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U.S. Front Page Stories

*** White House may have altered tapes, lawmaker says

The White House may have doctored videotapes of President Clinton courting Democratic donors in the 1996 campaign, Rep. Dan Burton said Sunday. He said some tapes may have been cut off intentionally or

altered in some way. At issue are 100 or so hours of tapes turned over to investigators last week, showing Clinton in pursuit of campaign cash. The material was part of a second batch of videotapes of Clinton with donors and fundraisers belatedly made public by the White House. They contain at least two abrupt breaks, said by Clinton aides to reflect how a cameraman filmed events, not White House editing. For story

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*** Vietnam War-era bombs detonated in California

Several homes were damaged Sunday when a bomb squad detonated eight Vietnam War-era bombs found in a California rail yard. The 250-pound bombs were uncovered Saturday by workmen laying new track at a Union Pacific Corp. rail yard in the Sacramento suburb of Antelope, police said. The bombs were left from a trainload of munitions bound for the Vietnam War that exploded April 28, 1973, causing extensive damage, but it was believed all bombs were accounted for. An Army bomb squad helped the sheriff's department dispose of the bombs. Some homeowners were very angry and planned to file claims against Union Pacific. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5514034-16a>

*** China sought to donate to U.S. campaigns

China decided to contribute at least \$2 million to congressional races and other campaigns in 1996 as part of an influence-buying effort, The Los Angeles Times said Sunday. Efforts by the FBI and other federal agencies to investigate the alleged plan have been thwarted by what officials see as money-laundering efforts. The FBI was tipped off to the alleged plan as early as 1995 in intercepted communications between the Chinese Embassy in Washington and the Beijing government. The communications showed Beijing launched the campaign to counter Taiwan's inordinate political influence in the U.S. For story

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*** Amtrak strike delayed at least one week

Amtrak and track workers agreed Sunday to a one-week postponement of a strike that could snarl rail traffic. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater said Amtrak management and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees agreed to his request for an additional one-week cooling off period to allow for more negotiations. President Clinton ordered a 90-day cooling off period last summer, but under the law any extensions have to be voluntary by both sides, not imposed by the White House. A passenger rail strike could inconvenience hundreds of thousands of people on the heavily traveled Northeast Corridor. For story

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*** Norwegian hiker emerges from Alaska wilderness

A Norwegian adventurer missing for almost a month emerged from the Alaskan wilderness Saturday, exhausted and thin, police said Sunday.

A day after state troopers suspended a search for him, Oddarne Skaldebo walked into Koyukuk village, his original destination in a trek through the Yukon. Skaldebo, 51, had left Galena, another Athabaskan Indian village, Aug. 18 and was dropped off at a lake northwest of Koyukuk. He planned to hike 75 miles by Sept. 22 and return to his job in Norway by Sept. 25. He said he had not eaten for a week and was weak from his ordeal when he had come on a cabin stocked with food. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5514456-0bf>

*** Six killed in Texas car crash

Six people were killed and two were critically injured in a head-on car crash Saturday. State troopers said one of the cars was passing traffic at high speed about 2 a.m. and slammed into an oncoming car at the crest of a hill near the town of Cut and Shoot, near Houston.

All six people inside the speeding car were killed, a spokeswoman for the Department of Public Safety said. Two people in the other car were critically injured.

*** L.A. cop commits suicide after hit-and-run

A veteran Los Angeles police officer committed suicide after being questioned about a hit-and-run accident that seriously injured a woman and her 10-month-old daughter, a police spokeswoman said Saturday. Officer Bryce "Ray" Wicks, 54, committed suicide Friday after he was questioned about the incident which happened Thursday. The accident left Juanita Mercado, 23, with a broken arm and collarbone and her daughter in need of plastic surgery. Wicks, a 28-year veteran, was a top fingerprint expert. Witnesses said a white Ford Bronco hit the mother and child on a crosswalk in North Hollywood. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5497405-bd5>

*** Man and cocaine found floating off Florida

A man clinging to a life preserver was picked up off Florida's southern Atlantic Coast over the weekend, along with 3,487 pounds of cocaine, a Coast Guard spokesman said Sunday. The man, who said he was a Colombian citizen, was tired and dehydrated but otherwise unharmed. He told investigators he had been in the water for two days. He was picked up about 10 miles east of Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades Friday by boaters on a sailboat who spotted the emergency flares he lit in the water. Guardsmen also found 30 bundles of cocaine weighing 1,800 pounds floating in the vicinity. For story

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*** Police wait chance to nab woman in standoff

Police are hoping a 51-year-old woman holed up in her house after refusing to submit to a psychiatric exam will step outside long enough for officers to apprehend her, a police spokesman said Saturday. Shirley Allen of Roby, Ill., has been in a standoff with police since Sept. 11, when Christian County sheriff's deputies and her brother tried to serve her court-ordered commitment papers for a psychiatric exam. She stepped onto a deck Wednesday, but drew back inside her home before police could get to her. Police believe Allen is either unaware of their presence or no longer afraid they will remove her. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5500406-d39>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Congress to vote on money bills in final weeks

Congress returns this week for an end-of-session push on must-pass spending bills and new trade authority but is likely to delay most contentious policy issues until the 1998 election year. Congressional leaders must finish work on six spending bills. Each year Congress must approve 13 appropriations bills to fund the government. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott has three other items on his agenda -- completion of a major highway projects law, a vote on a plan allowing

parents to set up tax-sheltered education savings accounts and debate renewing President Clinton's fast track trade negotiating authority.

For story

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*** Senate Finance panel chief calls for IRS reform

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee warned Saturday the Clinton administration's nominee to head the IRS would face a rough ride in Congress unless he committed to broad reform of the agency.

Giving the Republican response to President Clinton's weekly radio address, Delaware Sen. William Roth added his committee planned more hearings to investigate allegations of abuse and mismanagement at the IRS. The Finance Committee, which oversees tax policy, held three days of hearings last month, replete with horror stories from people who said they had been wrongly hounded by the IRS. For story

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*** Kerrey leaves door open to 2000 White House run

Sen. Bob Kerrey said Sunday he was leaving the door open to a possible White House run in 2000 but denied Vice President Al Gore's fund raising headaches from the last campaign would be a factor in his decision. Kerrey, a Nebraska Democrat, described Gore as having an all but "prohibitive" lock on their party's nomination. He said it was too early to tell if Gore was hurt by allegations of wrongdoing in the 1996 campaign. Sen. Arlen Specter said newly released White

House tapes of Clinton hailing political gains from party-funded television commercials constituted "the smoking gun or the smoking tape." For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5510620-118>

*** Clinton presses his education agenda

President Clinton, saying all the Americas shared a desire to give their children a quality education, vowed Saturday to continue his fight to improve public schools. Clinton used his weekly radio address to say "much more unites the people of the Americas than separates us. We all believe in providing all our children with a world-class education so that they can fulfill their God-given promise in the 21st Century." Clinton said he would continue to oppose giving vouchers to parents dissatisfied with public schools and renewed his call for voluntary participation in national academic achievement tests. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5495432-b3a>

*** Wilson lashes U.S. Border Patrol over hospital costs

California Gov. Pete Wilson lashed out at the U.S. Border Patrol Friday over a report that it was costing San Diego County hospitals millions of dollars to treat injured illegal immigrants sent there by Border Patrol agents. Wilson said the country was burdened with \$8.1 million in unreimbursed expenses for health care costs for illegal aliens. He said it was "time for the federal government to stop

making Californians pay the price for the failures of the Border Patrol and fully reimburse the state and local governments for the costs of illegal immigration." For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5487698-02b>

*** Clinton lobbies for fast track on flight home

President Clinton arrived home Sunday from a week-long Latin American tour and used part of the flight to lobby members of Congress for special authority to negotiate trade deals. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton phoned half a dozen members of Congress, mostly Democrats, from Air Force One. Clinton wants Congress to give him so-called "fast-track" authority to negotiate trade deals with emerging markets in Latin America and Asia. McCurry said Clinton made the calls because he wanted to stress the importance of getting fast track authority. For story

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The Courts

*** Judge dismisses Pa. class-action tobacco suit

A federal judge dismissed a class-action lawsuit against the tobacco industry on behalf of over 2 million Pennsylvania smokers Friday, less than a month before the case was to go to trial. As the first

federal class-action case of its kind, the lawsuit sought to force the leading cigarette makers to pay for health monitoring equipment to detect illness or disease related to tobacco use. Although plaintiffs did not ask the industry to compensate them for actual medical treatment, cigarette makers could have wound up paying \$4 billion to \$5 billion annually for Pennsylvania smokers alone, had the case succeeded. For story

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*** Israel says teenage suspect can be extradited

Israel's attorney general has ruled U.S. teen-ager charged with a brutal dismemberment killing in the U.S. can be extradited, the Justice Ministry said Sunday. The ruling was sure to ease tension between Israel and Washington, but any appeal could hold up the extradition for months. The case had gone as high as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who had personally asked Israel to do all it could to hand over the suspect, Samuel Sheinbein, 17. Sheinbein fled to Israel in September. He is wanted for trial on charges of killing Alfred Tello, 19, whose body was found burned without arms and legs. For story

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*** Libya asking Pan Am 103 families to settle

Libya has sent letters to families of Pan Am flight 103 victims asking them to settle the case so U.N. sanctions will be lifted, the

New York Times said Sunday. The letters were received from Libya's U.N. representative. Libya has refused to turn over two Libyan suspects in the case and the U.N. imposed sanctions prohibiting air traffic in or out of Libya. The campaign has divided the families. Some families are pushing others to accept compensation, one relative said. A similar offer, as well as Libya's proposal to hold the trial in a third country, is gaining some acceptance in Britain among the families. For story

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U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Budget surplus may be fool's gold, economists warn

Months after passing a balanced budget law, Congress is dreaming up ways to spend a surplus. The wish list may get longer as lawmakers gear up for 1998 elections. Martha Phillips of the conservative Concord Coalition said, "By the time you get to October, the question seems to have become 'How much is in the bank and what shall we spend it on?'" Forecasts show federal red ink is vanishing faster than expected. The Congressional Budget Office says a strong economy and higher tax revenues shrank the deficit to about \$23 billion in fiscal 1997, compared to the near-\$300 billion peak earlier this decade. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5494332-f7a>

*** Wall Street has Blue Friday 10 years after Black Monday

A decade after Black Monday, Wall Street investors had a blue Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average skidded at midday Friday by more than 180 points, which would have been the fifth-largest point loss ever. But by the end of the day, the Dow was down 92 points, a big loss but not so unusual these days, making the day little more than another reminder of the stock market crash that occurred 10 years ago. While investors have read plenty of headlines this week to remind them of the 1987 stock market crash, Wall Street analysts said the anniversary had little to do with Friday's weak market. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5484983-9a7>

*** Coca-Cola CEO dies of lung cancer at age 65

Coca-Cola chairman and CEO Roberto Goizueta died of lung cancer at an Atlanta hospital Saturday, the company said. He was 65. Goizueta was diagnosed with lung cancer in September and was being treated with chemotherapy and radiation. He was readmitted to Emory University Hospital Oct. 8 with a throat infection, which worsened because the cancer therapies had weakened his immune system. Coca-Cola offices around the world will be closed Tuesday, a company spokesman said. In the 16 years Goizueta was the company's CEO, Coca-Cola's market value rose from \$4 billion in 1981 to almost \$150 billion. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5495273-c88>
Goizueta's legacy seen guiding Coca-Cola, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5496471-111>

*** Minnesota mall aquarium files for bankruptcy protection

The owners of an aquarium built in America's largest shopping mall filed for protection from creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, an aquarium official said Saturday. UnderWater World at the Mall of America filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Friday in federal court in St. Paul, Minn. The bankruptcy filing followed news in September that Dallas-based Tarlton Aquastar, the aquarium's majority owner, had delayed \$1.1 million in bond payments due March 1, then missed \$1.2 million in payments due Sept. 1. Holmes said the attraction will stay open as it tries to restructure \$21 million in debt. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5499295-1aa>

*** American classics Barbie, Mickey are 'Made in China'

If Chinese President Jiang Zemin buys a souvenir or toy for a young relative during his U.S. visit this month, the chances are what he buys will be made in China. Such classics as Barbie dolls, Minnie Mouse watches, cowboy hats and toy revolvers are as likely as not products of low-cost plants in southern China. Imports of Chinese toys in 1996 reached \$6.6 billion, about two thirds of all such imports into the U.S., swamping the low-tech end of the \$20 billion domestic market. Even in Denver, heart of cowboy country, souvenir shops sell tiny tepees, plastic tom-toms and totem poles that were made in China. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5509265-852>

World Front Page Stories

*** Hamas founder says Israel must disappear

The founder of the Islamic militant group Hamas opposes a two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians. He says Israel must disappear from the map, the Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet said. Speaking in his home town of Gaza, Sheikh Yassin condemned the killing of women, children and elderly people as a violation of Islamic law even during a time of war. But he justified suicide bombings, quoting the answer given to a man who asked a prophet about killing in defense of his property. "You will enter paradise, the prophet answered. And if I kill the intruder? 'He will burn in hell,'" Yassin said. For story

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Hamas founder shuns internal Palestinian strife, For story

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*** Over 100 killed in Sri Lanka sea battle

At least 100 Tamil Tiger rebels and two Sri Lankan navy personnel were believed killed in a five-hour sea battle off the country's eastern coast, navy officials said Sunday. Seven rebel boats were sunk in the battle that began Saturday after a fleet of naval

vessels confronted three clusters of rebel boats carrying large numbers of LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) guerrillas from Pulmoddai. Naval officials said a convoy of guerrilla boats attacked a government Dvora fast attack craft, which was on patrol near Pulmoddai. The Dvora's control systems were damaged after being hit by guerrilla fire. For story

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S.Lanka says Tamil issues no excuse for 'terrorism,' For story

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*** U.S. envoy leans on Israel, PLO to speed up talks

Dennis Ross, President Clinton's Middle East envoy, is leaning on Israel and the Palestinians to pick up the pace in talks on fulfilling their past peace commitments. Ross said after an opening bout of shuttle talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that he would give a push to their negotiators working in nine joint committees to carry out a 1995 peace deal. A Palestinian negotiator complained Sunday that 10 days of committee talks had achieved "absolutely nothing" -- an assessment dismissed by Israel's foreign ministry as pessimistic

and inaccurate. For story

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Pelletreau faults U.S. peace effort in Mideast, For story

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*** Clock still ticking on U.S. Japan ship row

Japan and the U.S. have sidestepped a bitter trade row over Tokyo's port practices but the clock is ticking on whether Japan can implement the changes needed. Even Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto acknowledged a last-minute agreement in principle to resolve the issue was only a breathing space. After meetings in Washington Friday, negotiators announced an agreement to resolve the trade crisis. The Federal Maritime Commission postponed plans to deny Japanese ships access to U.S. ports. But the commission fined imposed \$100,000 fines on Japan's shipping companies in September and the fines hang over the agreement. For story

