the U.S. this year will outstrip last year's because of a bumper harvest and shrinking grain imports, a senior Chinese trade official said Monday. "The trade imbalance will widen for this year," Vice Minister of Foreign Trade Sun Zhenyu told a news conference. He gave no figure. Washington says China had a surplus of nearly \$40 billion with the U.S. for all of last year while Beijing puts the figure at \$10 billion. "The main reason (for the widening surplus with Washington) is that this year China has had

a bumper harvest ... so demand for imports has dropped," Sun said.

For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4950718-406>

China premier promises more stock listings, For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4923577-8d7>

*** IMF approves \$82 million loan for Romanian reforms

The International Monetary Fund agreed Friday to release \$82 million to Romania, the second tranche of a \$410 million standby loan to support economic reforms, international monetary sources said. The IMF's executive board ended its first review of the 13-month standby accord, paving the way for release of the funds next week. Romania's economic stabilization efforts were in line with the fund's expectations, and the government's structural reform program was on track now that authorities have pledged to close loss-making firms, the IMF said. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4915721-c4a>

Sports

*** Pats get even with Parcells

Bill Parcells returned to New England after a messy divorce from the Patriots and nearly pulled off an impressive upset Sunday night. The

Patriots ended up with the last laugh, though, knocking off the New York Jets and Parcells in overtime, 27-24. The Parcells-led Jets rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final 31 seconds of the fourth quarter and nearly completed an amazing comeback in regulation. With no timeouts remaining, Neil O'Donnell moved the Jets 83 yards in 1:47, hitting Keyshawn Johnson for a 24-yard touchdown that tied the game, 24-24. New England's Derrick Cullors fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Jets took over at the Patriots 18. But John Hall's 30-yard field goal was blocked by defensive end Mike Jones, sending the game to overtime, where Adam Vinatieri ended the game with a 34-yard field goal. There have been other coaches who have coached against the team they took to the Super Bowl, but Parcells was the first to do it in the following season.

*** Orioles' Eric Davis to start first game of Monday twinbill

Baltimore Orioles outfielder Eric Davis will complete his comeback from colon cancer Monday when he is activated from the disabled list and starts the first game of a day-night doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians. Davis, who has been on the disabled list since May 31, continues to undergo chemotherapy but has been with the team for three weeks. He completed the first of three six-week chemotherapy sessions before rejoining the team on Aug. 23.

*** Florida still tops in coaches poll; Penn State No. 1 in AP

Florida and Penn State remained 1-2 in the latest USA Today/ESPN top

25 college football poll released Sunday, but Notre Dame dropped out after being upset by Purdue and Texas, Colorado and Miami all took big hits. Texas, which suffered its worst loss in 93 years at the hands of UVLA, plummeted 14 spots to 24 and barely stayed in the poll. Colorado, which was upended at Michigan on Saturday, fell nine spots to 16 and Miami dropped to 21st. Penn State remained atop the latest Associated Press college football poll, also released Sunday, but Washington moved up a place to second and perennial Notre Dame dropped completely out. Washington, which hosts seventh-ranked Nebraska next week, jumped ahead of idle Florida.

***** Roberts rallies for one-shot victory at CVS Charity Classic**

Loren Roberts birdied four of the final seven holes to overtake Bill Glasson and claim a one-stroke victory Sunday at the CVS Charity Classic at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass. The 42-year-old Roberts, who entered the final round two shots behind Glasson, fired a 7-under-par 64 to finish at a tournament-record 18-under 266. Roberts earned his fifth career PGA Tour victory and first this year. Glasson, who held a one-stroke lead after 54 holes, shot his third straight 67 to finish at 17-under 267.

***** Jeff Gordon captures NASCAR CMT 300 for 10th win of season**

Winston Cup points leader Jeff Gordon continued to dominate the NASCAR circuit by holding off Ernie Irvan on the last lap and capturing his 10th victory of the season Sunday at the CMT 300 at the

New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon. Driving his Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Gordon was aided greatly by his pit crew. Known as the "Rainbow Warriors," the crew guided Gordon through a 19.4-second pit stop on lap 155, then suggested a gas-and-go during a caution on lap 226, going against Gordon's judgement. The stop lasted just 3.5 seconds and allowed Gordon to maintain his lead. Gordon won by a car-length and became the first driver to win twice in New Hampshire.

*** de la Hoya dominates Camacho, easily retains title

Oscar de la Hoya continued to roll over any opposition placed before him as he dismantled former champion Hector Camacho en route to an unanimous 12-round decision victory Saturday night at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. De la Hoya, who retained his World Boxing Council welterweight title, posted victory margins of 120-105, 120-106 and 118-108 on the judges' scorecards. He improved to 26-0 but failed to record his 22nd knockout. Camacho (64-4-1), a two-time world champion, took a beating throughout but managed to avoid the first knockout of his career.

Science and Medicine

*** Doctors cut off woman's head, then screw it back

A doctor in Britain cut off a woman's head in a pioneering operation

and screwed it back on again. The patient is grateful. Bridget Fudgell was operated on to correct a crippling condition which made her face point downward permanently. In a 17-hour operation, Surgeon Steve Gill detached the 36-year-old woman's head from her spinal column, leaving it connected by just the spinal chord, key blood vessels and the skin at the front of her neck. Gill then cut a wedge from the base of her skull and the top vertebra before fixing her head back with a metal plate and two screws, leaving her looking forward. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4940794-8df>

*** Roche says its HIV protease drug better

A new formulation of Saquinavir, one of the new protease inhibitor drugs that have revolutionized AIDS treatment, gives a stronger response than its older drug Invirase, Hoffmann-La Roche said Sunday. The new soft-gel formulation, to be marketed as Fortovase, gave 10 times the exposure that current, hard-gel version of Invirase gives. When given in triple-combination therapy, the drug helped lower blood levels of the HIV virus to below detectable limits, scientists working with Roche said. Fortovase and more standard drugs AZT and 3TC were given to 41 volunteers who had not had any drugs before. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4930122-769>

*** Study supports stimulants for hyperactive children

Swedish researchers defended the long-term use of stimulants in children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder Sunday, saying positive effects lasted for more than a year. Amphetamines helped calm the children and also helped them score higher on IQ tests, they said in the Archives of General Psychiatry. Stimulants have been used to treat ADHD, also known more simply as Attention Deficit Disorder, for 60 years but prior studies were limited to showing their effectiveness only in the short run. The most commonly used drug is methylphenidate, sold as Ritalin by Novartis. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4941517-855>

*** Depression to pose huge burden on society

Depression will become a huge burden on society, costing billions of dollars in treatment and lost productivity, unless better drugs are developed to combat the disorder, a study showed Sunday. The report said psychiatrists are dissatisfied with the treatments available.

The study involved 150 doctors, mostly psychiatrists. Depression or mood and anxiety disorder is estimated to cost the U.S. alone over \$53 billion a year, mainly through absenteeism among workers and reduced productivity. The study showed most psychiatrists agreed depression will be the leading cause of disability by 2020. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4940758-6f3>

*** NASA sets date for visit to Mir

The space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to blast off on a mission to

Mir Sept. 25 to pick up NASA astronaut Michael Foale and drop off his replacement, the U.S. space agency said Friday. NASA managers cleared the shuttle for launch, a spokesman said. Atlantis was to link up with the troubled Russian space station two days later. Atlantis will collect British-born astronaut Michael Foale and drop off replacement David Wolf for a four-month stay. The shuttle will also deliver about 7,000 pounds of supplies and repair gear to the orbiting outpost. For story see

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Technology

*** AOL drops serial killer site from service

America Online has ordered the disbanding of a site that featured the unedited writings of three serial killers and drew the ire of two governors, a spokeswoman said Friday. Hosted by a Jacksonville, Fla., writer who said she is interested in the minds of serial killers, the site included a "self-start serial killer kit" created by Keith Jespersen, the "Happy Face Killer" serving two sentences in Salem for killing two Oregon women in 1990 and 1992. Jespersen has confessed to five other slayings. In Jespersen's writings, he refers to the "serial killer kit" as a way to "get rid of that unwanted family member." For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4916156-7a6>

***** WebTV to unveil major upgrade, melds TV and Internet**

Consumers are about to be inundated with a new batch of devices to access the Internet from their televisions, with a new generation of products aiming to turn couch potatoes into Net surfers. The leader, WebTV Networks Inc. subsidiary of Microsoft Corp., will unveil a major upgrade of its TV-based Internet access system Tuesday with a second generation system that will meld the Internet and television. Industry sources said the upgrade comes in a new WebTV box and will incorporate a television tuner into the device, letting consumers watch television while simultaneously surfing the Web. For story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4942865-731>

***** Intel to unveil new video-phone package**

Intel Corp. will announce Monday a package of hardware and software for manipulating video and photo images, the Wall Street Journal reported. The product, called the Create and Share Camera Pack, includes a video camera and image-processing hardware that can be used as a video phone, the paper said. The product also offers software for sending images over the Internet or turning snapshots into greeting cards or calendars. The product will cost between \$199 and \$399, depending on features.

*** Hillary Clinton bails out Jordan's queen

Queen Noor of Jordan knew who to turn to when she had no place to stay in Calcutta, where dignitaries packed hotels to the seams for Mother Teresa's funeral. To no one's surprise, the biggest delegation was from the U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was bringing some four dozen people with her. With dozens of U.S. diplomats coming from New Delhi, the Americans booked nearly 100 rooms. "Queen Noor turned to us for space," a diplomat said. "She didn't want to sleep on the floor in Hillary's room, so we gave her delegation two rooms." For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4911967-e4e>

*** Honest extortioner gives receipt, lands in jail

An obliging Hong Kong gangster has been jailed after giving a receipt complete with his name and ID card number for protection money he had extorted from a doctor. Chan Koon Shing, 46, went to Dr Lui Siu-ko's clinic Sept. 8 and demanded HK\$400 (US\$50), claiming he was a member of a triad gang and the district was under his protection, the South China Morning Post said Sunday. Lui handed over the money and asked for a receipt which Chan supplied. The doctor gave the receipt to police. After admitting blackmail and claiming to be a member of an illegal triad society, Chan was jailed for a year. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4936174-3fb>

*** Two wire walkers cross each other above Thames

Two tightrope walkers made history Sunday when they successfully crossed the River Thames after setting out from opposite banks. To applause from thousands of onlookers, American Jade Kindar-Martin, 23, shook hands with Frenchman Didier Pasquette, 29, and then gracefully stepped over him at mid-point in the 300-meter walk. Holding balancing poles without a safety net, the two wire walkers made the daredevil feat look easy, pausing to sit and even lie on the one-inch wide cable suspended 150 feet above the river. The two ex-circus performers completed the crossing to an explosion of fireworks. For story see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4944804-495>

*** Shanghai women dote on pets to ease loneliness

Women in Shanghai make up 78 percent of the city's pet owners, buying cats or dogs mostly to combat loneliness, the Business News said Monday. Idle, well-off middle-aged women were the main buyers of pets to keep them company after their children had grown up and left home, the newspaper said. They accounted for more than a quarter of female pet owners in Shanghai, China's richest city. Shanghainese spent around one billion yuan (\$120 million) a year on pets in total, 10 times the figure of a decade ago.

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President Submits Legislation to Restore Traditional Trading Authority

Tuesday, September 16, 1997

Sensible Bipartisan Legislation. Today, President Clinton will submit legislation to Congress that restores the President's traditional authority to negotiate trade agreements and break down barriers to American exports.

This

negotiating authority legislation will help keep our economy on the right track

and create good American jobs, while honoring our commitment to our workers and

environment. We expect this legislation will garner the bipartisan support it

deserves.

Open Trade is Critical to America's Continued Prosperity. The American economy is on the move again. The President's three-part economic strategy

--cutting the deficit to spur private sector investment, investing in critical

priorities like education and training, and opening markets abroad --is a proven success. Since President Clinton took office, the American economy has

generated nearly 13 million new jobs, unemployment is below 5%, wages are up,

and the deficit has been cut by more than 85%. America is in the midst of a

longer period of sustained growth than any other major economy in the world;

one-third of our growth depends on overseas trade.

American Exports Create Millions of High-Paying Jobs. Our aggressive export

strategy has paid off for American companies and workers. America is once again the world's largest exporter, the largest producer of semiconductors, and the largest producer of automobiles. Exports support over 11.5 million jobs in the United States, including one in five manufacturing jobs. Over the last four years alone, exports have created 1.7 million new jobs -- jobs that typically pay 15 percent more than non-export-related jobs.

We Need To Keep Breaking Down Foreign Trade Barriers. To keep our economy on the right track, we need to give the President the power that every President since Ford has had to break down unfair foreign barriers to American exports. This legislation restores the President's power to negotiate agreements that will help American businesses compete and win.

Legislation Honors Our Commitment to America's Workers and Our Environment.

As we expand trade, the President is committed to pursuing three objectives:

(1) to break down unfair foreign trade barriers and create good American jobs;

(2) to promote and advance worker rights; and (3) to promote responsible environmental protections. As we renew fast track authority, our goal has been to give the President an array of negotiating tools to advance those objectives and level the playing field for American workers in the trade deals:

Trade Agreements. This bill permits labor/environmental provisions ! & directly related to trade to be brought back to Congress under fast track authority.

Side Agreements. The President has extensive executive authority to reach labor/environmental agreements with countries. We have already committed to conclude companion labor/environment agreements in future trade agreements where appropriate, and Chile has already agreed to enter such agreements.

Other Agreements. This Administration has done more than any other to press countries to improve labor and environmental protection --and we will continue to do so, whether through the ILO, the WTO, the UN, or international financial institutions. We should be concerned about improving conditions in all countries, not just in free trade partners.

President is Committed to Ensuring that Everyone Benefits from the Global Economy. President Clinton has always recognized that we have a special obligation to help low wage and dislocated workers. That is why he fought to raise the minimum wage, provide a more generous Earned Income Tax Credit, increase investment in training, and win new pension and health benefits for workers. That effort has already brought real results for low wage workers:

Since the President's 1993 Economic Plan passed, the real average income of the poorest 20 percent of families has increased nearly \$1,000 --or 9.7 percent.

In 1995 --the most recent year data are available --America saw its largest decline in income inequality and the biggest drop in the number of people in poverty in 27 years.

As trade helps America continue to prosper, the President will continue his fight to expand opportunities for dislocated and low wage workers.

Specific Provisions of the Bill Include:

Authority to Open Markets: The bill gives the President authority to negotiate global, regional, sectoral and/or bilateral trade agreements, which would be brought back for Congressional approval under "fast track" procedures (extensive consultations, limited debate, no amendments). This authority is critical to give our negotiators the credibility they need to secure good agreements.

Reaffirms Commitment to Labor/Environment: The bill includes a specific negotiating instruction to improve labor rights and environmental protection abroad (a first-ever reference to the environment in fast track legislation).

Provisions in bilateral free trade agreements must be directly related to trade, but the Administration may also seek side agreements, where appropriate.

Pursues Trade Priorities: The bill contains negotiating objectives emphasizing key U.S. trading interests, such as agriculture, services, investment, intellectual property, and the need for the U.S. to preserve its health and safety laws and to vigorously enforce U.S. trade laws.

Enhanced Congressional Consultations: We have added strong language to ensure

Congress is a full partner in setting objectives and establishing trade priorities for American negotiators, including some provisions that have never

before been included in fast track bills: (1) a requirement that the Administration inform Congress of its negotiating objectives for a specific

agreement before negotiations begin; (2) a requirement that the Administration consult before signing a trade agreement about any parallel agreements, such as labor and environmental side agreements.

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East Coast Edition for Tuesday, September 16, 1997

U.S. Front Page Stories

- *** Marines search for second crewman in jet crash
- *** First wreckage from U.S. plane found off Namibia
- *** Clinton may seek up to \$1.50 cigarette pack rise
- *** Car repairs far exceed road repair money - study
- *** Body of doctor in 'The Fugitive' case to be exhumed
- *** Closer scrutiny seen after obesity drug recall

Crime and Catastrophe

- *** Gunman in critical condition after U.S. rampage
- *** Farmer brings fresh meaning to 'pond scum'

The U.S. Political Scene

- *** Clinton unveils U.S. trade negotiation legislation
- *** Witnesses disagree on fund raising at White House
- *** Shelton confirmed to head U.S. armed forces
- *** Conservatives salute Helms for blocking Weld
- *** Lawmakers set to probe telecom law shortcomings
- *** Clinton helps CIA celebrate 50 years of spying

The Courts

- *** Jones' adviser says 'icy chill' on settlement talks
- *** Man accused of art theft can stay in New York hotel - judge

U.S. Business and Financial News

- *** Consumer prices up 0.2 percent last month
- *** Dow, Nasdaq up sharply
- *** FedEx delivers strong earnings
- *** Apple Computer names Jobs interim CEO
- *** Kodak issues gloomy forecast

World Front Page Stories

- *** Police station bomb jolts N. Ireland talks

- *** Anti-landmine conference agrees 24-hour delay
- *** Diana bodyguard able to communicate
- *** Swiss papers blast Jewish groups on Holocaust aid
- *** Cosmonaut recounts fire, collision aboard Mir

The World Political Scene

- *** U.N. Assembly opens with spotlight on reform
- *** Poland joins NATO accession talks
- *** U.N. council members satisfied over Bosnia elections
- *** India, Pakistan to press on with dialogue
- *** World labor group urges IMF to resist relief cuts

World Business and Financial News

- *** Asian-Pacific markets decline on economic fears, bearishness
- *** European shares gain on U.S. inflation data
- *** Airbus gets \$1.4 billion order
- *** Adidas to buy France's Salomon
- *** Germany renews push for euro

Sports

- *** Cardinals reportedly to re-sign McGwire

- *** Realignment to be prime topic at baseball owner's meetings
- *** Schilling needs 4 strikeouts to reach 300 plateau
- *** ABL MVP McCray defects to WNBA

Science and Medicine

- *** U.S. study finds AIDS spreading among women
- *** Schizophrenia drug user-friendly, helps dementia
- *** U.S. doctors are overprescribing antibiotics - study
- *** Drug recall leaves hungry hole for diet help
- *** Adopted children from E. Europe suffer problems

Technology

- *** WebTV Networks introduces next-generation system
- *** Compuware announces multi-platform debugging
- *** Microsoft delays Windows 98
- *** Online bridal registry: Register, shop and ship online
- *** Fraudbusters seek fresh angles as cybercrime grows