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U.S.-Japan trade friction looms over Tokyo auto show, For story

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*** Russians in deal to sell Iran missile metals

A secret Russian production center closed a deal last month to sell high-strength steel and special foil to Iran for its long-range missile program, the Washington Times said Monday. The Russian

Scientific and Production Center Inor concluded the agreement in late September to provide an Iranian factory with four metal alloys used in long-range missiles. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott went to Russia in October to discuss arms issues, winning assurances from Russia the country's policy was not to help Iran build missiles. The visit was spurred by reports Russian firms were helping Iran. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5519143-932>

*** U.N seeks talks with N.Korea on abducted S.Koreans

Negotiations between the U.N. Command and North Korea over return of two abducted South Koreans had not resumed Saturday. Twelve armed North Korean soldiers abducted two South Korean farmers Friday in a rice field near Taesong-dong, the U.N. Command said. The North Koreans crossed a demarcation line dividing the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea and took a 66-year-old woman and her 41-year-old son to the northern side of the DMZ. Pyongyang Broadcasting said two South Korean citizens were taken into custody after being spotted on the North Korean side of the Military Demarcation Line. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5488939-4c9>

The World Political Scene

*** Brown's delay on EMU takes UK by surprise

Politicians and economists were taken aback Saturday by indications from finance minister Gordon Brown that Britain will not join a single European currency for at least five years. In what was seen as a considerable toughening of the six-month old Labor government's stand on monetary union, Brown said he was determined not to be rushed into making a decision. Opposition Conservatives, whose own rift over the European single currency torpedoed their election chances, accused the government of a "shambolic U-turn." Brown said it was highly unlikely Britain would join the currency when it begins in 1999. For story

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UK government fends off critics over EMU policy, For story

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*** China's Jiang hopes trip will improve U.S. ties

Calling China's relationship with Washington one of "ups and downs," President Jiang Zemin told Time magazine he hoped his upcoming visit to the U.S. would strengthen ties between the two countries. He said it was no easy task for the two countries to understand each other. Jiang, who is scheduled to visit the U.S. from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2, said it was important the two countries did not come into conflict. Jiang vigorously defended China's human rights record and said the most fundamental human right was ensuring the 1.2 billion Chinese people had adequate food and clothing. For story

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China sends biggest ever buying mission to U.S., For story

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China's Jiang rides in the shadow of cowboy Deng, For story

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*** China to back off nuclear aid to Iran

White House officials said Saturday they were making progress in efforts to persuade China to halt nuclear assistance to Iran, but did not confirm a report that an agreement was reached. The New York Times said Saturday China had agreed not to send any more anti-ship cruise missiles to Iran and had agreed in principle to discontinue nuclear assistance to the nation. The Times said if China signed an agreement, the Clinton administration could lift a ban on American companies selling nuclear power technology to China. The Times said such a deal could be worth \$15 billion through 2010 for American companies. For story

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Iran says meeting own military hardware needs, For story

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Iran's navy getting better, U.S. admiral says, For story

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*** Communist wins landslide in Siberian poll

A key Siberian region which once helped Boris Yeltsin bring down Soviet Communism elected a Communist as governor Sunday, the local election committee said Monday. Aman Tuleyev, appointed temporary governor of Kemerovo three months ago by President Yeltsin, scored an overwhelming election victory in the poll. "For Tuleyev -- 94.56 percent," said regional committee deputy chairman Vladimir Popo, adding all electoral precincts had been counted. Tuleyev advocates increased government control over major industries but also calls for tax relief for small business. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5516621-ec8>

*** Reformer wins Montenegro presidency

Montenegro's reformist Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic claimed victory Monday over outgoing President Momir Bulatovic in the Yugoslav republic's presidential election. His headquarters said unofficial returns gave Djukanovic a majority and Bulatovic's campaign manager said he lost "by several thousand votes." Official results in Sunday's vote were expected from the election commission later in the day. The result was a blow for Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic who backed Bulatovic. Djukanovic has dismissed Milosevic as "yesterday's man" and condemned his refusal to modernize Serbia's economy. For story
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*** Pakistan says India blocking peace talks

Pakistan accused India Saturday of blocking a resumption of stalled peace talks between the two arch-rivals while a senior U.S. official was to arrive for talks that will include regional tension. An official said the Indian attitude against substantive and specific talks on the disputed Himalayan region of Jammu and Kashmir was creating difficulties. He made the comment when asked if the current visit by U.S. Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering would help resume Pakistan-India talks, which stalled again last month when a meeting between the two countries ended in New Delhi without progress. For story

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India, Pakistan leaders to meet in Edinburgh, For story

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World Business and Financial News

*** Cure for Japan economic ills means short-term pain

Experts are prescribing a dose of short-term pain to cure Japan's economic ills and spur long-term growth. Calls for bold deregulation and structural reform are hardly new. But now, more than a decade after a blue-ribbon panel first urged deep reforms to free the economy from high prices and low living standards, time may be running out. "Authorities know the problems and are trying to do

things once thought impossible ... I think things are going in the right direction, but the pace is slow," said a senior economist. He said if reforms don't speed up and the U.S. economy slows, "it's all over." For story

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*** Quebec workers begin strike against Pepsi-Cola

About 500 Quebec-based employees of Pepsi-Cola Beverages Canada walked off the job Saturday after their union rejected the company's final contract offer, a Pepsi-Cola spokeswoman said. The strike against the subsidiary of PepsiCo Inc. followed weeks of negotiations between the company and the union representing the striking workers. It will affect half of Pepsi-Cola's operations in Quebec.

Negotiations failed after the two sides were unable to reach an agreement on a new wage and benefit package. The spokeswoman said the company negotiated in good faith and worked to make an offer that was fair. For story

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*** Thailand's finance minister to resign

Thailand's embattled government suffered another blow Sunday when the finance minister said he was quitting as the country struggled to weather its worst economic crisis in decades. Finance Minister Thanong Bidaya said he will give up his Cabinet post after a government reshuffle. His decision followed reversal of an oil tax

increase that prompted widespread public anger. The departure of Thanong, who has implemented austerity measures as part of a \$17.2 billion aid package from the International Monetary Fund, will force Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh to find his third finance minister in 10 months. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5510088-43a>

*** Japan trade surplus rises in Sept, below forecast

Japan's trade surplus continued its rise in September, growing 37 percent on lingering effects of a rise in Japan's sales tax in April, economic conditions overseas and currency movements, officials said Monday. The figures were below expectations and sent the dollar higher against the yen by mid-morning in Tokyo. The merchandise trade surplus stood at 1.066 trillion yen in September and was up 76 percent at 5.10 trillion yen for the April-September period of the fiscal year. At Monday's dollar/yen rate of 121 yen, the September trade surplus was \$8.8 billion and the first-half trade surplus was \$42.1 billion. For story

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Sports

*** Cleveland evens World Series

The Florida Marlins followed a familiar script by winning Game One of the World Series on Saturday. Sunday evening, Cleveland did the same by taking Game Two. The Indians have lost the opener of all three of their postseason series, but Sunday made it 3-for-3 in second games as Cleveland battered Florida ace Kevin Brown en route to a 6-1 victory in Miami that evened the 1997 Fall Classic at one game apiece. Chad Ogea pitched solidly for 6 2/3 innings and Sandy Alomar hit a two-run homer, his fourth of the postseason for Cleveland, which will host the next three games of the best-of-seven series, beginning Tuesday night at Jacobs Field.

*** Napoleon conquers Broncos

And then there were none. The Denver Broncos entered week eight as the only unbeaten team in the NFL and in search of their first 7-0 start in franchise history. But Napoleon Kaufman and the Oakland Raiders had other plans, knocking the Broncos from the ranks of the unbeaten, 28-25, Sunday in Oakland, Calif. Kaufman rushed for a career- and franchise-best 227 yards on 28 carries, including an 83-yard touchdown run with 7:54 left, to lead the Raiders (3-4). Kaufman took the spotlight from the NFL's second-leading rusher, Terrell Davis, who had two TDs but could not prevent the Broncos (6-1) from dropping their first game of the season.

*** Nebraska takes top spot in AP college football poll

Nebraska took the No. 1 spot in the latest Associated Press college

football poll released Sunday. The Cornhuskers (6-0), who earlier Sunday took the top spot from Penn State in the coaches poll, received 33 of a possible 70 votes from a nationwide panel of media. Nebraska finished with 1,698 points, 30 more than the Nittany Lions (6-0), who garnered 26 first-place votes and 1,668 points. Florida State (6-0), North Carolina (7-0) and Michigan (6-0) remained three through five for the second straight week. The Seminoles grabbed nine first-place votes and 1,629 points while North Carolina took the last two first-place votes and ended with 1,524 points.

*** Duval bags second straight win in Disney Classic playoff

David Duval parred the first playoff hole Sunday to defeat Dan Forsman and claim his second straight PGA Tour victory at the Walt Disney World/Oldsmobile Classic at Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The 25-year-old Duval, who picked up his first career Tour victory in a playoff at last week's Michelob Championship, parred the par-4 18th as he became the third golfer this year to win in consecutive weeks. Mark O'Meara won two straight in February, while Ernie Els repeated the feat in June. Duval, who had nine second-place finishes before last week's victory, earned \$270,000 for the win.

*** 'Moose' misses first game of NFL career

Dallas fullback Daryl Johnston missed the first game of his NFL career, but Herschel Walker filled in and caught a 64-yard touchdown pass with 6:27 left Sunday to lift the Cowboys to a 26-22 victory

over the Jacksonville Jaguars in Irving, Texas. Johnston, 31, has been bothered by nagging neck and shoulder pain through most of the 1997 season. One of the league's premier blocking fullbacks in this decade, "Moose" Johnston has just two carries for 3 yards and 18 catches for 166 yards this season. Season-ending surgery is a possibility. Johnston had never missed a regular-season or playoff game during his career, playing in 149 straight and starting 90 of the last 91.

*** Bulls beat Olympiakos in McDonald's Championship

Michael Jordan scored all 27 of his points in the first three quarters Saturday as the Chicago Bulls became the eighth consecutive NBA team to win the McDonald's Championship in Paris, posting a 104-78 rout of Olympiakos of Greece. Randy Brown added 12 points and Steve Kerr 10 for Chicago, which held Olympiakos to 35 points in the second half and never trailed by more than one point. Jordan, who was awarded the Drazen Petrovic Trophy as the most valuable player of the event, made 11-of-22 shots from the field. Arturas Karnishovas had 19 points but just two in the fourth quarter for Olympiakos. NBA teams are 16-0 in McDonald's play.

Science and Medicine

*** Sixth South Florida resident struck by encephalitis

A sixth south Florida resident has contracted the mosquito-borne St. Louis encephalitis, an official said Saturday. He said the infected 65-year-old man was the first who tested positive for the disease in the Palm Beach area. He urged people in 27 Florida counties to continue taking precautions against the disease, such as wearing long-sleeved shirts and using insect repellent. Despite the new case, experts were encouraged by the small number of cases but warned the risks remained. Encephalitis causes swelling of the brain and symptoms include fever, headache, dizziness and neck stiffness. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5496018-bb2>

*** Russia-U.S. space crew prepare for repair job

The crew of Russia's Mir space station started preparing themselves and their craft Monday for a lengthy solar power repair job in the damaged Spektr science module. A spokesman at Mission Control said commander Anatoly Solovyov, engineer Pavel Vinogradov and NASA researcher David Wolf sealed off the Kvant, Kristal and Priroda science modules after they got up at 2 a.m. Solovyov and Vinogradov, who are scheduled to enter the airless Spektr at 12.55 p.m., were to start donning their spacesuits at 10.30 a.m. During the operation Wolf will provide backup in the Soyuz escape module. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5515107-37e>

*** Australian baby has limbs amputated

Doctors treating an Australian baby fighting for life against a rare brain infection which has killed one teenager, were forced to amputate all her limbs. But officials said Sunday an increase in existing immunization programs was not necessary. Doctors became concerned when 8-month-old Grace Willis from Wagga Wagga developed a rash on her chest after falling ill with what was thought to be a cold seven weeks ago. She was diagnosed with the contagious meningococcal disease which attacked blood vessels in her limbs and flown to the Sydney Children's Hospital. Fearing gangrene, doctors amputated all of her limbs. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5509927-c10>

*** Popular suicide myth debunked by expert

Contrary to popular myth, people who talk about suicide do go through with it and should be taken seriously, a mental illness expert said Sunday. "...If someone is thinking about suicide, they're not going to get better by themselves," said Dr Douglas Jacobs at a conference. He said most suicides could have been avoided if people sought help for an underlying psychiatric illness. "Suicide is not a diagnosis. It is a most unfortunate outcome of treatable psychiatric illness, usually depression, schizophrenia or alcohol or substance abuse." Between 31,000 and 32,000 people successfully commit suicide every year. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5506576-675>

*** U.S.-consumer panel backs diet clinic transparency

Dieters have the right to know how much a diet program will cost and how well it is likely to work, but they must also take responsibility for themselves, a joint government-consumer panel agreed Friday. The panelists agreed to form a partnership among government, scientists, consumers and the diet industry to come up with a way to educate dieters about various programs. People joining a diet clinic should be given information about all program costs, staff credentials, health risks, the expected short-term weight loss and prospects for keeping the weight off, participants agreed. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5485049-de3>

*** Hong Kong looks to China death-row convicts for organs

Chinese convicts on death row could provide body organs to wealthy Hong Kong patients, a Hong Kong newspaper said Sunday. Patients in the territory could travel to China for kidney transplants, the Sunday Hong Kong Standard said. "There are more kidneys available in China because of the death penalty," treasurer Robert Yiu said. "If the bodies of executed prisoners are not claimed by family members, their kidneys can be donated," he said, adding he has been in touch with mainland officials about getting kidneys for transplant. There are more than 1,000 people in Hong Kong waiting for kidney transplants. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5505887-dab>

*** Glitch pulled from MS site

After reworking its home page for Internet Explorer 4.0 users with HTML and a customization feature for its products, Microsoft has pulled the personalization due to a glitch. The feature provides links to Microsoft's other Web sites based on profiles of users.

Pieter Knook, general manager of the corporate site, said the glitch was due to the code on the site, not a software problem. He said it would be resolved in the next couple days. The site also groups news headlines by topics. Personalization has become more popular on Web sites. CNN recently closed a deal with Oracle providing customized news content. (Source: C/NET) For story,

<http://www.news.com/News/Item/0%2C4%2C15238%2C00.html?nd.w>

*** Future DVD products displayed

First generation DVD drives have just come on the market, offering much data capacity and portability. Pioneer Electronic demonstrated a DVD drive that can play back movies at high resolution at the Electronics Show '97 trade show in Japan. Other companies showed off more portable DVD drives, including one with a built-in screen.