Human Interest

- *** Maine takes aim at anti-dueling laws
- *** Lights, camera but no action, says Malaysian state

*** BBC takes the cough out of concerts

*** Frenchman jailed after failed suicide kills five

U.S. Front Page Stories

*** Marines search for second crewman in jet crash

The body of one U.S. Marine crewman was found and a search continued for the second Tuesday after their F/A-18D fighter jet crashed into a North Carolina swamp Monday night. The aircraft crashed around 8:30 p.m. ET Monday during a routine night bombing exercise. The F-18 crash was the latest in a spate of military air accidents, including the crashes of an Air Force F-117 stealth fighter at an air show near Baltimore and a Navy F-18 fighter in Oman, both on Sunday. No information on the cause of Monday's crash was immediately available. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974587-9e8>

*** First wreckage from U.S. plane found off Namibia

Rescuers looking for survivors and clues to a suspected mid-air collision off the Namibian coast said Tuesday they found and positively identified the first piece of wreckage from a U.S. military cargo plane. Search coordinator Col. Eddy Brown of the South African Air Force confirmed pieces of an American C-141 were found in

the same area as debris found Monday from a German air force jet, which also disappeared Saturday. All 33 people on board the two planes are feared dead although only one body has been found. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974588-f2e>

Satellite may have seen planes collide, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4977977-de8>

*** Clinton may seek up to \$1.50 cigarette pack rise

President Clinton may call for up to a \$1.50 per pack cigarette price rise if the industry fails to meet targets on reducing teen-age smoking targets over 10 years, the White House said Tuesday. White House spokesman Mike McCurry also said Clinton was expected to present his long-awaited assessment of the \$368.5 billion tobacco settlement Wednesday. McCurry reiterated that Clinton's assessment of the tobacco settlement was likely for the most part to take the form of a statement of general principles. For the second part, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974468-e09>

*** Car repairs far exceed road repair money - study

Motorists spend four times as much money fixing damage to their cars from crumbling roads than states spend on fixing the highways, a study issued Tuesday said. The Surface Transportation Policy Project and the Environmental Working Group analyzed Department of Transportation data and found motorists spend \$4.8 billion annually

on damage caused by bad highways versus \$1.2 billion spent on road repairs. The groups are using the report to argue against a Senate highway funding bill that rolls highway and bridge repair programs into other programs. Story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975971-525>

*** Body of doctor in 'The Fugitive' case to be exhumed

The body of Dr. Sam Sheppard will be exhumed and undergo DNA testing as part of his son's quest to clear his father's name in the murder that inspired "The Fugitive" TV show and movie. Samples from Sheppard's remains will be taken Wednesday. The testing will hopefully close a forensic investigation instigated by Sheppard's son, Sam Reese Sheppard, who has filed a wrongful imprisonment suit against the state of Ohio. Dr. Sheppard was convicted of the 1954 murder of his wife. He spent 10 years in prison before he was acquitted in a second trial in 1966. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976011-19b>

*** Closer scrutiny seen after obesity drug recall

New obesity drugs headed for the market can expect closer scrutiny from the Food and Drug Administration after Monday's recall of two of the most popular drugs. Drug analyst Hemant Shah of HKS & Co. said drugs that are approved "will require lots of warnings so that if physicians take chances prescribing them, those physicians will be held responsible." One of the recalled drugs, fenfluramine, was used

with another drug, phentermine, to make the popular "fen-phen," taken by an estimated one million Americans. The combination has been shown to cause a rare valve defect of the heart. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976169-016>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Gunman in critical condition after U.S. rampage

A gunman accused of killing four people and wounding three others in a shooting rampage at an South Carolina manufacturing plant was in critical condition Tuesday. Arthur Hastings Wise, 43, who allegedly walked into the R.E Phelon Co. plant in Aiken Monday afternoon and opened fire, ingested an unknown substance and was found vomiting in the plant following the shooting spree. Wise drove onto plant property in a red car and fired at a guard at a security checkpoint before entering the plant where he continued shooting, police said. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975778-6e5>

*** Farmer brings fresh meaning to 'pond scum'

A Wisconsin farmer has been charged with attempted murder for allegedly trying to poison his wife by injecting her with bacteria-laden water from a pond or lake. Doctors could not figure out last month why Donna Stauffacher nearly died from repeated bouts

of fever and low blood pressure linked to a massive bacterial infection. A hospital worker spotted Jack Stauffacher, 52, fiddling with his wife's intravenous tubes, and confiscated syringes filled with the bacteria-laden water. For the full story see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4977686-7f8>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Clinton unveils U.S. trade negotiation legislation

President Clinton Tuesday unveiled a long-awaited proposal to obtain special powers to negotiate trade deals. The proposed legislation takes a number of approaches on sensitive labor and environment issues, but only those "directly related" to trade would be part of core trade agreements that would enjoy the so-called "fast track" legislative approval process. Under fast track authority, Congress gives up its right to amend trade agreements and can vote only for or against them. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4978281-dea>

Details of Clinton's "fast track" trade proposal, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4978267-2d7>

*** Witnesses disagree on fund raising at White House

A former Republican aide testified Tuesday that Democratic officials

openly solicited political donations at a White House coffee hosted by President Clinton last year, but two other witnesses did not corroborate his account. In testimony to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, former vice presidential aide Karl Jackson described attending a 1996 White House coffee where, he said, participants were asked to financially support the Clinton re-election campaign. But two other attendees later disputed Jackson's account. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4978052-752>

House campaign finance hearings postponed, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4978074-3ac> and

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4978258-d03>

*** Shelton confirmed to head U.S. armed forces

Army Gen. Henry Shelton was confirmed Tuesday as the new chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Shelton is a special forces "snake eater" who relishes time with his troops in the field. The tall, square-jawed Army Ranger heads the Pentagon's Special Operations Command based in Tampa, Fla., and is known by his 47,000 elite Army, Navy and Air Force troops as a quiet but very demanding leader. The Senate confirmed the 34-year military veteran in a voice vote to succeed Army Gen. John Shalikashvili on Oct. 1. For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4977557-e0a>

*** Conservatives salute Helms for blocking Weld

A leading conservative organization gave Senate Foreign Relations chairman Jesse Helms a public pat on the back Tuesday for stopping William Weld's nomination to be U.S. ambassador to Mexico. "Thank you, Jesse Helms, for your leadership," said a full-page advertisement in Tuesday's Washington Times paid for by the American Conservative Union. The ad was signed by prominent conservatives including Richard Allen, President Ronald Reagan's first national security adviser, and Robert Bork, an unsuccessful nominee for the Supreme Court. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975709-6bf>

*** Lawmakers set to probe telecom law shortcomings

Eighteen months after passage of a landmark communications law, lawmakers are set to probe why the act is not generating the fierce competition in the telephone business that politicians had promised. But Congress appears reluctant at this point to revisit the complex legislation and make major changes. A Senate panel Wednesday will hear from top phone and antitrust regulators and industry executives about the lack of new competitors in the \$100 billion local phone business. They also will look at why cable-television rates have been rising. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975867-769>

*** Clinton helps CIA celebrate 50 years of spying

President Bill Clinton led ceremonies at CIA headquarters on Tuesday

marking the 50th anniversary of a spy agency that is still searching for a central mission following the demise of the Soviet Union. The festivities marked the Sept. 18, 1947, anniversary when President Harry Truman founded the agency with memories still fresh of the 1941 sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Before the ceremony began on the grounds of the headquarters, photographers and television crews were instructed not to take pictures of the audience. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975553-98f>

The Courts

*** Jones' adviser says 'icy chill' on settlement talks

Negotiations aimed at settling Paula Jones' sexual harassment case against President Clinton may not yield much in the way of progress, Susan Carpenter McMillan, an adviser to Jones, said Tuesday. McMillan said Clinton attorney Robert Bennett's remarks Monday had put an "icy chill" on the talks. On Monday Bennett told reporters: "I will give (Jones' attorney William McMillan) the benefit of the doubt and will hear what he has to say. When I see him side by side with Mrs. McMillan and some of the outrageous things she's saying, I'm somewhat skeptical of what will occur." For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975594-a7e>

*** Man accused of art theft can stay in New York hotel - judge

A U.S. magistrate judge said Tuesday that a Japanese man charged with trying to sell \$10 million worth of stolen drawings, including ones by Rembrandt and Durer, can temporarily remain at a New York hotel. Masatsugu Koga, 60, was charged last week with concealing and trying to sell 12 drawings stolen in Germany and Azerbaijan. The complaint alleges that Koga told German officials that he needed to sell the drawings to pay for a kidney transplant. Assistant U.S. Attorney Maxine Pfeffer said Koga's medical situation is "quite serious." Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4977023-48f>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Consumer prices up 0.2 percent last month

Consumer prices edged up a moderate 0.2 percent last month despite the biggest surge in gasoline prices since the Persian Gulf crisis in 1990. Meanwhile, output at the nation's factories rebounded sharply. The Labor Department reported the August increase in its Consumer Price Index matched a 0.2 percent rise in July as the biggest drop in clothing costs eight years helped to offset the higher energy prices. Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve said industrial production shot up 0.7 percent in August as output in manufacturing rose by the biggest amount in 16 months. (USA Today) For the full Reuters report, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976952-e1b>

*** Dow, Nasdaq up sharply

Wall Street held another running of the bulls session Tuesday, with blue chips and broader markets stampeding in step with plunging bond yields. The Dow was up 175 points to 7895 on volume of 642 million shares. Advancers led decliners 21 to 7. The S&P 500 gained 26 points to 945. The Nasdaq was up 34 points to 1669. The 30-year bond gained 2 11/32 to yield 6.40 percent.