Pioneer's prototype DVD (digital versatile disc) player can store up to 15GB of data on one side of a disk. Current DVD-Video players can store about 4.7GB of data. The increased capacity is necessary to

play back movies in the high-resolution, 1920-by-1080-pixel HDTV format. (Source: C/NET) For story,
<http://www.news.com/News/Item/0%2C4%2C15378%2C00.html?nd.w>

*** Netcom reverses antispam policy

Netcom said it will reverse a policy top company executives did not know about until yesterday: engineers were filtering customers' email messages to combat spam. The policy went into effect months ago. It has been shut down out of concern it would be misunderstood and seen as an invasion of privacy, according to the senior vice president of products and services. Netcom said it never violated anyone's privacy because the filter operated electronically and no person ever saw or read messages. Netcom was opening the email of its 500,000 members who have Netcomplete accounts to filter for phrases that indicated a spam message. (Source: C/NET) For story,
<http://www.news.com/News/Item/0,4,15382,00.html?latest>

*** TV is the future of online shopping

Future cybershoppers will order groceries, vacations and movies using television sets rather than personal computers, a study said. The television sets will have computer chips to accept digital signals and will be standard in many homes. The report, published by research group Ovum, said there would be at least 50 million TVs capable of Internet use by the end of 2005. Ovum said the installed base of non-PC devices ... will reach almost 100 million by 2005. TV-based

devices will account for more than half the total. (Source: C/NET)

For story, <http://www.news.com/News/Item/0,4,15384,00.html?latest>

*** EU jumps into contentious digital piracy debate

The European Union is gearing up to tackle one of the hottest questions of the digital era -- how to deter pirates from using new technology to make and distribute illegal copies of recordings, films or texts. Lobbyists have been out in force, trying to influence a text the European Commission is drafting on copyright protection for material carried on the Internet or electronic networks. The debate has pitted the entertainment and publishing industry against equipment manufacturers, telecom companies and on-line service providers -- with both sides forecasting doom if they do not get their way. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5509291-9e7>

Human Interest

*** Halloween witch removed from Ohio post office

A Halloween display featuring a life-size witch was ordered removed from a suburban Cincinnati post office after an anonymous complaint. "Ding-dong. The witch is gone. And we're not happy about it," said a supervisor Saturday after he was forced to remove the decoration. An

anonymous letter writer demanded it be removed because it was seen as a religious symbol. Employees made the mannequin with a black robe and pointed hat and mounted it on a broomstick. This month the postal service released a monster movie stamp series featuring Frankenstein, the Mummy, the Phantom of the Opera, Wolf Man and Dracula. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5495751-4c3>

*** Iranians catch sturgeon with 100 pounds of caviar

Iranian fisherman caught a giant sturgeon Sunday carrying 100 pounds of caviar, the official news agency IRNA said. It said the fish, caught in the Caspian Sea, weighed 660 pounds. The agency did not say how much the caviar was worth. Iranian fishermen last year caught a 1,100 pound sturgeon with 118 pounds of caviar, worth \$107,000. Iran earned \$40 million from caviar exports in the Iranian year ending in March 1996 despite a drop in world prices. Caviar production is a state monopoly.

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BRASILIA MEDIA REACTION/ALERT

Monday, October 20 (II)

GOB ELATED -- "Veja," Brazil's foremost weekly newsmagazine, ran a wrap-up five-page article (October 22, pages 28-32) by Vladimir Netto on President Clinton's visit, entitled "The Game is Only Beginning." Netto states that Brazilian Government authorities are elated with the perceived outcomes of President Clinton's trip, especially his statement plainly supporting Mercosul, his willingness to review trade barriers, and his silence on Brazil's delayed FTAA membership. According to Netto, however, none of these points are won yet, and the U.S. position will be better understood after next year's Santiago Summit. Netto reports on a 25 minute meeting of Presidents Clinton and Cardoso on Tuesday, October 14, during which the three issues were reportedly agreed upon. The Veja writer adds that, in the same meeting, President Cardoso agreed with President Clinton that some sort of action towards the FTAA should result from the Santiago Summit next year. The article states that Clinton reportedly also accepted the possibility of reviewing the FTAA implementation timetable. Netto notes that most of these outcomes were achieved behind closed doors, "which is a bad sign." Netto ends by

quoting an unnamed senior Brazilian Ambassador as saying that "The FTAA is a political, not economic, U.S. project [...] The best would be to leave the FTAA for 2020." According to the Ambassador, Brazil was too fast to commit itself with the FTAA in 1994.

RAMBO IN MANGUEIRA -- Weekly newsmagazine "IstoE" carried a six-page article (October 22, pages 20-25) on President Clinton's visit to Brazil, entitled "Rambo is from Manguera" (paraphrasing a Brazilian saying which states that "God is Brazilian"). Despite the headline, the article is positive in tone, and emphasizes President Clinton's skillful handling of problems, such as the FTAA and the Country Commercial Guide incident. IstoE states that, besides accommodating domestic sensibilities, the President's charm also goaded the Brazilian Government into recognizing the importance of the 1998 Presidential Summit in Santiago, something it had been reluctant to do because of fears that the U.S. would use it to step up pressure against Mercosul. According to IstoE, the visit's symbolic importance was greater than any of its practical outcomes. The article closes by stating that an accurate assessment of the visit and its results can only be made after next year's FTAA Summit, and further negotiations on U.S. trade barriers. IstoE implies that President Clinton may have been soft on the FTAA issue only because fast track authority had not yet been secured.

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*** China's president arrives in U.S. for summit

Chinese President Jiang Zemin was welcomed to the U.S. with a 21-gun salute, an official red carpet and scattered protests Sunday as he began a visit both sides hope will end strained relations. Jiang said the time had come for "a new stage in development" between the two countries. A military band played China's national anthem and a well-wisher placed an orange lei around his neck. Small groups of demonstrators appeared at the first two stops of his 24-hour Honolulu visit but officials took him by alternate routes so he did not see them. Human rights activists have promised to protest at every stop.

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***** U.S., China close to nuclear deal ahead of summit**

The U.S. and China are close to an agreement for Beijing to end nuclear cooperation with Iran and hope to complete it in time for a U.S.-China summit Wednesday, U.S. officials said Saturday. Once the deal is completed, President Clinton would be able to approve the first export of advanced U.S. nuclear reactor technology to China. It would be the major centerpiece of the summit between Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin who meet Wednesday in the first state visit by a Chinese leader in 12 years. The U.S. has been pressing to persuade China to no longer help Iran in developing its nuclear power. For story

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China's Jiang says Sino-U.S. ties back on track, For story

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China's Jiang embraces U.N. pact before U.S. trip, For story

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***** Million Woman March converges on Philadelphia**

Hundreds of thousands of black women filled Philadelphia Saturday for the Million Woman March, a rally aimed at building political, economic and social unity in black communities. In the largest gathering of black women in U.S. history, crowds of mothers, aunts, sisters, nieces and daughters stood shoulder-to-shoulder to sing the Black National Anthem, pray and listen to a program of inspirational speeches. As marchers filled a mile-long boulevard stretching from

the Philadelphia Art Museum to City Hall, the turnout appeared, at up to 2 million, to surpass that of the Million Man March in Washington two years ago. For story

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March puts spotlight on two ordinary women, For story

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*** Nixon ordered break-ins before Watergate

White House tapes from 1971 show that a year before the Watergate break-in President Richard Nixon ordered his aides to dig up dirt on the Democrats and commit two break-ins, Newsweek magazine said Sunday. The tapes, recorded in the White House in June and July of 1971, revealed Nixon wanted government files ransacked to find anything to smear past Democratic presidents from Franklin Roosevelt to John Kennedy. Recorded just after the publication of the Pentagon Papers, the government's secret history of the Vietnam War, the tapes showed Nixon wanted a break-in at the National Archives, Newsweek said. For story

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*** Amtrak, union agree to shield commuters from strike

Amtrak and representatives of its workers have agreed to shield some 500,000 commuters from a threatened strike, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said Friday. Any shutdown after the deadline would affect only long-distance Amtrak services and not shorter-distance

commuter trains, Slater said. The Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way Employees is in negotiations with Amtrak for a wage package for its Amtrak members comparable to that paid freight railroad workers. Amtrak is borrowing from banks to meet expenses and said it can't match the freight workers' package without risking bankruptcy. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5603072-362>

*** U.S. maritime panel, Senate mull Japan port accord

The U.S. commission holding up an accord to reform port practices in Japan will meet Monday to try to end the bitter shipping dispute, as senators consider a resolution urging the U.S. to be firm with Tokyo. The Federal Maritime Commission planned to consider settling the dispute at the meeting of its four members. Commission Chairman Harold Creel said he was hopeful an agreement would be reached at the meeting. If an agreement is not reached, the commission could carry out its threat to have Japanese vessels detained in U.S. ports. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630046-03b>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Rubin rejects effort to scrap U.S. tax code

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin rejected efforts Sunday to scrap the federal income tax system by the end of 2000, saying the move could

not work. Rubin said on ABC's "This Week" that the U.S. depends on a predictable tax system. Rep. Bill Paxon has offered a bill to end the tax code by the end of 2000. The bill has 70 sponsors. "Throwing the entire code on the ash heap of history on the eve of the 21st century and replacing it with one that is flatter, fairer and easy to understand is what the American people are demanding, the objections of millionaire Clinton appointees notwithstanding," Paxon said. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5631128-2b3> Republicans hail IRS reforms, but say more needed, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5613657-626>

*** Congress to slam Pentagon on Gulf illness

A Congressional panel will report the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs' have so mishandled their investigation into Gulf War Syndrome they should be stripped of their authority on the issue, the New York Times said Sunday. The House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight has written a report recommending Congress create a more responsive independent agency to coordinate research on the mysterious symptoms experienced by many Gulf War veterans. Rep. Christopher Shays wrote the agencies' investigations were "irreparably flawed" and "plagued by an arrogant incuriosity and pervasive myopia." For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5622094-844>

*** Senate committee will not press Clinton to appear

Sen. Fred Thompson, Republican chairman of the committee investigating campaign finance, ruled out pressing President Clinton to testify after the White House refused his request. Thompson told CBS "Face the Nation" the president declined the invitation Friday to testify with former Sen. Bob Dole. Thompson said new questions arose weekly but there was a separation of powers issue concerning Clinton's appearance and he believed presidents had only gone before such committees three times in the past under extraordinary circumstances. White House counsel Charles Ruff said it was inappropriate for Clinton to testify. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630477-06e>

*** Gore faces 'fast track' protest in Iowa

Union protesters staged a protest Saturday during a speech by Vice President Al Gore to oppose Clinton administration proposals for "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals. "We really want to send a message ... we're against fast track," said the president of AFSCME Council 61, the largest union of state government workers. Clinton wants "fast track" authority to strike trade treaties without fear Congress will seek significant changes. His goal is to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement to include Chile and to negotiate market-opening agreements with Asian and Latin American countries. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5621350-771>
Few U.S. Democrats favor fast-track bid, foe says, For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5602243-1ff>

*** Clintons unveil measures to combat breast cancer

President Clinton, in a joint radio address with his wife Hillary, unveiled a stepped-up national education campaign Saturday to ensure more women get regular mammograms to detect breast cancer. They also announced new FDA regulations to set higher standards for breast cancer screening. The public awareness campaign by the National Cancer Institute will encourage older women to get regular mammograms for early detection and treatment, said Clinton, whose mother died of breast cancer in 1995. The National Cancer Institute recommends women 40 years of age and older have a mammogram every one to two years.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5614004-611>

*** King's son to head civil rights group

Martin Luther King III, 40, will be chosen the next president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the civil rights group founded by his father in 1957, a newspaper said Sunday. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution said the organization's board of directors will vote Saturday to make King the next president, replacing Rev. Joseph Lowery who is retiring after 20 years. Martin Luther King Jr. founded the organization and was its president until he was assassinated in 1968. King was a county commissioner in Atlanta from 1986 until 1994.

He started Americans United for Affirmative Action this year. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5629510-757>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Women's groups blast Nike's latest ad campaign

Fifteen women's groups, author Alice Walker and the head of the Congressional Black Caucus joined forces Monday to pressure Nike to improve conditions for Asian workers. The groups took issue with Nike's latest campaign, which features women empowered by athletics, saying Nike's treatment of Asian factory workers, most who are young women, must improve if U.S. women were to buy Nike products in good conscience. " ... Indonesian, Vietnamese and Chinese women making the shoes often suffer from inadequate wages, corporal punishment, forced overtime and/or sexual harassment," the groups said. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5635234-654>

World Front Page Stories

*** Cambodia king flies out after peace mission fails

King Norodom Sihanouk left Cambodia for China Saturday after two months of failed efforts to broker peace. The despondent 74-year-old monarch, seen off by co-Premiers Hun Sen and Ung Huot, said he did

not know when he would return. Fighting has erupted in several areas since July when Sihanouk's son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, was ousted by his former coalition partner and co-premier Hun Sen. Troops loyal to Ranariddh formed an alliance with Khmer Rouge guerrillas who broke from their leader Pol Pot after a Khmer Rouge power struggle in June. Hun Sen deposed Ranariddh July 6 after two days of bloody fighting.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5606233-562>

Cambodia leader Hun Sen's party stands behind coup, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5608841-87d>

*** Iraq parliament backs moves to counter U.N. threat

Iraq's parliament approved recommendations Sunday to counter a U.N. Security Council resolution which threatens more sanctions against Iraq, the Iraqi news agency INA said. The Revolutionary Command Council asked parliament to recommend a response to a U.N. Security Council resolution threatening a travel ban on Iraqi officials who prevented U.N. inspectors from visiting several weapons sites in Iraq. An Iraqi MP earlier said parliament was debating a recommendation Iraq freeze ties with the U.N. Special Commission set up to disarm Iraq after the 1991 Persian Gulf War and stop it from further inspections. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630067-bca>

*** Israel's Levy wants clear brief for PLO talks

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said Sunday he delayed his departure for U.S. talks with a Palestinian negotiator in order to get a clear brief from Israel's government. Levy, who had complained Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu kept him uninformed, said he had planned to leave Saturday but would put off his trip until after Israel's inner Cabinet discussed the issue Wednesday. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was expected to host the meeting this week in or near Washington between Levy and Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630273-0df>

Arab states welcome Russian peace role, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5626166-87e>

Arafat briefs Mubarak in Cairo on EU peace tour, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5631372-642>

*** Severe food gap predicted for developing world

The "food gap" in developing nations in a quarter century will be far larger than expected with South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa needing vast grain imports, the International Food Policy Research Institute said in a report Sunday. Both global food output and prices may become more erratic, meaning "higher ... risks of food insecurity for the ... most vulnerable countries and people." Director Per Pinstrup-Andersen said last week, "The world is not going to run out of food," but he said the food gap, the volume of imports needed to bridge the gap between local production and food demand, has been widening. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630770-f27>