*** FedEx delivers strong earnings

United Parcel Service's loss delivered a big earnings gain for Federal Express. FedEx said its first-quarter net income more than doubled from a year ago because of the surge in package volume during United Parcel Service's 15-day strike in August. Net income soared 131 percent to \$143.3 million and revenue jumped 22 percent to \$3.3 billion for the quarter ended Aug. 31. Earnings far exceeded analysts' expectations of 75 cents a share, jumping to \$1.22 a share vs. 54 cents a year ago. (USA Today)

*** Apple Computer names Jobs interim CEO

Apple Computer Inc. Tuesday named co-founder Steve Jobs as temporary chief executive officer, formalizing a job he unofficially has had for two months, until a new CEO can be found. The troubled computer maker said it formalized Jobs' role at its new board's first

regularly scheduled meeting last week, when the board reviewed progress on the CEO search. Until now, Jobs, co-founder of the company, based in Cupertino, Calif., had been serving as an adviser to Apple's board and executive management team. A new chief will be named before 1998. For story,
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976946-657>

*** Kodak issues gloomy forecast

Eastman Kodak said it expects to post lower revenue and earnings in the third quarter. The troubled film giant, which posted disappointing results the prior quarter as well, said it plans to eliminate "money losers" and non-strategic units to reduce costs. Kodak said if the dollar stays at current levels, it will hurt full-year revenue by more than \$550 million and earnings by 45 cents a share. (USA Today)

World Front Page Stories

*** Police station bomb jolts N. Ireland talks

A bomb timed to disrupt Northern Ireland peace talks damaged a police station Tuesday and prompted pro-British unionists to demand that Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army, be expelled from negotiations. Two people were treated for shock and the

Markethill police station, in the south of the province, was badly damaged when a bomb exploded after a warning. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, on the second day of British-Irish Republic talks, but the IRA quickly denied any involvement. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976096-a48>

*** Anti-landmine conference agrees 24-hour delay

The United States called a 24-hour delay at a conference seeking to outlaw landmines Tuesday in a last-ditch bid to persuade more than 100 countries to accept a compromise it has proposed for a treaty on a global ban. The United States is seeking several opt-outs to the treaty, including one which would allow it to continue using landmines on the Korean peninsula for nine more years. U.S. delegates asked for the delay at a plenary session of the Oslo conference, at which a draft treaty was expected to be endorsed. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975007-bc8>

*** Diana bodyguard able to communicate

The bodyguard who survived the car crash that killed Princess Diana can now talk, officials said Tuesday, raising hopes he can provide vital clues on the driver's drunkenness and the pursuing paparazzis' conduct. Trevor Rees-Jones' testimony could also reveal a string of other crucial details -- who took the decision to drive so fast,

whether anyone told driver Henri Paul to slow down, even perhaps details of Diana's last conversations. Rees-Jones had until now been too weak to be questioned in the probe into the causes of the Paris crash which killed Diana, companion Dodi Al Fayed and driver Paul.

See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975933-362>

Photographers take offensive on Diana crash, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974048-361>

*** Swiss papers blast Jewish groups on Holocaust aid

Swiss newspapers blasted world Jewish groups Tuesday for delaying the launch of humanitarian aid payments by Switzerland's new Holocaust memorial fund. The fund's board of directors was unable to decide Monday on starting payments because Jewish groups had failed to provide proposals for distributing the cash or even to attend the meeting. "Switzerland has repeatedly been accused of not moving fast enough on this aid," Zurich's Tages-Anzeiger wrote. "For the first time, this accusation now falls back on those who have raised it the loudest," the paper commented. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4971594-ce8>

Guard who saved Nazi records demands Swiss apology,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974316-651>

*** Cosmonaut recounts fire, collision aboard Mir

As the crew on Russia's Mir space station solved yet another problem

Tuesday, a former crew member revealed that the trouble-plagued craft was just minutes away from being abandoned after a collision in June.

In an interview, Alexander Lazutkin, a flight engineer, also disclosed that he was to blame for inadvertently unplugging the power supply in July and for starting a fire in February, soon after he arrived. Lazutkin's account was published as Mir's crew turned the aging craft back to face the sun after a weekend computer failure.

See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976674-a2f>

The World Political Scene

*** U.N. Assembly opens with spotlight on reform

The 185-member U.N. General Assembly opened its 52nd annual session Tuesday with reform of the world body a major preoccupation.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who began a 5-year-term in January, has drawn up a host of proposals designed to make the organization leaner, more efficient and more responsive to the challenges of the 21st century. For the second part of the story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4977827-718>

*** Poland joins NATO accession talks

Poland became the second former Soviet-bloc country Tuesday to open

talks on NATO membership, in an exercise aimed at extending the Western defense alliance beyond the former Iron Curtain in 1999. Less than a week after Hungary opened its talks, Poland joined NATO talks at a two-hour meeting aimed at assessing how Warsaw can meet its political commitments. The Czech Republic, the third country singled out to join NATO, starts its talks Sept. 23. Accession protocols should be forwarded for ministerial approval before the year end. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4977011-811>

*** U.N. council members satisfied over Bosnia elections

Security Council members expressed satisfaction Tuesday that municipal elections in Bosnia last weekend appeared to have been held without major incident and stressed the need to ensure that the results were quickly implemented. Council President Bill Richardson of the United States said members "noted with satisfaction that preliminary information indicates the elections were held without major incident, in a calm and peaceful way and with a high percentage of participation from all ethnic groups." For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976784-564>

*** India, Pakistan to press on with dialogue

Arch-foes India and Pakistan, who have fought three wars, started a new round of peace talks Tuesday, promising to push ahead with the tenuous dialogue in a "purposeful manner." Diplomats from the two rivals sat down for three hours of talks in the Indian capital but

gave no details. Both countries said at the start of talks they would like to activate formal mechanisms to tackle a range of issues that divide them, including the territorial dispute over the Himalayan region of Kashmir. The peace talks are spread over three days. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975467-762>

*** World labor group urges IMF to resist relief cuts

An international labor movement urged the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Tuesday to resist pressure from the industrialized countries to trim debt relief to the world's poorest nations. The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) told a World Bank/IMF meeting that some of the world's richest countries were shirking their responsibility toward the poor. The ICFTU said restricting the number of countries receiving relief -- a push by Germany and Italy -- would cut down the amount of assistance from the rich. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4970139-ade>

World Business and Financial News

*** Asian-Pacific markets decline on economic fears, bearishness

Asian-Pacific stocks in most markets fell Tuesday, hit by bearishness and domestic economic jitters. In Hong Kong, the key index lost more

than 1 percent, driven by sharp declines in the futures market and uncertainty ahead of the release of inflation figures Tuesday in the U.S. Tokyo stocks closed mixed, as a late round of futures-led buying lifted the Nikkei average. Shares on Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange tumbled, with the benchmark index dropping 2 percent. In Jakarta, news of government cutbacks in spending and infrastructure projects failed to lift the market. Bearishness and news of riots were blamed for the drop. (WSJ)

*** European shares gain on U.S. inflation data

Share prices advanced across Europe Tuesday, as investors cheered Wall Street's reaction to a tame U.S. consumer price report. Share prices rose in Britain, Belgium, Amsterdam, Sweden and Switzerland after U.S. inflation data buoyed global equity markets. The U.S. consumer price index for August rose 0.2 percent, slightly lower than expectations of a 0.3 percent increase. The data eased fears that inflation is on the rise in the U.S., which would prompt the Federal Reserve to raise U.S. interest rates. Spanish shares rose on blue chips and French shares advanced, led by gains for banking and sporting-goods shares. Meanwhile, the Italian market stalled as late-session selling deflated a rally that had been sustained for most of the session by optimism regarding the single European currency. (WSJ)

*** Airbus gets \$1.4 billion order

America West says it is buying 34 narrow-body planes worth \$1.4 billion from Europe's Airbus Industrie. Airbus will begin delivery of the A319 and A320 models next year. The deal also gives America West an option to order 12 more aircraft. America West also has options to buy 40 more of the A320s between 2001 and 2005. Phoenix-based America West is the nation's ninth largest airline. (USA Today)

*** Adidas to buy France's Salomon

Adidas AG is buying French ski maker Salomon SA in a \$1.5 billion deal that will create Europe's largest manufacturer of sportswear and equipment. Adidas has signed a deal, valued at about 8 million French francs (\$1.53 billion), to take over Salomon with Sport Development, the main shareholder. When that deal is approved, Adidas will make other Salomon shareholders a cash offer. The two companies will have combined annual sales of 6.2 billion marks, or about \$3.5 billion.