*** Couple saw cars passing, following Diana's limo

A couple driving directly in front of the car carrying Princess Diana saw two cars pass her limousine and others approaching it from the rear before it crashed, the Fox News Channel said Friday. Mohamed Medjahdi and his girlfriend, Souad Mousakkir, strengthened the theory of French investigators that a second car, perhaps a white Fiat Uno, was involved in the Paris crash that killed Diana, her friend Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. Medjahdi and Mousakkir said their Citroen was traveling about 50 mph and the princess's Mercedes seemed to be going much faster as the cars entered a tunnel by the Seine.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5604644-fe2>

Technology

*** NetMind announces Enterprise Minder online information management

NetMind Services Inc. introduced Enterprise Minder last week, a server-side software application that keeps organization members automatically apprized of online information updates. End users specify web content they wish to monitor, then receive the requested document updates through their email system. These updates could

range from company news or policies to the latest engineering specifications or product pricing. With Enterprise Minder, any web document can be delivered to any email in-box when updates occur. The application allows web publishers to establish a communications channel with users by incorporating a two-click registration button into a web page. For story, http://www.netmind.com/html/news_events.html

*** Census reveals first-ever decline in online subscribers

The online/Internet access business is in a holding pattern, according to the latest issue of Interactive Services Report, a newsletter published by Telecommunications Reports International Inc. The number of customers served by the major U.S., online and Internet providers fell 3 percent between June 30 and Sept. 30, 1997, led by sizable departures at CompuServe Inc. and Delphi Internet on top of the usual summer doldrums. By Sept. 30, the leading online and Internet service providers reached 20,452,000 users -- about 617,400 fewer users than three months earlier. (PR Newswire) For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5595363-3c3>

*** Web site created for Million Man, Woman marches

Hundreds of thousands of black women will be able to extend the community-building work they started at the Million Woman March in Philadelphia Saturday through a new interactive site on the World Wide Web. The site, also open to the hundreds of thousands of black

men who marched in the Million Man March in Washington two years ago, will feature live chat sessions with prominent black leaders, a link for children and a comprehensive directory of black-owned businesses. Participants will pay \$1 to register their e-mail addresses, creating a database. The site's address is www.1000000blackmen-women.com. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5633543-4fb>

*** Warner Brothers Online wins coveted Casie Award

In a major awards ceremony this past weekend honoring the best in new media marketing, Warner Bros. Online and IBM, in conjunction with Ogilvy & Mather, received the Casie Award for excellence in a collaborative Internet campaign. The award was presented for the IBM Deep Blue vs. Kasparov Chess Rematch which ran on the Warner Brothers Web site this spring (www.warnerbros.com). The Warner Bros./IBM/Ogilvy & Mather award marked the debut of the new category best collaborative effort among advertisers, agencies and Web developers. (PR Newswire) For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5594628-e5b>

*** Cyberactive.NET goes live Nov. 1

Nov. 1 marks the first day of Cyberactive Publishing's new interactive entertainment industry online network, The Cyberactive Network. It encompasses all the company's online products including GameWeek Online, VideoGames On-Line, GamePress, GameJobs, FileZone, The Official VideoGame Yellow Pages, The Interactive Entertainment

Merchants Association website and the Cutting Edge Entertainment website. From Cyberactive.NET homepage at <http://www.cyberactive.net>, users can access all of the various sites and can jump straight to the day's most relevant news, VGOL's events and contests, the newsletter and eligibility to participate in future services. (PR Newswire) For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5636783-df3>

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TEXT:

Over the last several months, there have been some positive undercurrents

in

commentary on the U.S.' anti-drug policy--particularly focusing on ONDCP

Director Barry McCaffrey's visit this month to South American

countries--as

well as on several bilateral programs in South America and the Caribbean.

At

the same time, however, many concerns remained. Included among them: the

usual misgivings about U.S. efforts and presence on Latin American soil,

complaints that the U.S. must go beyond rhetoric and do more to curb its

domestic drug consumption, continued irritation with the U.S.

certification

process, and nervousness in some Latin American countries about the U.S.

recommendation proposing the use of Latin American armed forces in drug

interdiction. Media in Colombia and Panama also reported on General

McCaffrey's meeting with Colombian President Samper in Bogota, agreeing

that it

was an "important" event, but differing over the get-together's actual

significance. In Europe, the press focused intently on the increasing

fears

in the international community of the growing involvement of the Russian mafia

in drug trafficking. Following are major themes in the commentary:

-- Referring to General McCaffrey's statements made in the capitals of the

countries he visited and in earlier testimony before Congress, many analysts

said they believed the U.S. has made a "180 degree turn" in its approach to

combating illegal drugs. They interpreted the general's statements as an acknowledgment that America is also a drug producer and is greatly responsible--through its domestic demand for illicit drugs--for the drug scourge afflicting the world. They also saw signs of increased U.S. cooperation with drug producing and drug transit countries in anti-drug efforts, and underscored that there were several "innovative" joint efforts

already underway. Receiving high marks from media in Argentina was the drug

accord signed in Buenos Aires during the Clinton visit. Papers in Peru reacted

positively to the extension this summer of the U.S.-Peru anti-drug agreement.

In Trinidad and Tobago, a daily had high praise for the shiprider agreement

with the U.S.

-- Papers in Bogota proceeded to lay out both sides of the argument on whether

General McCaffrey's visit to Bogota represents a change in U.S. policy toward

that country or not. The leading Liberal Party-oriented El Tiempo saw the visit as a very positive diplomatic achievement, a clear shift towards lasting

friendship with the U.S., and even a step forward in the country's internal

peace process. Conservative La Republica, however, had a very different view,

claiming that U.S.-Colombian relations are still "narcotized."

-- Mexican commentators were decidedly more upbeat in their assessments of

U.S. policy after General McCaffrey statements in September on that country's

progress against the illegal drug problem. There was no available commentary

on the general's testimony before Congress yesterday. In Panama, the debate

surrounding the multinational counternarcotics center continued, with papers

stressing that Panama and the U.S. continue to differ over the presence of U.S.

military at the proposed center.

This survey is based on 46 reports from 15 countries, August 5-October 27.

EDITOR: Diana McCaffrey

LATIN AMERICA

ARGENTINA: "A Partnership With McCaffrey"

Raimundo Amadeo Orlando, assistant managing editor of pro-government La Prensa,

commented (10/27): "Barry McCaffrey, who conducts the 'Clintonian' anti-drug

policy in America, said when he was in Buenos Aires a few days ago: 'The most

important thing is that we now are partners. I have signed a North-South strategic cooperation alliance.' (He has) the clarity and strength of those who

use few words to make heavy and big statements.... One phrase with two effects: one of satisfaction because the signed agreement preceded and followed words of praise. And (one that showed) concerned faces (of those who

know that), with this four-star general, commitments have to be fulfilled....

An agreement turns the signatories into partners to achieve a determined goal,

and this is what McCaffrey said: that Argentines and Americans alike are partners to work in all of America. But he used odd wording: 'What is more

important is that we 'now' are partners.' He is saying that 'what is

important

now' is that the signed paper must be turned into sustained action. Just

as he

flew from Buenos Aires to La Paz and to the Colombian jungle to verify

whether

the fight against drug traffickers was being conducted as agreed upon,

McCaffrey will come (to Argentina) more often to control how this new partnership is working."

"Supranational Drug Accords A Must"

Readers of leading Clarin (10/21) saw this editorial regarding the drug

accord

signed during the Clinton visit, "The incorporation of Argentina into the

Strategic Alliance against Drugs should be understood as a commitment to

increase policies to prevent drug addiction and to take measures aimed at

the

prevention of money laundering derived from drug trafficking....

Argentina is

committed to fighting transborder crimes and demands the cooperation of

all

the nations to exchange information, prevent illegal money transactions,

stop

the promotion of tax havens that hide the hellish origin of the money,

and

adapt crime prevention laws. The sophistication and globalization of

money

laundering operations require supranational agreements such as the one that was signed and reasonable control over large financial transactions."

"Clinton's Orchestra Plays And Is Not Out Of Tune"

Under the headline above, Raimundo Orlando wrote in pro-government La Prensa

(10/21), "Clinton...went up to Washington with a clear view of who's who in

drugs.... While in Argentina, Clinton...avoided making clear statements about

the participation of the military in the fight against drug trafficking, which

was the core of the concept, as he considered that this was an 'Argentine problem.'... McCaffrey was one who did speak in Buenos Aires: 'What is most

important is that we now are partners.'... (He) signed a strategic alliance...and everybody smiled, even hard-liner McCaffrey, who went on to

Bolivia...to reproach the Bolivians on the very modest results of the promised

coca eradication. He gave a different speech there. Each country in America

requires a different one, because our position vis-a-vis drug trafficking differs one from the other. We have said so repeatedly."

"Eradication Of Coca Plantations In Bolivia"

Daily-of-record La Nacion opined (9/30): "For a brief moment, it seems that

Bolivia can regain its breath in its long and sometimes disappointing fight

against the spread of coca plantations. An agreement between President Banzer's government and farmers in the El Chapare area promises the eradication of 7,000 hectares of coca plantations by the end of the year....

The expense is considerable, but Bolivia has no other option...forced by national interest and strong reasons of political moralizing as much as by the

constant pressure of the United States.... Washington is not only urging La

Paz to firmly face the destruction of plantations: At the same time, it supports the effort of financing agriculture promotion plans in areas that are free of coca....

"The operation tests the authority of President Banzer and the capacity of his

collaborators to face a problem where previous administrations--particularly

that of Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada--have failed: For example, economic compensation has been implemented previously, leading to the paradoxical situation that coca production increased because the allocated funds were

used

to develop new plantations in other places. It is to be hoped that this disheartening experience is not repeated."

"Military And Narcs, Too Close"

An editorial in leading Clarin said (8/5): "In order to redouble the fight

against drug trafficking and organized crime, the Mexican authorities have

granted the armed forces increased police functions and have placed high-ranking officers in positions of political responsibility for domestic

security. That was, on the other hand, the recurrent recommendation of the

U.S. government and there were systematic pressures from the United States, in

the sense of involving the military apparatus in the repression of the activities developed by drug cartels.

"We now know that the presence of the army and the participation of military

chiefs, far from guarding the state from the corrupt effects of narc power,

have expanded such influence to the military sphere itself. The hardest blow,

in that sense, took place last February, with the demotion and detention

of

General Rebollo when he was, precisely, the director of the National Institute

Against Drugs.... Another 30 high-ranking officers are accused of accepting

bribes, while important confidential documents denouncing such relations were

stolen from the office of the defense minister himself, who is also a general. As we can see, it is a matter of a growing challenge from the hidden

powers, supported by the profitable circuit of drug dealing, which has placed

itself in open competition with the visible and recognized powers.

Consequently, there is a wide frame of reality where legality and crime are confused.

"The military treatment tried on the problem in Latin America, assigning the

armed forces the key roles in the fight against drug trafficking, not only

shows its inefficiency but also the danger it poses to legitimate institutions

which are, finally, the main defense our societies have against the threat of

this scourge. It would be convenient, then, to redesign the way in which we

handle this evidence."

BARBADOS: "Fighting Drugs Together"

The moderate Nation (8/14) ran an editorial that said: "The controversy that had surrounded the signing of bilateral maritime drug interdiction agreements by Barbados and Jamaica with the United States may have diverted attention from the ongoing close cooperation between Washington and Caribbean Community states in the war against narco-trafficking. As Jeanette Hyde, American ambassador to the eastern Caribbean, has observed, and as the region's governments well appreciate, effective multilateral cooperation is essential in meeting the threat to national and regional security posed by the drug traffickers. The debates have not yet ended about the extent to which original attitudes and proposals for the U.S. draft agreement with either Jamaica or Barbados to counter maritime drug trafficking differ from what was eventually signed. While accepting changes in the draft agreements, the United States maintains that in terms of overall objectives, the pacts with both Barbados and Jamaica reflect

essential commonalities to those signed earlier with other Caricom states over the past two years. These objectives coincide with the commitment by the region's governments to implement the United Nations convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and basically cover six anti-drugs enforcement areas. They include the so-called shiprider approach involving modalities of boarding a suspected vessel in a signatory's territorial waters; and pursuit of suspected vessels or aircraft under defined circumstances into territorial seas. Ensuring sovereignty in territorial jurisdiction was a major focus by both the governments of Jamaica and Barbados in negotiations, with the United States maintaining that violation of sovereignty was never involved in any of the provisions.

"However, now that bilateral agreements on countering illicit maritime drug trafficking are in place for most of the countries in the Caribbean, the United States would be expected to increase its level of financial and technical

assistance to this region in the battle against narco-trafficking. The region's governments, aware that at least 40 percent of the illicit drugs reaching North America and Europe pass through the Caribbean, have impressed upon not just the United States, but the international donor community in general why aid to combat the menacing drug trade should be pursued within the framework of economic development."

BOLIVIA: "Certification By UN And OAS"

Leading pro-business, opposition La Razon ran (9/10) an editorial that said in

part: "There is no doubt that the certification by the United States of third

countries...is legal.... However, legality is not the same as legitimacy....

The press informs that Mexico wants the UN and the OAS to undertake the job of

'certifier.'... Bolivia, as a nation that suffers the periodic North American

threat...should subscribe to the Mexican proposal. In addition, the United

States should do so as well."

"Eradicate What Is Illegal!"

Eduardo Perez, director of Radio Fides, broadcast a commentary on eradication and the U.S. certification process (9/18): "Law 1008 (the Bolivian counter narcotics law) establishes that 95 percent of the coca from Cochabamba is illegal, so we don't understand (Bolivian) Congressman Evo Morales when he says that it is something to be agreed upon. Does he mean that drug traffickers have to agree with judges about enforcing the law?... We have to respect our own laws and if the government considers that it doesn't have to respect Law 1008, they better abolish it.... We are running the risk of decertification, be it fair or not that Washington has that authority.... The rules are set and if we have accepted them we...[must] meet the consequences. We do not agree with unilateral certification by the United States, but...if we do not fulfill the goals of eradication, we will receive the punishment--Uncle Sam's stick...but to eradicate what is illegal, having to reach an agreement with coca growers!!! How complicated can we get?"

"To Eradicate Coca..."

Armando Mariaca observed in centrist Ultima Hora (9/18): "Coca and its derivatives...cause a lot of harm to humanity; the victims are counted by millions. And for those who do not want to accept its effects in the country, they consciously 'ignore' that for many years drugs attack many young people and children.... It is not therefore in the interest only of the consuming countries; it undoubtedly is in Bolivia's interest to eradicate coca...and cocaine. It is in our interest also to prevent that drug traffickers...attack the land, the rivers."

BRAZIL: "McCaffrey Speech In Venezuela 180-Turn In U.S. Policy"

Liberal Jornal do Brasil opined (10/22): "As long as the biggest consumer on the planet maintained an accusatory attitude toward the rest of the world, the most it got was a defensive position from producer countries. The unilateral demand for results and tacit condemnation of producer countries, seen as solely responsible for increases in international traffic, produced only isolated and uncoordinated actions. ONDCP Director General McCaffrey's speech in

Venezuela

is a 180-turn in U.S. policy on combatting drugs. When the United States admits they are not only the consumer market but also a producer, they drop the role of public prosecutor and make room for creating constructive partnerships. [This is] a surprising evolution in their policy...proposing to governments and NGOs of the three Americas joint prevention and treatment programs.... At the very moment that it creates a dialogue among equals, the United States makes room for innovative discussions, such as a common policy on combatting the black market in arms.... The United States realized that part of the causes and consequences of the international drug business is like the user who for the first time admits he needs treatment. There begins the road to a cure."

"Drug Abuse Fight Is On Clinton's Agenda"

Center-right O Estado de Sao Paulo opined (10/11): "The visit of General Barry McCaffrey is important because it will be the first time that a high American government official will approach Brazilian authorities with a

constructive

agenda about the drug abuse fight. Contrary to his predecessors, General McCaffrey will not come to impose--as has been tried before--or suggest that

Brazil do what the United States does not, i.e., use the armed forces to directly combat narcotrafficking. Do not expect, however, that General McCaffrey will make a clean break with present policy. This is not the American style. General McCaffrey has just made Washington's hard liners extremely nervous with his decision to meet with Colombian President Ernesto

Samper. McCaffrey considers the U.S. country certification process not very

intelligent and impractical. In advance of his visit to Brazil, McCaffrey asked to be informed about the Brazilian demand reduction programs, and about

the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts, which undoubtedly is an indication that the U.S. anti-drug policy is changing."

"Certification Process Causes Bad Will Toward Washington"

Center-right O Estado de Sao Paulo's op-ed page said (10/3): "The so-called

'certification' policy, which has been conceived with the laudable intention

of preventing drugs from entering the U.S. market, has another face. It implies humiliations and economic and trade sanctions against governments,

arbitrarily considered by [the United States'] unilateral judgement as being lenient in fighting drug trafficking. Convenient fora to deal with this aspect of the issue must be those international and regional ones, since their decisions derive from negotiations and are formulated through consensus, never in any unilateral compulsory manner....

"With this 'certification policy,' the U.S. government has achieved some modest successes in reducing the availability of drugs domestically, but not with regards to their use. The initiative, however, succeeded, by imposing sanctions on other nations, in contributing to the creation of a chain of suspicion and bad will in relation to Washington.... Drug trafficking problems in the hemisphere and their political consequences trend to become aggravated. The OAS should now negotiate a regional agreement capable of eliminating drug trafficking through a 'certification' process accepted multilaterally, even though that would mangle the fundamental rights of its members."

COLOMBIA: "Relations With Great Country To North Are Heading In Right Direction"

Leading, Liberal Party-oriented El Tiempo's chief editorialist observed

(10/24): "It is well known that Mr. McCaffrey spoke harshly of the current

(Samper) government on past occasions. Stepping onto our soil, or into the government palace, gazing from the air at the regions where coca is grown or

those where the crops no longer exist, listening to the president, or to the

armed forces, he must have changed his mind, no doubt about it.

Everything

indicates that conversations were very interesting and friendly, but above all,

fruitful.... All the above reasons make us think that the relations with the

great country to the North are heading in the right direction, and now, as we

approach the end of the current administration's (term in office), we can only

think of the urgency of a Colombianist (sic) project shared by everyone, beyond

any differences.... May resentments come to a halt. Let's work towards peace."

"U.S.-Colombia Relation Still 'Narcotized'"

Conservative Party-oriented La Republica editorialized (10/21): "It is a paradox that as the president of the United States, Bill Clinton, ends a

visit

to South America from which our country was excluded, the anti-drug czar
of the

U. S. government, Barry McCaffrey, lands in Colombia.... This
demonstrates,

let us insist, how bad the (bilateral) relations are, particularly at the
highest level.... The conclusion of what has happened cannot be other
than

that the U.S.-Colombia relationship is still 'narcotized.' 'U. S. policy
towards Colombia,' (General McCaffrey) declared, 'has not changed.

Anti-drug

cooperation continues to be our top priority.'

"In other words, cooperation with Colombia remains because the war against
drugs is a priority task of the bilateral relations. Absolute
narcotization,
of course."

"Multilateral Approach Necessary"

Leading, Liberal Party-oriented El Tiempo editorialized (10/20): "It is
evident that, beyond any eventual change in the bilateral context, the
experiences recorded to this point indicate, with little doubt, that the
strategy of the war against drugs and drug lords requires a clearly
multilateral

approach, and a wider application of resources in this regard. This is

probably the sense that must be attributed to the recent expression of Mr. McCaffrey that it is not the time anymore for 'pointing fingers' or unilateral posturing, but for the expansion of the fight into the area of prevention. No other testimony can be more direct than the one the anti-drug czar can convey, so that it will be possible to attain a more objective and unbiased perspective of the task our country is fulfilling, without the quite tendentious references that up to this point seem to have distorted it."

"Importance Of McCaffrey Visit"

Portafolio, leading, Liberal Party-oriented El Tiempo's economic insert, editorialized (10/20): "Above all, what was probably of great importance in deciding McCaffrey's visit is the logic of the interests at stake, such as the retroactivity of extradition, which if approved, would grant U. S. visas to four major Colombian drug traffickers. The visit to Colombia...is not exactly a victory for Samper, or anything of that sort. It is simply and plainly a proof of how important the drug issue is for the U.S. international agenda."

"No Change In Current Tensions"

Second leading liberal El Espectador editorialized (10/20): "The effort to present [McCaffrey's] visit as a change in the current tensions in the bilateral relationship, and reference by the current Colombian ambassador in Washington to 'moral support,' as well as commentary on (the visit's) giving a 'second wind' to the (Colombian) government, so that the upcoming elections will be a success (for the current regime), are biased interpretations quite far from reality."

GUATEMALA: "Alarming Increase In Drug Trafficking And Consumption"

New daily El Periodico observed (9/11): "We have learned that over the past year there has been a significant increase in drug trafficking and use in our country. The rise in (these activities) may stem from three elements: the increase in drug use in the United States, the change in U.S. antinarcotics policies and a feeble response by Guatemalan authorities. Without a

doubt, one

of the major issues that is the subject of debate within the United States

is

the unmanageable increase in drug use among the American population, to

the

point that it became a burden during Clinton's re-election campaign.

Obviously, if demand goes up, so does supply.... Drug production and

trafficking have swelled, despite efforts to stop them....

"U.S. authorities have changed their policy by concentrating their efforts

in

combating drug production rather than drug trafficking. Consequently, the

fight against drugs remains, virtually, in the hands of the countries

which are

most affected by its commerce.... In our opinion, the United States' new

anti-narcotics policy is counterproductive because, if you decrease or

temper

actions against the trafficking of drugs, it is likely to cause the

'Colombianization' of all countries afflicted by drug trafficking.... In

fact,

Guatemala is suffering from some of the effects of this unwanted trend.

Two of

the most brutal effects of this 'Colombianization' are: institutional

weakening

which ends in anarchy and impunity; and widespread violence.... Guatemala

cannot continue to act timidly facing narco-terrorist violence and

increasing

drug use. This type of attitude could prove disastrous to the future of our country... We need a well-defined strategy and concrete actions that will effectively curb drug-related crimes."

HONDURAS: "War Against Drugs Bigger Failure Than Vietnam"

Highly conservative El Heraldo contended (10/19): "Thirty years after its initiation, Washington's highest priority, the war against drugs, is a bigger failure than the Vietnam War, bringing death and corruption to Latin America, all because American politicians need a scapegoat... This war against drugs creates the same type of organized crime which resulted in Chicago from Prohibition with the tremendous disadvantage that our institutions are much more fragile. The responsibility of our governments lies with our people and if the world's only military superpower is being overrun by its attempts to ignore the overwhelming economic principle that demand creates its own supply, it would be quixotic to give into the inevitable deaths and civil rights violations that this type of holy war would entail."

JAMAICA: "Dealing With Goliath's Whims"

Regular columnist Dawn Ritch wrote in the moderate, influential Sunday
Gleaner

(8/10): "The United States is a Goliath, but the days of Davids and
miracles

are long over.... There is something you should remember about the terms
and

conditions of U.S. foreign aid.... Those countries which have received
in

desperate times U.S. help, know all too well that it carries a heavy
price.

"Today in Jamaica we are all aware that the cooperation between ourselves
and

the United States is not as it was in the past. The United States makes a
statement, then we find out that it really doesn't go like that, then the
U.S.

president gives an assurance, and sometimes it does happen and sometimes
it

doesn't.... The United States has admitted that there is high demand in
that

country for drugs and this combined with the current lack of U.S.-Jamaica
cooperation has led to that country being overly aggressive in pushing
the

shiprider agreement. They have also stated publicly that a member of
this

government is in the ganja trade. They would do both us and themselves

much

greater service were they to name the individual and give the evidence....

Everything is left at the level of insinuation.

"The Americans would have us believe that only Jamaicans and Colombians are in

the drug trade.... The drug trade thrives because of the involvement of...powerful U.S. citizens as well. They have no more interest in arresting

theirs than we have in arresting ours. Our government, any Jamaican government, has no choice but to pursue the weary task of co-operating with

that Goliath. That our record of success has been so spotty recently has both

to do with our geo-political unimportance, and the fact that we have not forged the right alliances within the United States. The latter is at least

something over which we have control. And I don't believe that an alliance

with the Black Caucus, so barely able as they are to help themselves, is the

best we can do.... There are times when their interests and our own do not

coincide. The Black Caucus is closely allied to the trade unions who are diametrically opposed to NAFTA parity in Jamaica."

MEXICO: "Bilateral Relationship Without Pressure"

Nationalist Universal said (9/25): "U.S. Charge de Affairs to Mexico

Charles

Brayshaw recognized that the main concern of the White House is the

'increasing

drug trafficking activities in Mexico.' Brayshaw also said that the

United

States has intensified its intelligence services here 'to find out the new

strategies for drug trafficking.' It is true and evident that drug

trafficking

has increased, but if these activities have increased in Mexico it is

because

drug consumption has also increased in the United States. This is an

unquestionable fact, and it was even recognized by ONDCP Barry

McCaffrey....

"It is necessary to insist on combatting demand to combat the production

and

trafficking of narcotics. Joint efforts are praiseworthy mainly because we

share a common border, but these efforts should also be aimed at

combatting the

market for narcotics. Drug trafficking is evidently highly corruptive....

But

both governments have to fight it without foreign pressures.

"For that reason Mexico ought not acquiesce to the presence of an increased number of DEA and intelligence agents in our territory under the pretext of 'finding the new strategies for drug trafficking.' Mexico cannot deny the need to establish close cooperative links, but the United States should not take advantage of this difficult situation to pressure Mexico.... It might be wise to try to guarantee a fruitful bilateral relationship and eliminate the causes of conflict, and thereby set the groundwork for mutually advantageous links."

"Reign Of Crime"

Centrist, nationalist Excelsior stated (9/5): "U.S. ONDCP Director Barry McCaffrey has recognized that Mexico is the country that has recently destroyed the most narcotics. McCaffrey also said that eight huge radars will be installed along the common border to detect drug trafficking in the 82 million vehicles that annually cross the border through the 38 ports of entry. Those radars were originally designed to control Soviet intercontinental ballistic

missiles and thus give us an idea of their reach and magnitude. All these statements tell us that we continue to fight the challenges launched by drug mafias. Their increased capacity to penetrate high levels of power and their ability to buy silence are extremely worrisome... The U.S. government has always considered Mexico as essential to its national security, and for that reason devotes enormous (economic) resources to implement these preventive measures."

"Our Business"

Centrist, nationalist Excelsior observed (9/5): "Within the U.S. strategy to combat drug trafficking there are some dark points that should be clarified.

ODCP Director Barry McCaffrey announced the United States will hand over 73

helicopters to Mexico to increase mobility of our security forces.

Further,

there is a project to create an international military force--the Mexican army

could be involved to fight drug trafficking. We should be cautious because we

could become involved in operations that would exceed the limits of crime

su

ppression. This pan-American armed force could serve other purposes of the U.S. foreign policy. Mexico should pay attention only to problems that involve Mexico and Mexicans. The arrests of drug kingpins such as Chapo Guzman, Guero Palma, Oscar Malherbe, Juan Garcia Abrego, Amado Carrillo and General Gutierrez Rebollo are proof of the willingness of Mexican authorities to fight drug trafficking. However, we must avoid involving ourselves in a structure--built by the United States on the pretext of fighting narcotics--that could unduly pressure our government and other countries of the area. U.S. pressures, from requesting authorization for increased numbers of armed DEA agents with diplomatic immunity in Mexico to requesting Mexico's participation in a continental force, could serve as ways to impose U.S. foreign policy on other Latin American countries."

"McCaffrey Statements Sensible"

Nationalist El Porvenir commented (9/5): "In the struggle against drug trafficking it's been said many times that it is necessary for the United States to apply domestic measures as strict as the ones applied outside the

country. ... (Barry McCaffrey) pointed out that the United States will not beat this problem without the cooperation of both countries. Barry McCaffrey's statements seem sensible since Mexico is as interested as the United States in eliminating this problem along the border, which is considered a matter of national security to Mexico. This is why, no matter the pressures from the Republican U.S. Senate, Mexico is interested in continuing its cooperation with the United States.... For (those senators) we repeat McCaffrey's words: Without Mexico, the United States cannot win the war against drugs."

"Obsolete Views"

Nationalist El Universal editorialized (7/30): "Two news stories coming from the U.S. reveal the obsolete way in which several U.S. sectors view the U.S.-Mexican relationship. The first deals with Defense Secretary Cohen's decision to cancel anti-drug surveillance activities by the U.S. military after a Mexican national was killed under unusual circumstances by a U.S. soldier.

"The second is the proposal by Border Patrol agents in Columbus, New Mexico to build a concrete wall to prevent undocumented aliens and drug traffickers from crossing into the United States. Even though both governments have agreed at the highest levels that immigration and drug trafficking can only be solved by attacking their roots, we still find persons favoring police and military solutions. Both problems have deep economic roots--there is a demand for cheap labor and for drugs in the United States. Both problems can only be solved by improving economic conditions in Mexico so that Mexicans do not have to emigrate--and the United States can play a determinant role on this matter because of its role as a world power--and by reducing the enormous demand for drugs in the United States."