(USA Today)

*** Germany renews push for euro

The German government is telling citizens wary about the planned European common currency to worry less about the details and look at the improved public finances in Germany's neighbors instead. An aide to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl says it's important to note that financial markets are confident the euro currency will debut as scheduled in 1999 and that EU governments continue to stabilize their currencies and control their deficits. Germany is one of the nations

struggling to meet the criteria for joining the euro. (USA Today)

Sports

*** Cardinals reportedly to re-sign McGwire

The St. Louis Cardinals reportedly will announce Tuesday they have re-signed one of the premier sluggers in baseball, first baseman Mark McGwire, according to the Fabulous Sports Babe radio show. CNN/SI is reporting that the deal will pay McGwire, who this year became the only other player than Babe Ruth to have consecutive 50-homer seasons, from \$10 to 11 million in the first year. McGwire, one of the most prolific sluggers of all time, was acquired from the Oakland Athletics at the trade deadline for three pitchers. He has provided 17 homers and 30 RBI in 38 games since the trade, batting .248. McGwire, a nine-time All-Star, helped the Athletics to four Western Division championships, three American League pennants and the 1989 World Series title. He left Oakland as the all-time franchise leader in home runs with 363, and his home run ratio is second only to Ruth's.

*** Realignment to be prime topic at baseball owner's meetings

Baseball owners begin three days of meetings in Atlanta Tuesday with acting commissioner Bud Selig poised to make his best sales pitch to

dramatically alter the game. Selig, who purchased the Milwaukee Brewers with some of the profits from a car dealership, will face a tough sell in persuading his colleagues to approve radical realignment. The scenario would overhaul the makeup of the American and National leagues and make the current setup almost unrecognizable. Support for radical realignment appears to be losing steam and the Realignment Committee was unable to come up with a specific proposal at a meeting earlier this month.

*** Schilling needs 4 strikeouts to reach 300 plateau

Philadelphia Phillies right-hander Curt Schilling can become the first pitcher in four years and the 14th in major-league history to reach the 300-strikeout plateau when he takes the mound Tuesday against the New York Mets. Schilling (15-10) enters the game with a league-leading 296 strikeouts, including 17 double-digit strikeout performances this season. With four Tuesday, he will become the first pitcher since Seattle's Randy Johnson in 1993 and the first right-hander since Texas' Nolan Ryan in 1989 to accomplish the feat. Houston's Mike Scott was the last National League hurler to strike out 300, in 1986, while Steve Carlton is the only other Phillie to do it, whiffing a team-record 310 batters in 1972.

*** ABL MVP McCray defects to WNBA

In the war between rival women's basketball leagues, the WNBA got a huge boost Tuesday when it signed ABL Most Valuable Player Nikki

McCray to a multi-year contract. Financial terms were not disclosed.

The 24-year-old McCray, a 5-foot-11 guard, has not yet been assigned to a WNBA team. For the ABL's Columbus Quest last season, McCray averaged 19.9 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game, leading to the team to the championship. McCray averaged 9.4 points and 3.5 rebounds, shooting 65 percent from the field in the 1996 Olympics for the gold-medal United States team in Atlanta. In four years at Tennessee, McCray's teams went 122-11, winning the Southeastern Conference championship each time and making an appearance in the 1995 NCAA Championship game.

Science and Medicine

*** U.S. study finds AIDS spreading among women

There was a 63 percent increase in the number of women diagnosed with AIDS in the United States from 1991 to 1995, according to a report published Tuesday. By the end of 1995, 67,400 women had been diagnosed with the disease, almost 20 percent of the total AIDS cases in the United States, the report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. The greatest increases were among women who acquired the disease through heterosexual contact, added the study, published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

For the story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4973777-5bc>

*** Schizophrenia drug user-friendly, helps dementia

A new generation of schizophrenia drugs could revolutionize treatment of the disease, alleviating side effects and helping to control aggressive behavior resulting from dementia, experts say. Belgium's Janssen Pharmaceutica said over four million patients had been treated with its drug Risperdal (risperidone). Researchers have found that Risperdal's effectiveness meant it has overtaken haloperidol as the new benchmark antipsychotic. Compared with haloperidol, Risperdal appeared to improve a broader range of symptoms. For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974010-112>

*** U.S. doctors are overprescribing antibiotics - study

Doctors routinely prescribe antibiotics for people with colds even though the drugs do no good and may increase the risk that future bacterial infections become resistant to the drugs, researchers said Tuesday. Most colds, upper respiratory tract infections and cases of bronchitis are caused by viruses and taking antibiotics provides "little or no benefit," researcher Ralph Gonzales wrote. In 1992, patients with these ailments who went to the doctor accounted for 12 million drug prescriptions, or about one in five of prescriptions. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4973890-7d7>

*** Drug recall leaves hungry hole for diet help

Monday's recall of two top diet drugs will leave a market hungry for weight-loss products -- and few new substitutes to fill the gap. The unpopular message left in the wake of the recall is that even the very obese should return to good old-fashioned dieting and exercise to lose weight. The Food and Drug Administration asked manufacturers to pull fenfluramine, sold as Pondimin, and dexfenfluramine, marketed as Redux in the United States and Adifax in Europe, off the shelves because of fears they could cause heart damage. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4976422-1b0>

New diet craze based on crushed crab shells, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974259-967>

*** Adopted children from E. Europe suffer problems

Children adopted from the former Soviet Union and other eastern European countries often have developmental problems, most likely because of extended stays in orphanages, researchers said Tuesday. However, the birth countries' diagnoses of neurological damage that accompanied the children generally turned out to be wrong, a study of medical records by researchers found. Many of the children studied lagged behind others in their age group, with 82 percent were behind in developing fine motor skills. For the full text story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974315-2b7>

*** WebTV Networks introduces next-generation system

WebTV Networks Inc. Tuesday announced its second-generation system: the WebTV Plus Receiver and WebTV Plus Network service. The new WebTV Plus System gives viewers a greater level of interaction with their televisions, providing a better way to choose which shows to watch and a new way to enjoy more entertainment, information and services that relate to those shows. The WebTV Plus System features a tuner that allows viewers to quickly tune to cable and broadcast channels, and brings picture-in-picture capability so audiences can view TV and Web programming at the same time. (PR Newswire) For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4972822-f47>

*** Compuware announces multi-platform debugging

Compuware Corporation Tuesday announced the availability of XPEDITER/SQL for Oracle, a new development and debugging product for stored procedures including packages, triggers and functions. XPEDITER/SQL is the only suite of products available to programmers to quickly create and test distributed client/server and Web-based applications running on the Oracle universal data server, Sybase or Microsoft SQL Server databases. XPEDITER/SQL for Oracle uniquely enables application programmers to test at a unit, integration and system level from one workbench. (PR Newswire) For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4972275-c23>

*** Microsoft delays Windows 98

Microsoft has postponed the launch of Windows 98 from February to the second-quarter of 1998. The delay is necessary to assure Windows 3.1 users a full upgrade path to the new operating system, said Shannon Perdue, a product manager in the Windows marketing group. Microsoft had planned to release two versions of Windows 98 -- the first, an upgrade for Windows 95 systems, was scheduled to be released in February; the second, an upgrade for Windows 3.1 systems, was scheduled for release several months later. (TechWeb)

*** Online bridal registry: Register, shop and ship online

Internet Gift Registries Inc. a company specializing in facilitating online gift registry and purchase, Tuesday announced the first comprehensive online wedding registry with online shopping capabilities -- wedreg.com. "There are many companies talking about gift registries on the Internet, but no one else has learned to walk the walk," said Internet Gift Registries founder Stephen Cunningham. "wedreg.com allows engaged couples to create and update their registries online, and allows visitors to actually purchase the registry items and have them shipped ..." (PR Newswire) Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4971571-a43>

*** Fraudbusters seek fresh angles as cybercrime grows

Crimebusters must devise more ingenious ways of combating fraud and will need new international policing powers to stem a rising tide of high-tech economic crime, experts say. Delegates at an economic crime conference in Cambridge, England, this week complained they lacked the tools and power to take the fight to the organized criminals whose only barrier was the speed of their modems. Culprits were hard to pin down, said Rosalind Wright, head of Britain's Serious Fraud Office. It was harder still to "swat the fly-by-nights," she said.

See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974072-ff5>

Human Interest

*** Maine takes aim at anti-dueling laws

Maine lawmakers are wondering if the time has come to do away with the \$100 fine for ridiculing someone who refuses to fight a duel. It is not that they want people to settle disputes of honor with guns, they just think it is among a series of statutes now unneeded because of changing social mores and technology. "We just have not had a lot of those (duels) lately ...," said Rep. Charles LaVerdiere, one of a group of lawmakers who have been scouring the books for obsolete laws. Maine adopted its first anti-dueling laws in 1820. For the full text story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4975482-040>

*** Lights, camera but no action, says Malaysian state

Malaysia's fundamentalist Muslim state Kelantan said Tuesday it will leave the lights on in cinema halls during movies to prevent patrons from cuddling and kissing. "We have directed lights to be switched on in cinemas during shows to prevent immoral acts like kissing, cuddling and other activities," Kelantan Chief Minister Nik Aziz Nik Mat said. Kelantan, the only one of Malaysia's 13 states ruled by Nik Aziz's fundamentalist Parti Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS), has also issued various rules against public intimacy in the state. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4974493-31a>

*** BBC takes the cough out of concerts

BBC Radio, eager to take the cough out of concerts, is offering free cough lozenges in rustle-proof wrappers to audiences attending live performances. The move was applauded by pianist Allan Schiller who said, "There is nothing worse than getting to a quiet moment and (hearing) people coughing or sucking sweet papers." The British Broadcasting Corp.'s Radio Three classical music station is giving out the powerful menthol and eucalyptus lozenges in specially waxed paper wrappers. "Venues feel they are genuinely helpful to their patrons. They will also make life much easier for the audience," one man said.