PANAMA: "McCaffrey Will Demand Samper's Support For Center At Howard"

Conservative El Panama America editorialized (10/21): "U.S. Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey meets with Colombian President Samper, which constitutes McCaffrey's most important visit in his Latin American trip.... Samper's presidential term

is soon to end, supported only by the armed forces and having resisted, as Noriega, the strongest internal and external attacks. He (Samper) has been under constant pressure for his resignation.... At one time, even the middle echelons in the army demanded Samper's resignation.... There is no doubt McCaffrey will talk to him strongly because that is his (McCaffrey's) stamp and style. But he will also have to recognize the great contribution, in deaths, wounds and destruction, that Colombia has reaped from this war against drug trafficking.... There is no doubt that McCaffrey will demand Colombia's support for the Panamanian Counternarcotics Center at Howard. Another subject to be discussed will be the criticized antidrug certification.... It seems that President Samper's last months in power will continue to be a nightmare."

"Differences Over Multinational Counternarcotics Center"

Independent El Universal de Panama (10/5) ran this editorial stating that the Panamanian and U.S. points of view differ in term of the military presence at the Multinational Counternarcotics Center (MCC). In referring to the

"scant

information" Panama has released about the talks, it states that what nonetheless emerges is the sense that "the controversy (is over) status and sovereignty." The paper further observed that the MCC's opponents do not necessarily come from the opposition parties, and, in fact many come from the

"Torrijista process" involved in negotiating the Carter-Torrijos treaty.

The

editorial concluded: "It remains, then, to let the quiet diplomacy continue and

to discover if what is being negotiated is an MCC or a military base."

"In The Interest Of Panama To Have Foreign Presence In Panama To Fight Drugs?"

Conservative El Panama America (10/5) stressed the difficult position of the

Panamanian president on the Multinational Counternarcotics Center given "his

open admiration for Omar Torrijos and his nationalist message which put him in

a difficult situation.... All of which the ultra nationalists are taking advantage of.... To remind him that he could be sacrificing the Torrijist objective of 'not a single foreign stake, not a single foreign soldier in our

territory.'... On the other hand, the president himself, along with many other[s]...recognize that the world today is not the same as it was in the

seventies and that Torrijos himself might revise his position on this matter if he considered it to be in the interests of the country, as he did on many occasions during his long dictatorship."

PERU: "Hemispheric Cooperation Against Drug Trafficking"

Luis Lamas, a criminal lawyer involved with drug prevention, wrote this in an op-ed piece (10/24) for center, pro-government El Sol: "If we dedicate ourselves to analyzing carefully what the results of President Clinton's recent visit to Latin America were, there is no doubt that drug trafficking appears as a first-priority component. Although...illicit drugs...are a global problem in the Americas, (the policies and efforts) to date have been characterized by a series of disagreements, criticisms, confrontations, and lack of consensus among the involved countries....

"Large drug-trafficking organizations have profited from these inconsistencies to strengthen their nets and achieve...efficiency of scale...in the production and massive commercialization of drugs.... Some kind of consensus should

be

reached to globalize the efforts that each country makes in a more systematic way. Only by working in a more closely coordinated way with law enforcement, legal and judicial systems, combined with a closer economic cooperation to support alternative development programs, can there be an effective multinational effort for both producer and consuming countries."

"The U.S. Will Do Something Better Than Not Selling Us Arms"

Center-right, pro-government Expreso commented (8/20) on the extension of the

U.S.- Peru anti-drug agreement: "The very welcome and valuable announcement by

Ambassador Dennis Jett highlights U.S. seriousness and responsibility in its

participation as a guarantor country. On the other hand, Ambassador Jett said

it is possible that President Clinton may stop in Lima in April 1998 on his way

to Chile, and that this visit is not related to the Ecuador-Peru negotiations

in Brasilia. Notwithstanding, the fact is that Clinton would not be able to

visit Lima without going to Quito and he could hardly visit either of the

two

capitals if there was no agreement to celebrate or a clear opportunity to

get

an agreement in the short term. And last but not least, (the increase of

the

anti-drug aid) is not enough, but it is necessary support, considering

that the

success of Peruvian interdiction has prevented coca paste from leaving the

country, (thereby) increasing the local youth consumption, because of low

prices. This, added to the coca crop reduction and consequent

unemployment,

means that Peru is paying a high price for this struggle. But considering

everything together, U.S.- Peruvian relations seem to be the best both

countries have had in a long time. The new and welcomed measures

announced by

Ambassador Jett--which don't touch internal affairs--seem to put things in

place. In good time."

"Drug Pressures"

Political editor Patricio Ricketts held in center-right, pro-government

Expreso

(8/20): "The additional \$12.5 million that the United States will supply

to

the crop substitution program in Peru should be seen, optimistically, more

like

a catalyst for future private investment in the coca area than a response

to

drug traffic's huge pressure. In fact, the U.S. contribution could reach \$107

million in 7 years. Financial pressure of drug traffic is 60 times higher....

The conclusion is that, in spite of high contributions, they will always be

insufficient. Besides, Clinton's educative and preventive campaign has failed,

and from now on he will be criticized harshly. What is evident is that Latin

American drug cartels are falling one after another, but criminals who manage

the rich markets in U.S. or European cities have never been touched. And this

is where the big money is--and also in the huge and intact financial and banking laundries. Why talk about Cali, Medellin and Tijuana, without mentioning New York, Hong Kong and the Caribbean Caymans?"

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: "Headway Made In War On Drug Trade"

Anil Mahabir wrote in the Express (9/26): "I am sad to see Brian Donnelly,

former U.S. ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, leave this country, after a 3-year posting, if only because, he has been most accommodating in soliciting

U.S. assistance in the onslaught against the evil called cocaine.... At

long

last, the big guns in the drug trade are being caught, tried and extradited,

which makes an immense break with the past.... Which brings me to the much-touted ship rider agreement signed last year between this country and the

United States.... The drug barons of the South American cartels, who patrol

the gulf and who use this country as a major transshipment point for cocaine

bound for the United States and Europe, are too sophisticated for this country

to battle them alone with local weapons. The ship rider agreement makes it

possible for U.S. help in this sphere of activity.... The (United Congress

Party) government has signaled that it is going to pass legislation to make it

impossible...for banks to harbor and promote secret accounts of suspected clients....

"(With U.S.-donated funds) the government can embark upon a nationwide anti-drug education and sloganeering campaign. The anti-drug campaign should

be introduced as a compulsory subject at the common entrance...levels....

In

my view and in the view of many others, this government has already signaled and embarked upon a phenomenal onslaught on the drug trade in less than two years in office. I certainly am looking forward to the next three."

"New Drug Rating For Port Of Spain?"

The conservative Guardian commented (8/11): "If it is true that the Ricky II, carrying more than four tons of pure cocaine, was bound for Trinidad as its final destination, then our country must still be harboring a nest of major drug traffickers. Information released by the Drug Enforcement Agency in the past has not placed Trinidad and Tobago high on the list of transit points for illegal drugs moving from South to North America. Now that 'rating' is sure to change as we learn that this huge shipment of cocaine, rated as the biggest drug bust in Venezuelan police history, was destined for Trinidad and Tobago. Previous reports had indicated that the Ricky II was bound for Trinidad to off load a legitimate cargo of paper rolls and electrical poles and would be

proceeding afterwards to Europe. However, during the process of investigation, including interviews with the ship's captain and crew members, DEA agents and Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello discovered that the little ship was due to complete its journey from Baranquilla in Colombia at Trinidad.

"Now the implications of that must be quite disturbing not only to Trinidadian police authorities but to the entire citizenry. While we know that it has been involved in the business of trafficking from the number of 'mules' caught at the airport and occasional reports about transactions off our coasts, we had no idea of the real extent of this illegal activity taking place in our country.

The drug bust on the Ricky II, however, must now place us in the big league.

The kingpins of the Colombian cartel who arranged for the massive cargo of cocaine to be cunningly hidden in various parts of the overhauled vessels must have their agents in Trinidad and Tobago who would have made arrangements for the drugs to be off loaded and secured until it could be dispatched northwards.... Shortly after the July 18 drug bust at Puerto Cabello, it

was

reported that the DEA had asked for information on six Trinidadians who they

believe were connected with the cocaine transshipment. Is this a fact?

Are

these suspected persons being investigated? The Ricky II affair tells us that

we cannot be complacent about the business of drug trafficking in our country.

In fact, the amount of cocaine involved in this bust should strike a fresh alarm, that we should even be more alert to this nefarious business. While security checks at Piarco have uncovered a number of mules, it now seems necessary to have a keener surveillance at our ports, especially on ships coming up from Colombia and its neighboring countries."

EUROPE

RUSSIA: "Moscow Details Primakov To Fight Russian Mafia Drug Barons"

Yevgeny Bai reported in reformist Izvestia (10/3): "Shortly a team of Russian

secret service officers will be sent to Colombia; their mission is to try and

break the emerging alliance between Russian organized crime and the Colombian

drug cartels.... The trip is long overdue. A strong movement has been gathering momentum in the U.S. to try to identify the true size of the

monster

known as the 'Russian Mafia.' Following the former CIA Director James

Woolsey,

who the other day unveiled a fundamental report on Russian organized

crime, the

FBI Director Louis Freeh joined in the fight against the monster. He is

particularly concerned by the fact that the Russian Mafia, which has

overtaken

its Italian rival, is energetically building up links with the Latin

American

drug cartels."

CANADA: "In War On Drugs, Canada Could Be A Peacemaker"

The business-oriented Financial Post (8/5) commented: "At the same time

the

U.S. president is pushing for 'fast-track' authority from Congress to

negotiate a hemispheric trade...agreement, there is already one form of

hemispheric trade that is thriving--the drug trade.... In some cases,

the

drug trade can alter the very fundamentals of a country's economy. On the

one

hand, the government loses tax revenue from illegal economic activities related to the drug trade, on the other the huge amounts of 'narco-dollars' injected into a producing country's economy can undermine the government's efforts to stabilize the economy and reduce inflation. Corruption associated with the drug trade also threatens political stability.... The hemispheric drug trade has also created a divide between the producing countries of the south and the consuming nations of the north.... And on top of it all, the United States' war on drugs has failed. Neither the supply of, nor the demand for, drugs has decreased in the Americas. It is at this point that the authors [of 'Hemispheric Addiction'--Canadian Foundation for the Americas], see Canada stepping in to fulfil its traditional role as a 'bridge' between the northern and southern nations.... We must do our part to break this hemispheric addiction."

HUNGARY: "Dealers In Death"

Tabloid Kurir (9/30) carried an op-ed piece by Ferenc F. Szabo: "The

Russian

mafia...has established a 'long-term cooperation alliance' with the

Colombians

active in the Carribean. In return for cocaine placed at Eastern

European

markets, the ex-KGB Russians, well-connected with the government, have

offered, among other things, modern weapons for the Latin American

mafia....

It is a bit scary that a drug gang can get hold of weapons which could

serve

as the defense equipment of a smaller country. And it is even scarier

that

they can afford that with the greatest of ease. Because, after all, they

are

dealing in death. Be it weapons or drugs, in the end it always comes to

somebody's death."

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U.S. ANTIDRUG POLICY:
MCCAFFREY STATEMENTS WELCOMED, OTHER CONCERNS REMAIN

X' hp x (#Over the last several months, there have been some positive undercur
rents in
commentary on the U.S.' antidrug policyparticularly focusing on ONDCP
Director Barry McCaffrey's visit this month to South American countriesas
well
as on several bilateral programs in South America and the Caribbean. At
the sa
me time, however, many concerns remained. Included among them: the
usual misg
ivings about U.S. efforts and presence on Latin American soil,
complaints that
the U.S. must go beyond rhetoric and do more to curb its
domestic drug consump
tion, continued irritation with the U.S. certification
process, and nervousnes
s in some Latin American countries about the U.S.
recommendation proposing the
use of Latin American armed forces in drug
interdiction. Media in Colombia and
Panama also reported on General

McCaffrey's meeting with Colombian President Samper in Bogota, agreeing that it was an "important" event, but differing over the gettogether's actual significance. In Europe, the press focused intently on the increasing fears in the international community of the growing involvement of the Russian mafia in drug trafficking. Following are major themes in the commentary:

Referring to General McCaffrey's statements made in the capitals of the countries he visited and in earlier testimony before Congress, many analysts said they believed the U.S. has made a "180 degree turn" in its approach to combating illegal drugs. They interpreted the general's statements as an acknowledgment that America is also a drug producer and is greatly responsible through its domestic demand for illicit drugs for the drug scourge afflicting the world. They also saw signs of increased U.S. cooperation with drug producing and drug transit countries in antidrug efforts, and underscored that there were several "innovative" joint efforts already underway. Receiving high marks from media in Argentina was the drug accord signed in Buenos Aires during the Clinton visit. Papers in Peru reacted positively to the extension this summer of the U.S.-Peru antidrug agreement. In Trinidad and Tobago, a daily had high praise for the ship rider agreement with the U.S.

Papers in Bogota proceeded to lay out both sides of the argument on whether General McCaffrey's visit to Bogota represents a change in U.S. policy toward that country or not. The leading Liberal Party-oriented *El Tiempo* saw the visit as a very positive diplomatic achievement, a clear shift towards lasting friendship with the U.S., and even a step forward in the country's internal peace process. Conservative *La Republica*, however, had a very different view, claiming that U.S.-Colombian relations are still "narcotized."

Mexican commentators were decidedly more upbeat in their assessments of

U.S. policy after General McCaffrey statements in September on that country's progress against the illegal drug problem. There was no available commentary on the general's testimony before Congress yesterday. In Panama, the debate surrounding the multinational counternarcotics center continued, with papers stressing that Panama and the U.S. continue to differ over the presence of U.S. military at the proposed center. This survey is based on 46 reports from 15 countries, August 5-October 27. EDITOR: Diana McCaffrey

LATIN AMERICA

ARGENTINA: "A Partnership With McCaffrey"

Raimundo Amadeo Orlando, assistant managing editor of pro-government La Prensa, commented (10/27): "Barry McCaffrey, who conducts the 'Clintonian' antidrug policy in America, said when he was in Buenos Aires a few days ago: 'The most important thing is that we now are partners. I have signed a North-South strategic cooperation alliance.' (He has) the clarity and strength of those who use few words to make heavy and big statements.... One phrase with two effects: one of satisfaction because the signed agreement preceded and followed words of praise. And (one that showed) concerned faces (of those who know that), with this four-star general, commitments have to be fulfilled.... An agreement turns the signatories into partners to achieve a determined goal, and this is what McCaffrey said: that Argentines and Americans alike are partners to work in all of America. But he used odd wording: 'What is more important is that we 'now' are partners.' He is saying that 'what is important now' is that the signed paper must be turned into sustained action. Just as he flew from Buenos Aires to La Paz and to the Colombian jungle to verify whether the fight against drug traffickers was being conducted as agreed upon, McCaffrey will come (to Argentina) more often to control how this new partnership is working."

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Readers of leading Clarin (10/21) saw this editorial regarding the drug accord

signed during the Clinton visit, "The incorporation of Argentina into the Str

ategic Alliance against Drugs should be understood as a commitment to increase

policies to prevent drug addiction and to take measures aimed at the preventio

n of money laundering derived from drug trafficking.... Argentina is committe

d to fighting transborder crimes and demands the cooperation of all the nation

s to exchange information, prevent illegal money transactions, stop the promot

ion of tax havens that hide the hellish origin of the money, and adapt crime p

revention laws. The sophistication and globalization of money laundering opera

tions require supranational agreements such as the one that was signed and reas

onable control over large financial transactions."

"Clinton's Orchestra Plays And Is Not Out Of Tune"

Under the headline above, Raimundo Orlando wrote in progovernment La Prensa (1

0/21), "Clinton...went up to Washington with a clear view of who's who in drug

s.... While in Argentina, Clinton...avoided making clear statements about the

participation of the military in the fight against drug trafficking, which wa

s the core of the concept, as he considered that this was an 'Argentine proble

m.'... McCaffrey was one who did speak in Buenos Aires: 'What is most importa

nt is that we now are partners.'... (He) signed a strategic alliance...and eve

rybody smiled, even hardliner McCaffrey, who went on to Bolivia...to reproach

the Bolivians on the very modest results of the promised coca eradication. H

e gave a different speech there. Each country in America requires a different

one, because our position visavis drug trafficking differs one from the other.

We have said so repeatedly."

"Eradication Of Coca Plantations In Bolivia"

Dailyofrecord La Nacion opined (9/30): "For a brief moment, it seems that Bo

livia can regain its breath in its long and sometimes disappointing fight
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nst the spread of coca plantations. An agreement between President
Banzer's go
vernment and farmers in the El Chapare area promises the
eradication of 7,000
hectares of coca plantations by the end of the year....
The expense is consid
erable, but Bolivia has no other option...forced by
national interest and stro
ng reasons of political moralizing as much as by
the constant pressure of the
United States.... Washington is not only
urging La Paz to firmly face the des
truction of plantations: At the same
time, it supports the effort of financin
g agriculture promotion plans in
areas that are free of coca....

"The operation tests the authority of President Banzer and the capacity of
his
collaborators to face a problem where previous
administrations particularly tha
t of Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada have
failed: For example, economic compensation
has been implemented previously,
leading to the paradoxical situation that co
ca production increased because
the allocated funds were used to develop new
plantations in other places. It
is to be hoped that this disheartening experie
nce is not repeated."

"Military And Narcs, Too Close"

An editorial in leading Clarin said (8/5): "In order to redouble the fight
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gainst drug trafficking and organized crime, the Mexican authorities have
gran
ted the armed forces increased police functions and have placed
highranking of
ficers in positions of political responsibility for domestic
security. That wa
s, on the other hand, the recurrent recommendation of the
U.S. government and
there were systematic pressures from the United States,
in the sense of involv
ing the military apparatus in the repression of the
activities developed by dr
ug cartels.

"We now know that the presence of the army and the participation of military
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hiefs, far from guarding the state from the corrupt effects of narc power,

have expanded such influence to the military sphere itself. The hardest blow, in that sense, took place last February, with the demotion and detention of General Rebollo when he was, precisely, the director of the National Institute Against Drugs.... Another 30 high-ranking officers are accused of accepting bribes, while important confidential documents denouncing such relations were stolen from the office of the defense minister himself, who is also a general. As we can see, it is a matter of a growing challenge from the hidden powers, supported by the profitable circuit of drug dealing, which has placed itself in open competition with the visible and recognized powers. Consequently, there is a wide frame of reality where legality and crime are confused.

"The military treatment tried on the problem in Latin America, assigning the armed forces the key roles in the fight against drug trafficking, not only shows its inefficiency but also the danger it poses to legitimate institutions which are, finally, the main defense our societies have against the threat of this scourge. It would be convenient, then, to redesign the way in which we handle this evidence."

BARBADOS: "Fighting Drugs Together"

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The moderate Nation (8/14) ran an editorial that said: "The controversy that had surrounded the signing of bilateral maritime drug interdiction agreements by Barbados and Jamaica with the United States may have diverted attention from the ongoing close cooperation between Washington and Caribbean Community states in the war against narcotrafficking. As Jeanette Hyde, American ambassador to the eastern Caribbean, has observed, and as the region's governments well appreciate, effective multilateral cooperation is essential in meeting the threat to national and regional security posed by the drug traffickers. The debates have not yet ended about the extent to which original attitudes and proposals for the U.S. draft agreement with either

Jamaica or Barbados to counter maritime drug trafficking differ from what was eventually signed. While accepting changes in the draft agreements, the United States maintains that in terms of overall objectives, the pacts with both Barbados and Jamaica reflect essential commonalities to those signed earlier with other Caricom states over the past two years. These objectives coincide with the commitment by the region's governments to implement the United Nations convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and basically cover six antidrug enforcement areas. They include the so-called shiprider approach involving modalities of boarding a suspected vessel in a signatory's territorial waters; and pursuit of suspected vessels or aircraft under defined circumstances into territorial seas. Ensuring sovereignty in territorial jurisdiction was a major focus by both the governments of Jamaica and Barbados in negotiations, with the United States maintaining that violation of sovereignty was never involved in any of the provisions.

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"However, now that bilateral agreements on countering illicit maritime drug trafficking are in place for most of the countries in the Caribbean, the United States would be expected to increase its level of financial and technical assistance to this region in the battle against narcotrafficking. The region's governments, aware that at least 40 percent of the illicit drugs reaching North America and Europe pass through the Caribbean, have impressed upon not just the United States, but the international donor community in general why aid to combat the menacing drug trade should be pursued within the framework of economic development."

BOLIVIA: "Certification By UN And OAS"

Leading probusiness, opposition La Razon ran (9/10) an editorial that said in part: "There is no doubt that the certification by the United States of third

countries...is legal.... However, legality is not the same as legitimacy....

The press informs that Mexico wants the UN and the OAS to undertake the job o

f 'certifier.'... Bolivia, as a nation that suffers the

periodic North America

n threat...should subscribe to the Mexican proposal.

In addition, the United S

tates should do so as well."

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"Eradicate What Is Illegal!"

Eduardo Perez, director of Radio Fides, broadcast a commentary on eradication

and the U.S. certification processs (9/18): "Law 1008 (the Bolivian counter

narcotics law) establishes that 95 percent of the coca from Cochabamba is ille

gal, so we don't understand (Bolivian) Congressman Evo Morales when he says th

at it is something to be agreed upon. Does he mean

that drug traffickers have

to agree with judges about enforcing the law?...

We have to respect our own

laws and if the government considers that it

doesn't have to respect Law 1008,

they better abolish it.... We are running

the risk of decertification, be it

fair or not that Washington has that

authority.... The rules are set and if w

e have accepted them we...[must]

meet the consequences. We do not agree with u

nilateral certification by the

United States, but...if we do not fulfill the g

oals of eradication, we will

receive the punishment Uncle Sam's stick...but to

eradicate what is illegal,

having to reach an agreement with coca growers!!!

How complicated can we

get?"

"To Eradicate Coca..."

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Armando Mariaca observed in centrist Ultima Hora (9/18): "Coca and its deriva

tives...cause a lot of harm to humanity; the victims are counted by millions.

And for those who do not want to accept its effects in the country, they cons

ciously 'ignore' that for many years drugs attack many young people and childr

en.... It is not therefore in the interest only of

the consuming countries; it

undoubtedly is in Bolivia's interest to

eradicate coca...and cocaine. It is in our interest also to prevent that drug traffickers...attack the land, the rivers."

BRAZIL: "McCaffrey Speech In Venezuela 180Turn In U.S. Policy"

Liberal Jornal do Brasil opined (10/22): "As long as the biggest consumer on the planet maintained an accusatory attitude toward the rest of the world, the

most it got was a defensive position from producer countries. The unilateral demand for results and tacit condemnation of producer countries,

seen as solely responsible for increases in international traffic, produced only isolated and uncoordinated actions. ONDCP Director General McCaffrey's

speech in Venezuela is a 180turn in U.S. policy on combatting drugs. When the United States admits

they are not only the consumer market but also a producer, they drop the role of public prosecutor and make room for creating constructive partnerships. [This is] a surprising evolution in their

policy...proposing to governments and NGOs of the three Americas joint prevention and treatment programs.... At the very moment that it creates a

dialogue among equals, the United States makes room for innovative discussions, such as a common policy on combatting the black market in

arms.... The United States realized that part of the causes and consequences of the international drug business is like the user who for the first time

admits he needs treatment. There begins the road to a cure."

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X "Drug Abuse Fight Is On Clinton's Agenda"

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Centerright O Estado de Sao Paulo opined (10/11): "The visit of General Barry

McCaffrey is important because it will be the first time that a high American

government official will approach Brazilian authorities with a constructive agenda about the drug abuse fight. Contrary to his predecessors, General McCaffrey will not come to impose as has been tried before or suggest that Brazil do what the United States does not, i.e., use the armed forces to directly combat

narcotrafficking. Do not expect,

however, that General McCaffrey will make a clean break with present policy. This is not the American style. General McCaffrey has just made Washington's hard liners extremely nervous with his decision to meet with Colombian President Ernesto Samper. McCaffrey considers the U.S. country certification process not very intelligent and impractical. In advance of his visit to Brazil, McCaffrey asked to be informed about the Brazilian demand reduction programs, and about the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts, which undoubtedly is an indication that the U.S. antidrug policy is changing."

"Certification Process Causes Bad Will Toward Washington"

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Centerright O Estado de Sao Paulo's oped page said (10/3): "The so-called 'certification' policy, which has been conceived with the laudable intention of preventing drugs from entering the U.S. market, has another face. It implies humiliations and economic and trade sanctions against governments, arbitrarily considered by [the United States'] unilateral judgement as being lenient in fighting drug trafficking. Convenient for to deal with this aspect of the issue must be those international and regional ones, since their decisions derive from negotiations and are formulated through consensus, never in any unilateral compulsory manner....

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"With this 'certification policy,' the U.S. government has achieved some modest

successes in reducing the availability of drugs domestically, but not with regards to their use. The initiative, however, succeeded, by imposing sanctions on other nations, in contributing to the creation of a chain of suspicion and bad will in relation to Washington.... Drug trafficking problems in the hemisphere and their political consequences tend to become aggravated. The OAS should now negotiate a regional agreement capable of eliminating drug trafficking through a 'certification' process accepted multilaterally, even though that

would mangle the fundamental rights of its members."

COLOMBIA: "Relations With Great Country To North Are Heading In Right Direction"

Leading, Liberal Party-oriented El Tiempo's chief editorialist observed (10/24)

: "It is well known that Mr. McCaffrey spoke harshly of the current (Samper) government on past occasions. Stepping onto our soil, or into the government palace, gazing from the air at the regions where coca is grown or those where the crops no longer exist. listening to the president, or to the armed forces, he must have changed his mind, no doubt about it. Everything indicates that conversations were very interesting and friendly, but above all, fruitful.... All the above reasons make us think that the relations with the great country to the North are heading in the right direction, and now, as we approach the end of the current administration's (term in office), we can only think of the urgency of a Colombianist (sic) project shared by everyone, beyond any differences.... May resentments come to a halt. Let's work towards peace."

"U.S.Colombia Relation Still 'Narcotized'"

Conservative Party-oriented La Republica editorialized (10/21): "It is a paradox that as the president of the United States, Bill Clinton, ends a visit to South America from which our country was excluded, the antidrug czar of the U. S. government, Barry McCaffrey, lands in Colombia.... This demonstrates, let us insist, how bad the (bilateral) relations are, particularly at the highest level.... The conclusion of what has happened cannot be other than that the U.S.Colombia relationship is still 'narcotized.' 'U. S. policy towards Colombia,' (General McCaffrey) declared, 'has not changed. Antidrug cooperation continues to be our top priority.'

"In other words, cooperation with Colombia remains because the war against

drug
s is a priority task of the bilateral relations. Absolute narcotization,
of co
urse."

"Multilateral Approach Necessary"

Leading, Liberal Partyoriented El Tiempo editorialized (10/20): "It is
eviden
t that, beyond any eventual change in the bilateral context, the
experiences re
corded to this point indicate, with little doubt, that the
strategy of the war
against drugs and drug lords requires a clearly
multilateral approach, and a wi
der application of resources in this regard.
This is probably the sense that m
ust be attributed to the recent expression
of Mr. McCaffrey that it is not the
time anymore for 'pointing fingers' or
unilateral posturing, but for the expans
ion of the fight into the area of
prevention. No other testimony can be more d
irect than the one the antidrug
czar can convey, so that it will be possible to
attain a more objective and
unbiased perspective of the task our country is fu
lfilling, without the quite
tendentious references that up to this point seem t
o have distorted it."

"Importance Of McCaffrey Visit"

Portafolio, leading, Liberal Partyoriented El Tiempo's economic insert,
edito
rialized (10/20): "Above all, what was probably of great importance in
decidin
g McCaffrey's visit is the logic of the interests at stake, such as
the retroac
tivity of extradition, which if approved, would grant U. S. visas
to four major
Colombian drug traffickers. The visit to Colombia...is not
exactly a victory
for Samper, or anything of that sort. It is simply and
plainly a proof of how
important the drug issue is for the U.S. international
agenda."

"No Change In Current Tensions"

Second leading liberal El Espectador editorialized (10/20): "The effort to
pr
esent [McCaffrey's] visit as a change in the current tensions in the
bilateral

relationship, and reference by the current Colombian ambassador in Washington to 'moral support,' as well as commentary on (the visit's) giving a 'second wind' to the (Colombian) government, so that the upcoming elections will be a success (for the current regime), are biased interpretations quite far from reality.

GUATEMALA: "Alarming Increase In Drug Trafficking And Consumption"

New daily El Periodico observed (9/11): "We have learned that over the past year there has been a significant increase in drug trafficking and use in our country. The rise in (these activities) may stem from three elements: the increase in drug use in the United States, the change in U.S. antinarcotics policies and a feeble response by Guatemalan authorities. Without a doubt, one of the major issues that is the subject of debate within the United States is the unmanageable increase in drug use among the American population, to the point that it became a burden during Clinton's reelection campaign. Obviously, if demand goes up, so does supply.... Drug production and trafficking have swelled, despite efforts to stop them....