*** Frenchman jailed after failed suicide kills five

A suicidal Frenchman went to jail Tuesday for killing five people in an explosion which he alone survived. Jean-Marc Giordano, 32, was not in the court in the southern town of Avignon to hear the sentence of three years, two of them suspended, a court official said. Giordano blew up his apartment building when he tried to gas himself in May 1996, killing five neighbors. "He was the only one who wanted to go," the official said.

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>Just to keep you all up to date on the President's efforts on your behalf.

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>The White House At Work

>Tuesday, September 16, 1997

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>PRESIDENT CLINTON SUBMITS LEGISLATION TO RENEW TRADITIONAL TRADE
AUTHORITY AND

>EXTEND AMERICA'S PROSPERITY INTO THE NEXT CENTURY

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> "Today, I take the next step in our strategy to extend America's
prosperity

>into the next century. I have submitted legislation to the Congress
that will

>renew the traditional authority, granted to presidents of both parties
since

>1974, to negotiate new trade agreements that open foreign markets to
goods and

>services made by American workers." 8

>--President Clinton, Statement on fast track, 9/16/97

>

> President Clinton submitted legislation to Congress today that restores the

>President's traditional authority to negotiate trade agreements and break down

>barriers to American exports. This negotiating authority legislation will help

>keep our economy on the right track and create good American jobs, while

>honoring our commitment to our workers and environment.

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> 'Open Trade is Critical to America's Continued Prosperity. The American

>economy is on the move again. The President's three-part economic strategy

>--cutting the deficit to spur private sector investment, investing in critical

>priorities like education and training, and opening markets abroad --is a

>proven success. Since President Clinton took office, the American economy has

>generated nearly 13 million new jobs, unemployment is below 5%, wages are up,

>and the deficit has been cut by more than 85%. America is in the midst of a

>longer period of sustained growth than any other major economy in the world;

>one-third of our growth depends on overseas trade.

>

> ! ' American Exports Create Millions of High-Paying Jobs. Our aggressive

>export strategy has paid off for American companies and workers.

America is

>once again the world !,s largest exporter, the largest producer of

>semiconductors, and the largest producer of automobiles. Exports support over

>11.5 million jobs in the United States, including one in five manufacturing

>jobs. Over the last four years alone, exports have created 1.7 million new

>jobs --jobs that typically pay 15 percent more than non-export-related jobs.

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> ! ' We Must Continue To Break Down Foreign Trade Barriers. To keep our economy

>on the right track, we need to give the President the power that every

>President since Ford has had to break down unfair foreign barriers to American

>exports. This legislation restores the President !,s power to negotiate

>agreements that will help American businesses compete and win.

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> ! ' Legislation Honors President Clinton !,s Commitment to America !,s Workers and

>Our Environment. As we expand trade, the President is committed to

pursuing

>three objectives: (1) to break down unfair foreign trade barriers and
create

>good American jobs; (2) to promote and advance worker rights; and (3)
to

>promote responsible environmental protections. That is why this
President

>Clinton is the first president ever to make labor and the environment
part of

>America's trade agenda. And that is why this legislation includes a
specific

>negotiating instruction to improve labor rights and environmental
protection

>abroad --the first-ever reference to the environment in fast track

>legislation. Granting the President this fast track authority will
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>playing field for America's workers and affirm our commitment to
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>the environment.

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Beverly,

As promised, I've sent along the list of questions I've come up with. Hope they help. Thanks again for all you've done. Cheers, TG

- Why was a balanced budget so important to you? What will a balanced budget mean to N.C. business people? What else would you like to be remembered for?
- Why is fast-track authority in trade matters important for the president?
- How have your biz skills and outlook changed the way the White House operates?
- When did you and the President have your discussion in the car abt fetal tissue research? Where were you headed?
- Some profiles have called you conservative, others moderate. How would you characterize your views? How have you managed to make allies of both Sen. Jesse Helms and former Sen. Terry Sanford?
- How did your experience of managing you father's gubernatorial campaign shape your opinions of politics and his tenure at the White House?
- Several folks have told me you and your dad were real close and I've noticed you quote him frequently. Describe him for me. What did you admire

abt him? Has it been difficult to live up to his legacy?

- I know you Crandall Close met at Morgan Stanley. But how exactly did you meet?

And what's it like to be consummate two career couple? How often have you gotten to see each other since you've been in DC?

- What was it like to have your son, Bill, in DC with you this summer?

- You've said: "I'm a creature of the private sector, it's my natural habitat." Why do you prefer private sector to public life?

- How did the President finally convince you to return to DC. I've read you turned the job down several times. What finally made up your mind?

- If you had to pick a highlight of your tenure what would it be? What would be the low point?

- What was it like to testify before the Whitewater grand jury?

- How did the role of running the Okla. City crisis management team come to you? What was that like?

- Wash Post reported that you commisioned time-management study of prez's day and found that he spent 22% of time in meetings. You slashed that to 10%, and increased thinking time to 35%. That's when you were deputy chief, right? What's thinking time? How'd you go about making the changes?

- I read you used to run marathons. Which ones? Why'd you stop running?

Your sister, Holly, told me you've lately had back troubles and sometimes experience pretty acute pain. True? What's your handicap as a golfer? Where do you play in Charlotte?

- NYT said you carry a list of goals on a card in your pocket. really?

- What are your plans for the future? When will you return to North Carolina?

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U.S. Front Page Stories

*** Court overseer removes self from decision on Carey

Court-appointed officer Barbara Zack Quindel, who nullified Teamsters union President Ron Carey's 1996 re-election last month, told U.S. District Court Judge David Edelstein she could not complete her investigation into whether Carey should be barred from seeking another term of office. She cited newly discovered allegations that she said create the appearance of a conflict of interest. While interviewing a former Carey campaign aide, Quindel said she learned an unnamed labor figure, who allegedly donated \$20,000 to Carey's campaign, had a professional association with a member of her investigative staff. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5095632-301>

*** NASA awaits two reviews of Mir safety

NASA said Tuesday it was awaiting two independent reports on the safety of Russia's Mir station as the countdown clocks ticked toward the launch of shuttle Atlantis carrying a new U.S. crew member for the troubled orbiting outpost. Atlantis was scheduled to blast off from the Kennedy Space Center Thursday to collect NASA astronaut Mike Foale from Mir and drop off his replacement, David Wolf, for a four-month tour of duty. The space agency has insisted Mir is safe for U.S. astronauts, despite Congressional criticism and internal reports. Full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5092038-597>

*** Director Steven Spielberg injured in car accident

Director Steven Spielberg was injured in a car accident Tuesday night on his way to the Los Angeles premier of "The Peacemaker," the first feature film produced by his Dreamworks SKG. Spielberg was being driven to a Hollywood theater for the premier with his wife, Kate Capshaw, when the Lincoln in which they were riding collided with a Toyota. A photographer who took pictures of the collision said the Lincoln had mounted the sidewalk and had come to a stop against a lamp pole. Spielberg, who missed the premier, later went to the hospital where he was treated for an injured shoulder and released.

For story

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Crime and Catastrophe

*** Deli coleslaw blamed for Michigan hepatitis cases

Coleslaw from a suburban deli caused a hepatitis outbreak in Michigan that killed a 67-year-old man and made 42 other people ill, officials said Tuesday. It was unclear how the hepatitis A virus got into the coleslaw at the Stage and Co. Deli in West Bloomfield Township, Mich., but health investigators said there was no threat of new infections. The 43 confirmed cases of the disease stemmed from

exposure to the virus in August. The virus attacks the liver and is typically passed from person to person through food handled by unwashed hands. For the story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5093380-e31>

***** Missouri executes Vietnam vet for 1981 cop killing**

A Vietnam veteran who gunned down an off-duty police officer while the victim's young daughter watched was put to death by lethal injection Wednesday at a Missouri state prison, a prison spokesman said. Sam McDonald, 48, was pronounced dead at the Potosi Correctional Center. His was the fifth execution in Missouri this year. Eleven-year-old Rochelle Jordan watched through a storefront window as her father, Robert, an off-duty St. Louis police officer, was forced to his knees by McDonald after a 1981 robbery, shot twice and killed. McDonald claimed he suffered post-traumatic stress disorder. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5098888-907>

***** Marine AWOL since Vietnam War admits he deserted**

A 48-year-old grandfather who fled the U.S. Marine Corps for Canada during the Vietnam War pleaded guilty to desertion Tuesday at a court-martial. Randy Caudill was given a bad conduct discharge by the judge, Lt.-Col. John Blanche, after the hearing, which lasted less than two hours. A spokesman at Camp Pendleton said the sentence must be reviewed by base commander Col. C.W. Reinke, who had the option of

granting Caudill clemency. After the review, Caudill could be allowed to return home to Winnipeg, Manitoba, as early as Friday. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5096169-cac>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Albright, Qian say U.S.-China summit plans go well

China and the U.S., in a sign of improving ties, discussed a modern hot line between their presidents Tuesday as part of planning for an Oct. 28 summit that both sides said was going well. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, who met Tuesday in New York, were upbeat about prospects for success at the Washington summit, considered one of the most important U.S.-Chinese leadership meetings in years. The two sides have made progress on most agenda items, Albright said. But she pressed for more progress on human rights and nuclear non-proliferation. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5097287-3db>

*** Effort under way to repeal congressional pay raise

Angered that House leaders quietly allowed a congressional pay raise to go through last week, Republican and Democratic lawmakers said Tuesday they would demand a vote on another measure blocking it. Rep. Linda Smith said she would offer an amendment forcing representatives

to forgo the \$3,100-a-year raise. Smith intends to offer the repeal as an amendment to a spending bill the House will vote on this week.

"The last time Congress gave itself a raise it was in the middle of the night. This time they didn't even allow a vote. These are the kind of backdoor ploys that Americans deplore," Smith said. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094560-940>

*** Senate may finally approve FDA reform this week

The Senate set the stage Tuesday for a bipartisan victory for Food and Drug Administration reform advocates, passing a test vote on the package 98-2. A final vote is set for Wednesday. The Senate used a procedural move to block, by a 65-35 vote, an amendment that would have regulated certain medical devices more stringently. That appears to be the last item on the agenda of Democrats, led by Sen. Edward Kennedy, who have delayed a vote for weeks while winning concessions on drugs and cosmetics. The FDA reform bill is a less drastic overhaul than one contemplated by the last Congress. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094334-caf>

The Courts

*** Cigarette makers ask judge to quit secondhand-smoke trial

Tobacco lawyers demanded Tuesday that the trial judge in a \$5 billion secondhand-smoke case step down after they lost a fight to tell jurors about a study sponsored by a leading tobacco company. Lawyers argued for more than an hour over admitting the secondhand-smoke study, which plaintiffs said was tainted by RJ Reynolds Tobacco's role in the research. Reynolds conducted chemical analyses for the study and had close ties to the company which found the study volunteers. "It reminds you of the fox in the henhouse in a situation like this," said Judge Robert Kaye of Dade County Circuit Court. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094987-597>

*** State sues Twentieth Century Fox in Gravano case

New York State filed a lawsuit Tuesday against Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp. for an alleged scheme to help murderer Sammy "The Bull" Gravano sidestep a law denying him profits from telling his life story. The state is suing the film company and International Creative Management, a Manhattan-based talent and literary agency, for participating in a scheme to circumvent the state's "Son of Sam" law that allows the state Crime Victims Board to seize profits from crimes and potentially pass them to crime victims. Gravano is the subject of Peter Maas' best-selling book "Underboss" about his life of crime. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5096773-1d6>

*** Young arson killer sentenced to 12 years in U.S.

A 12-year-old boy was sentenced Tuesday to spend the next 12 years in state custody for starting a fire in an apartment building that killed eight people. Ray DeFord, who was 11 years old at the time of the blaze last year, had earlier been found guilty of eight counts of murder. Judge Timothy Alexander ordered DeFord to be committed to the Oregon Youth Authority until he is 25 years old. That was the maximum allowed by law for the boy, who psychiatrists say is brain-damaged with a mental age of seven. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5092661-8ff>

*** Hearing slated on New York Democratic runoff fight

A judge gave activist minister Rev. Al Sharpton and his attorneys more time Tuesday to review paper ballots in his effort to force a runoff for the city's Democratic mayoral nomination. Sharpton has been waging a battle in court since the Board of Elections issued a final count showing he lost and Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger won the Sept. 9 Democratic primary. The Democratic nominee faces incumbent Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the November general election. A full-scale hearing in Sharpton's case was scheduled for Wednesday. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094727-889>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Dow ends lower, 3Q worries unsettle blue chips

U.S. blue chips sputtered on Tuesday as anxiety mounted that third-quarter profits for big U.S. corporations may fail to meet Wall Street expectations. A late rally spurred technology and small stock indices to new record peaks, after they had floundered in negative territory for most of the session. But blue chips could not overcome earnings worries and weakness in bonds. The Dow fell 27 points to close at 7970. The Nasdaq, heavily weighted with technology stocks, jumped eight to 1697, its fourth consecutive record close. The S&P 500 fell 3.5 to 952. Declining stocks outpaced gaining stocks on the NYSE 15 to 13 on moderate volume of about 522 million shares. The benchmark 30-year U.S. Treasury bond was off 13/32 to yield 6.39 percent. The dollar inched up to 1.7938 marks and 122.05 yen. Full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5092957-e98>

*** Clinton talks free trade to skeptical U.S. unions

President Clinton steps into the lion's den Wednesday when he takes his free-trade case to a hostile audience: the AFL-CIO labor union. Speaking at its convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., Clinton is expected to couch his argument that he needs special power to negotiate trade deals, so-called "fast-track" authority, within a broad defense of his economic policy. And where he is unable to persuade, he is likely to plead that a disagreement among allies should not sour a friendship that has helped bring Clinton two terms in the White House

and, he hopes, will send Vice President Al Gore there in 2000. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5097924-1fb>

World Front Page Stories

*** Slain nurse's brother keeps options open

The brother of an Australian nurse murdered in Saudi Arabia kept people guessing Wednesday on whether he would demand the death penalty for a British woman convicted of the crime. Lawyers for British nurse Deborah Parry said Tuesday she had been convicted of the murder in Dhahran last December of Australian Yvonne Gilford. Another British nurse, Lucille McLauchlan, was said to have been sentenced to eight years in jail and 500 lashes for her alleged role in the killing. A Saudi lawyer said Tuesday brother Frank Gilford had agreed Parry's life be spared. But Gilford's lawyer denied Wednesday a decision had been reached. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5098298-d81>

*** Two suspected ETA guerrillas die in Spain shootout

Two suspected members of the Basque separatist guerrilla group ETA were killed and a Civil Guard soldier was wounded in a shootout early Wednesday, Spanish officials said. The gun battle erupted outside an apartment building in the Basque city of Bilbao when Civil Guard

soldiers dressed in civilian clothes confronted three men they had been trailing. Finding themselves surrounded, the suspects pulled out guns and opened fire. Two died in the shootout and the third suspect was wounded but managed to escape. One Civil Guard soldier suffered a slight gunshot wound to the hand. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5097332-905>

*** Mir crew fix failed air filters, await NASA word

The Mir space station's crew repaired an air filter system Wednesday that broke down earlier this week and a space official said it was "completely safe" for the U.S. to send a new astronaut as planned. Yet NASA kept up the suspense by delaying a decision on whether it would send astronaut David Wolf into orbit at the end of the week to replace British-born physicist Michael Foale. Yury Skursky, deputy head of the analysis group at Mission Control outside Moscow, said the Mir crew continued to make repairs Wednesday, and succeeded in fixing the air filter which removes carbon dioxide from the spacecraft. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5099459-d8e>

The World Political Scene

*** Portugal, Indonesia clash at U.N. over East Timor

Indonesia and Portugal clashed in the General Assembly Tuesday over East Timor after Portuguese Foreign Minister Jaime Gama criticized Indonesian rule in the territory. In a speech, Gama said increasing international attention on East Timor "has not resulted in improvement of the situation in the territory." He spoke of the "systematic violation of the most basic human rights" and said the population "continues to be denied the right to express and affirm their identity," despite the annual deliberations of the U.N. Human Rights Commission. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094505-e79>

*** Ball is in N. Korea's court on peace talks

The U.S. and South Korea agreed Tuesday "the ball is in North Korea's court" to restart aborted preparatory talks on four-party Korean peninsula peace negotiations, a senior U.S. official said. "They are waiting for a signal of seriousness from the North Koreans that we have not seen. And absent that, there's not a lot we can do to get this thing going again," an official said. There was speculation that Pyongyang was stalling on the peace talks until it saw who took power in South Korean elections in December, he added. He also said Seoul was beginning to realize how serious the famine is in North Korea.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5099038-ca9>

*** Israeli sees no peace move without halt to terror

A senior Israeli official met U.S. envoy Dennis Ross Tuesday to discuss reviving the stalled Middle East peace process, but said progress was difficult unless the Palestinians cracked down on "terrorism." Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh said he presented Ross with findings, also published in Israel, that four of five suicide bombers who killed 20 Israelis in two Jerusalem attacks were West Bank Palestinians from the Islamic militant group Hamas. The meeting was planned as a prelude to talks in New York next Monday. For the full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5092365-284>

World Business and Financial News

*** Caribbean warns of likely banana industry collapse

Caribbean countries warned Wednesday plans to change international trade rules for banana exports could lead to the collapse of the industry with serious implications for the region's economies. "The implementation of the WTO ruling will lead to the collapse of the banana industry with resulting disastrous economic and social consequences for the region, particularly the Windward Island," an official said. The World Trade Organization has said the European Union's banana import regime, which essentially subsidizes exports of the fruit, went against its rules. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5098438-0e5>

*** Developing world gets its say at bankers' meet

Ministers from the developing world lined up Wednesday to convey a host of concerns about the world economy, including what they said was declining aid and a danger of rich countries setting the pace of reform. For some it was a rare chance to speak up. Several officials expressed frustration at the collateral damage wrought by Asia's recent currency crisis, which dented regional currencies and is likely to lower growth rates in what has been the world's fastest-growing region. The World Bank sought to calm fears of a long term impact and ministers painted a generally positive view of the world economy. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5098316-df5>

Sports

*** Mariners, Indians, Marlins clinch postseason berths

Three more baseball clubs entered the postseason Tuesday as the Seattle Mariners and Cleveland Indians clinched their respective American League divisions, while the Florida Marlins earned the National League wild card. The trio joins the Braves, Orioles and Yankees as qualifiers for postseason play. The Mariners won their second AL West title in three years with a 4-3 triumph over their

closest pursuers, the Anaheim Angels. The Indians entered their half of the sixth inning down 9-2, but the Tribe came back to beat the Yankees, 10-9, and clinch the AL Central. Florida finally claimed the wild-card berth with a 6-3 victory over the Montreal Expos.

*** NHL's top pick out with fractured wrist

Boston Bruins center Joe Thornton, the No. 1 pick in this year's NHL entry draft, suffered a fractured bone above his left wrist in Tuesday night's 2-1 exhibition victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins at Worcester, Mass., and will miss six to eight weeks. Thornton, who signed a reported three-year, \$9 million contract, was slashed above the left wrist by Pittsburgh's Stu Barnes in the final minute of the opening period. He was taken for X-rays, which revealed a chip of the radial bone. No penalty was called on the play. Thornton, who turned 18 on July 2, was the first 17-year-old selected first overall since the Buffalo Sabres tabbed Pierre Turgeon in 1987.

*** Grant Hill signs \$80 million deal with Fila

Grant Hill has renewed an endorsement deal with Fila, a sportswear and athletic footwear manufacturer, that will pay the Detroit Pistons star at least \$80 million over seven years. A Fila spokesman confirmed the value of the contract first reported in the Wall Street Journal Tuesday. The newspaper added that the deal is the second-highest sports endorsement contract ever, second only to the more than \$20 million per year that Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan

receives from Nike. Hill, already a sponsor for McDonald's and Coca-Cola's Sprite soft drink, will also have a say in the operations of Fila. Hill, 24, is considered the heir apparent to Jordan as an ambassador for the NBA both on and off the court.

*** Vikings get their kicks and have Ball

After losing two straight games within their division, the Minnesota Vikings signed a pair of one-time NFC Central rivals when Tuesday they inked defensive tackle Jerry Ball and kicker Eddie Murray. In 10 years with Detroit, Cleveland and Oakland, Ball has appeared in 120 games and has 30 1/2 career sacks and nine fumble recoveries. Murray, who spent 11 of his 17 seasons with Detroit, is sixth on the NFL's all-time points list with 1,473. He also has made 228 straight extra-points and has not missed since Dec. 11, 1988. Minnesota also released kicker Greg Davis, who beat out incumbent Scott Sisson in training camp. He missed a 22-yard chip shot in Sunday's 38-32 loss to Green Bay.

*** Jaguars' Jurkovic out for season with broken leg

The Jacksonville Jaguars have a gaping hole to fill along their defensive line after learning Tuesday that defensive tackle John Jurkovic will be out for the year with a broken right leg. The 6-foot-2, 306-yard Jurkovic suffered the injury in the second half of Monday night's 30-21 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was diagnosed with a tibia plateau fracture of the right leg. Jurkovic,

30, had started 17 of 19 games with the Jaguars since being signed from the Green Bay Packers in the 1996 offseason. Jurkovic will miss a game for the first time since being activated in the 1991 season, a span of 88 games.

*** Cardinals GM Jockey agrees to three-year extension

St. Louis Cardinals vice president and general manager Walt Jockey, who was instrumental in acquiring and re-signing slugger Mark McGwire, has agreed to a three-year contract extension through the 2000 season. Jockey came to the Cardinals on Oct. 14, 1994, and helped build a team that made the playoffs for the first time in nine years last season. Jockey has made many key trades in his three seasons with the club, including this year's deal for McGwire, who has 54 home runs on the season, including 20 in just 46 games with St. Louis. Jockey also has engineered deals that have brought Tony La Russa, Andy Benes and Dennis Eckersley to St. Louis. Jockey, 46, has been a baseball executive for the last 23 seasons.

Science and Medicine

*** Cell Genesys says gene therapy virus works

California biotechnology company Cell Genesys Inc. said Tuesday it had genetically engineered a new type of virus that could offer new

hope for gene therapy. The company said it had engineered a lentivirus, a member of the same family of viruses as HIV, so it was not dangerous but could infect cells to deliver therapeutic genes. It said it had removed the five genes in the virus that caused virulence. "Among the advantages of lentiviral vectors are their ability to efficiently infect non-dividing cells, such as nerve cells, liver cells, muscle cells and bone marrow stem cells," the company said. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094840-87c>

*** U.S. scientists test laser-powered rocket

U.S. government space scientists have launched a miniature rocket using a ground-based laser beam for propulsion, the Advanced Space Transportation Program said Tuesday. Scientists aimed a 10 kilowatt pulsed carbon dioxide laser at the "launch vehicle" and raised it seven feet off the ground. The object, which is about four inches in diameter and weighs about two ounces, has a reflector at the rear to concentrate the heat. This heats the air, which then blasts out of a nozzle. The latest test was the first of its kind in free flight. In previous tests the rocket was suspended from a wire. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094111-c0a>

*** 100th Ariane rocket launches INTELSAT satellite

Western Europe's 100th Ariane rocket lifted an INTELSAT communications satellite into orbit Tuesday after a textbook launch

from equatorial French Guiana. The Ariane 42L rocket equipped with two liquid strap-on boosters lifted off from the European Space Agency launch center in Kourou, French Guiana on the northeast coast of South America. The rocket was visible from the ground for over five minutes. Space officials said the INTELSAT 803 satellite separated from the Ariane rocket 20 minutes later. INTELSAT 803 is the third of six satellites with more capacity than the previous INTELSAT-7 family. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5095739-84b>

Technology

*** U.S. agency opens anxiety Internet page

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) said Tuesday it had set up an Internet site with information about treating anxiety disorders. It said the site offered information to professionals and consumers about panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, phobias and general anxiety problems. "NIMH-supported research has led to remarkably precise knowledge of how fear and anxiety arise in the brain," the agency's director Steven Hyman said. The site URL is <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/anxiety>. For the full text story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5091862-c83>

*** Today's wireless technology on the cutting edge

As the demand for instant information grows greater each day, the need for more sophisticated communication systems has become crucial.

Meeting this demand today is wireless data technology -- sending and receiving information without requiring a connection to telephone wires. Technology is now available that allows information to be exchanged from anywhere, anyplace -- without having to be in an office. Wireless data communication allows the user to exchange information from remote locations, giving the "person-to-person" call a whole new meaning. (PR Newswire) For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5092871-22c>

Human Interest

*** Playboy offers 'sexual revolution tour' of New York

Tour buses in New York City traditionally head for the Empire State Building, cruise through Broadway's theater district and Times Square, or stop at art museums on Fifth Avenue. For those who may be bored by the well-worn tourist spots, Playboy magazine is offering a tour of sites of the sexual revolution in New York. Starting at a downtown school where reformer Victoria Woodhull lectured about 'free love' in the 1870s and ending at a renovated Times Square freshly denuded of peep shows and pornographic movies, the off-beat tour

features two-and-a-half hours of lively history of sex in the city.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5094512-a74>

*** Pssst! Wanna buy some fake U.S. dollars, officer?

The cop was really a crook, the other crook was really a secret agent, and the bank notes were fake. Former Hong Kong policeman Dicky Lau was in court for trying to sell counterfeit 1930s dollar bills to a U.S. Secret Service agent, the South China Morning Post said Wednesday. Would-be buyer Alan Zygowicz, Lau and a middleman who brought together Lau and Zygowicz, haggled over the deal in a hotel room in Hong Kong's Wanchai district while police waited in an adjoining room and then pounced. Police seized 435 \$100 notes in the room, the court heard. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5097978-1bb>

*** Spanish town in revolt at threat to expel nuns

Residents of a small town in central Spain were up in arms Tuesday after five nuns were given an ultimatum to abandon their convent or face immediate expulsion from their order. The Bishop of Siguenza warned the five remaining nuns -- whose average age is 67 -- that they must leave by Tuesday because they were too old and too few in number to keep their convent open. But the nuns who have spent 40 years in the Asuncion de Espinosa de Henares convent have refused to budge. They say they will only move out if the pope tells them to.

Full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5092651-ce8>

*** Argentina sues Iglesias, on birthday, for taxes

Spanish crooner Julio Iglesias got a 54th birthday surprise from Argentina Tuesday in the shape of a lawsuit for \$200,000 in allegedly unpaid taxes, the Buenos Aires tax collecting agency said. City tax chief Marta Moussoli said the singer owed about \$200,000 in unpaid taxes on his luxury Argentine ranch, which is called "Momentos" after one of his records. But Iglesias' lawyers argue he has already paid the levy. The Spanish singer, whose recent album of Argentine tangos was not well received in Buenos Aires, had a brush with local courts last year when he had to pay a \$360,000 fine in a plagiarism suit filed by Argentine singer Larry Moreno.

*** Seattle Seahawks' cheerleaders sack snooping lens

An employee of Seattle's Kingdome was suspended Tuesday after Seattle Seahawks cheerleaders found a camera hidden in a light fixture in their locker room. Police said no charges were likely to be filed since it was unclear if any laws were broken. The camera did not appear to be running, officials said. Kingdome spokeswoman Carol Keaton said it was noticed and removed Sunday before the cheerleaders started changing into their uniforms. One cheerleader said she was drinking a soda and looked up to see the outline of the camera behind a light fixture. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5095490-0a8>

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