"U.S. authorities have changed their policy by concentrating their efforts in combating drug production rather than drug trafficking. Consequently, the fight against drugs remains, virtually, in the hands of the countries which are most affected by its commerce.... In our opinion, the United States' new antinarcotics policy is counterproductive because, if you decrease or temper actions against the trafficking of drugs, it is likely to cause the 'Colombianization' of all countries afflicted by drug trafficking.... In fact, Guatemala is suffering from some of the effects of this unwanted trend. Two of the most brutal effects of this 'Colombianization' are: institutional weakening which ends in anarchy and impunity; and widespread violence.... Guatemala cannot continue to act timidly facing narcoterrorist violence and increasing drug use. This type of a

ttitude could prove disastrous to the future of our country... We need a well-defined strategy and concrete actions that will effectively curb drug-related crimes."

HONDURAS: "War Against Drugs Bigger Failure Than Vietnam"

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Highly conservative El Heraldo contended (10/19): "Thirty years after its initiation, Washington's highest priority, the war against drugs, is a bigger failure than the Vietnam War, bringing death and corruption to Latin America, all because American politicians need a scapegoat... This war against drugs creates the same type of organized crime which resulted in Chicago from Prohibition with the tremendous disadvantage that our institutions are much more fragile.

The responsibility of our governments lies with our people and if the world's only military superpower is being overrun by its attempts to ignore the overwhelming economic principle that demand creates its own supply, it would be quixotic to give into the inevitable deaths and civil rights violations that this type of holy war would entail."

JAMAICA: "Dealing With Goliath's Whims"

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Regular columnist Dawn Ritch wrote in the moderate, influential Sunday Gleaner

(8/10): "The United States is a Goliath, but the days of Davids and miracles are long over.... There is something you should remember about the terms and conditions of U.S. foreign aid.... Those countries which have received in desperate times U.S. help, know all too well that it carries a heavy price.

"Today in Jamaica we are all aware that the cooperation between ourselves and the United States is not as it was in the past. The United States makes a statement, then we find out that it really doesn't go like that, then the U.S. president gives an assurance, and sometimes it does happen and sometimes it doesn't.... The United States has admitted that there is high demand in

that countr
y for drugs and this combined with the current lack of
U.S.Jamaica cooperation
has led to that country being overly aggressive in
pushing the shiprider agr
eement. They have also stated publicly that a
member of this government is in
the ganja trade. They would do both us and
themselves much greater service wer
e they to name the individual and give
the evidence.... Everything is left at
the level of insinuation.

"The Americans would have us believe that only Jamaicans and Colombians are
in
the drug trade.... The drug trade thrives because of the involvement
of...po
werful U.S. citizens as well. They have no more interest in
arresting theirs
than we have in arresting ours. Our government, any
Jamaican government, has n
o choice but to pursue the weary task of
cooperating with that Goliath. That
our record of success has been so
spotty recently has both to do with our geop
olitical unimportance, and the
fact that we have not forged the right alliance
s within the United States.
The latter is at least something over which we ha
ve control. And I don't
believe that an alliance with the Black Caucus, so ba
rely able as they are
to help themselves, is the best we can do.... There are
times when their
interests and our own do not coincide. The Black Caucus is
closely allied
to the trade unions who are diametrically opposed to NAFTA par
ity in
Jamaica."

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MEXICO: "Bilateral Relationship Without Pressure"

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Nationalist Universal said (9/25): "U.S. Charge de Affairs to Mexico Charles
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rayshaw recognized that the main concern of the White House is the
'increasing
drug trafficking activities in Mexico.' Brayshaw also said that
the United Sta
tes has intensified its intelligence services here 'to find out
the new strateg
ies for drug trafficking.' It is true and evident that drug
trafficking has in
creased, but if these activities have increased in Mexico
it is because drug co

consumption has also increased in the United States. This is an unquestionable fact, and it was even recognized by ONDCP Director Barry McCaffrey....

"It is necessary to insist on combatting demand to combat the production and trafficking of narcotics. Joint efforts are praiseworthy mainly because we share a common border, but these efforts should also be aimed at combatting the market for narcotics. Drug trafficking is evidently highly corruptive.... But both governments have to fight it without foreign pressures.

"For that reason Mexico ought not acquiesce to the presence of an increased number of DEA and intelligence agents in our territory under the pretext of 'finding the new strategies for drug trafficking.' Mexico cannot deny the need to establish close cooperative links, but the United States should not take advantage of this difficult situation to pressure Mexico.... It might be wise to try to guarantee a fruitful bilateral relationship and eliminate the causes of conflict, and thereby set the groundwork for mutually advantageous links."

X hp x (# "Reign Of Crime"

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Centrist, nationalist Excelsior stated (9/5): "U.S. ONDCP Director Barry McCaffrey

has recognized that Mexico is the country that has recently destroyed the most narcotics. McCaffrey also said that eight huge radars will be installed along the common border to detect drug trafficking in the 82 million vehicles that annually cross the border through the 38 ports of entry. Those radars were originally designed to control Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles and thus give us an idea of their reach and magnitude. All these statements tell us that we continue to fight the challenges launched by drug mafias. Their increased capacity to penetrate high levels of power and their ability to buy silence are extremely worrisome... The U.S. government has always considered Mexico as essential

to its national security, and for that reason devotes enormous (economic) resources to implement these preventive measures."

"Our Business"

Centrist, nationalist Excelsior observed (9/5): "Within the U.S. strategy to combat drug trafficking there are some dark points that should be clarified. OD

CP Director Barry McCaffrey announced the United States will hand over 73 helicopters to Mexico to increase mobility of our security forces. Further, there is a project to create an international military force the Mexican army could be involved to fight drug trafficking. We should be cautious because we could become involved in operations that would exceed the limits of crime suppression.

This pan-American armed force could serve other purposes of the U.S. foreign policy. Mexico should pay attention only to problems that involve Mexico and Mexicans. The arrests of drug kingpins such as Chapo Guzman, Guero Palma, Oscar Metherbe, Juan Garcia Abrego, Amado Carrillo and General Gutierrez Rebollo are proof of the willingness of Mexican authorities to fight drug trafficking. However, we must avoid involving ourselves in a structure built by the United States on the pretext of fighting narcotics that could unduly pressure our government and other countries of the area. U.S. pressures, from requesting authorization for increased numbers of armed DEA agents with diplomatic immunity in Mexico to requesting Mexico's participation in a continental force, could serve as ways to impose U.S. foreign policy on other Latin American countries."

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Nationalist El Porvenir commented (9/5): "In the struggle against drug trafficking it's been said many times that it is necessary for the United States to apply domestic measures as strict as the ones applied outside the country. ... (Barry McCaffrey) pointed out that the United States will not beat this problem without the cooperation of both countries. Barry McCaffrey's statements se

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em sensible since Mexico is as interested as the United States in eliminating this problem along the border, which is considered a matter of national security to Mexico. This is why, no matter the pressures from the Republican U.S. Senate, Mexico is interested in continuing its cooperation with the United States.... For (those senators) we repeat McCaffrey's words: Without Mexico, the United States cannot win the war against drugs."

"Obsolete Views"

Nationalist El Universal editorialized (7/30): "Two news stories coming from the U.S. reveal the obsolete way in which several U.S. sectors view the U.S.-Mexican relationship. The first deals with Defense Secretary Cohen's decision to cancel antidrug surveillance activities by the U.S. military after a Mexican national was killed under unusual circumstances by a U.S. soldier.

"The second is the proposal by Border Patrol agents in Columbus, New Mexico to build a concrete wall to prevent undocumented aliens and drug traffickers from crossing into the United States. Even though both governments have agreed at the highest levels that immigration and drug trafficking can only be solved by attacking their roots, we still find persons favoring police and military solutions. Both problems have deep economic roots: there is a demand for cheap labor and for drugs in the United States. Both problems can only be solved by improving economic conditions in Mexico so that Mexicans do not have to emigrate and the United States can play a determinant role on this matter because of its role as a world power and by reducing the enormous demand for drugs in the United States."

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X' hp x (# PANAMA: "McCaffrey Will Demand Samper's Support For Center At Howard"

Conservative El Panama America editorialized (10/21): "U.S. Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey meets with Colombian President Samper, which constitutes McCaffrey's m

most important visit in his Latin American trip.... Samper's presidential term is soon to end, supported only by the armed forces and having resisted, as Noriega, the strongest internal and external attacks. He (Samper) has been under constant pressure for his resignation.... At one time, even the middle echelons in the army demanded Samper's resignation.... There is no doubt McCaffrey will talk to him strongly because that is his (McCaffrey's) stamp and style. But he will also have to recognize the great contribution, in deaths, wounds and destruction, that Colombia has reaped from this war against drug trafficking... . There is no doubt that McCaffrey will demand Colombia's support for the Panamanian Counternarcotics Center at Howard. Another subject to be discussed will be the criticized antidrug certification.... It seems that President Samper's last months in power will continue to be a nightmare."

"Differences Over Multinational Counternarcotics Center"

Independent El Universal de Panama (10/5) ran this editorial stating that the Panamanian and U.S. points of view differ in terms of the military presence at the Multinational Counternarcotics Center (MCC). In referring to the "scant information" Panama has released about the talks, it states that what nonetheless emerges is the sense that "the controversy (is over) status and sovereignty." The paper further observed that the MCC's opponents do not necessarily come from the opposition parties, and, in fact many come from the "Torrijista process" involved in negotiating the Carter-Torrijos treaty. The editorial concluded: "It remains, then, to let the quiet diplomacy continue and to discover if what is being negotiated is an MCC or a military base."

"In The Interest Of Panama To Have Foreign Presence In Panama To Fight Drugs?"

Conservative El Panama America (10/5) stressed the difficult position of the Panamanian president on the Multinational Counternarcotics Center given "his open

n admiration for Omar Torrijos and his nationalist message which put him in a difficult situation.... All of which the ultra nationalists are taking advantage of.... To remind him that he could be sacrificing the Torrijist objective of 'not a single foreign stake, not a single foreign soldier in our territory.'...

On the other hand, the president himself, along with many other[s]...recognize that the world today is not the same as it was in the seventies and that Torrijos himself might revise his position on this matter if he considered it to be in the interests of the country, as he did on many occasions during his long dictatorship."

PERU: "Hemispheric Cooperation Against Drug Trafficking"

Luis Lamas, a criminal lawyer involved with drug prevention, wrote this in an open piece (10/24) for center, progovernment El Sol: "If we dedicate ourselves

to analyzing carefully what the results of President Clinton's recent visit to

Latin America were, there is no doubt that drug trafficking appears as a first

priority component. Although...illicit drugs...are a global problem in the Americas,

(the policies and efforts) to date have been characterized by a series

of disagreements, criticisms, confrontations, and lack of consensus among the

involved countries....

"Large drugtrafficking organizations have profited from these inconsistencies to

strengthen their nets and achieve...efficiency of scale...in the production and

massive commercialization of drugs.... Some kind of consensus should be reached

to globalize the efforts that each country makes in a more systematic way.

Only by working in a more closely coordinated way with law enforcement, legal

and judicial systems, combined with a closer economic cooperation to support

alternative development programs, can there be an effective multinational effort

for both producer and consuming countries."

X' hp x (# "The U.S. Will Do Something Better Than Not Selling Us Arms "

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Centerright, progovernment Expreso commented (8/20) on the extension of the U.S

. Peru antidrug agreement: "The very welcome and valuable announcement by Amba

ssador Dennis Jett highlights U.S. seriousness and responsibility in its partic

ipation as a guarantor country. On the other hand, Ambassador Jett said it is

possible that President Clinton may stop in Lima in April 1998 on his way to Ch

ile, and that this visit is not related to the EcuadorPeru negotiations in Bras

ilia. Notwithstanding, the fact is that Clinton would not be able to visit Lima

without going to Quito and he could hardly visit either of the two capitals if

there was no agreement to celebrate or a clear opportunity to get an agreement

in the short term. And last but not least, (the increase of the antidrug aid)

is not enough, but it is necessary support, considering that the success of Pe

ruvian interdiction has prevented coca paste from leaving the country, (thereby

) increasing the local youth consumption, because of low prices. This, added t

o the coca crop reduction and consequent unemployment, means that Peru is payin

g a high price for this struggle. But considering everything together, U.S. Pe

ruvian relations seem to be the best both countries have had in a long time.

The new and welcomed measures announced by Ambassador Jettwhich don't touch int

ernal affairsseem to put things in place. In good time."

"Drug Pressures"

Political editor Patricio Ricketts held in centerright, progovernment Expreso

(8/20): "The additional \$12.5 million that the United States will supply to th

e crop substitution program in Peru should be seen, optimistically, more like a

catalyst for future private investment in the coca area than a response to dru

g traffic's huge pressure. In fact, the U.S. contribution could reach \$107 mil

lion in 7 years. Financial pressure of drug traffic is 60 times higher.... Th

e conclusion is that, in spite of high contributions, they will always be insuf

ficient. Besides, Clinton's

educative and preventive campaign has failed, and from now on he will be criticized harshly. What is evident is that Latin American drug cartels are falling one after another, but criminals who manage the rich markets in U.S. or European cities have never been touched. And this is where the big money is and also in the huge and intact financial and banking laundries. Why talk about Cali, Medellin and Tijuana, without mentioning New York, Hong Kong and the Caribbean Caymans?"

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: " Headway Made In War On Drug Trade"

Anil Mahabir wrote in the Express (9/26): "I am sad to see Brian Donnelly, former U.S. ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, leave this country, after a 3 year posting, if only because, he has been most accommodating in soliciting U.S. assistance in the onslaught against the evil called cocaine.... At long last, the big guns in the drug trade are being caught, tried and extradited, which makes an immense break with the past.... Which brings me to the much touted ship rider agreement signed last year between this country and the United States.... The drug barons of the South American cartels, who patrol the gulf and who use this country as a major transshipment point for cocaine bound for the United States and Europe, are too sophisticated for this country to battle them alone with local weapons. The ship rider agreement makes it possible for U.S. help in this sphere of activity.... The (United Congress Party) government has signaled that it is going to pass legislation to make it impossible...for banks to harbor and promote secret accounts of suspected clients....

"(With U.S. donated funds) the government can embark upon a nationwide antidrug education and sloganeering campaign. The antidrug campaign should be introduced as a compulsory subject at the common entrance...levels.... In my view and in the view of many others, this government has already signaled and embarked upon

on a phenomenal onslaught on the drug trade in less than two years in office.

I certainly am looking forward to the next three."

"New Drug Rating For Port Of Spain?"

The conservative Guardian commented (8/11): "If it is true that the Ricky II, carrying more than four tons of pure cocaine, was bound for Trinidad as its final destination, then our country must still be harboring a nest of major drug traffickers. Information released by the Drug Enforcement Agency in the past has not placed Trinidad and Tobago high on the list of transit points for illegal drugs moving from South to North America. Now that 'rating' is sure to change as we learn that this huge shipment of cocaine, rated as the biggest drug bust in Venezuelan police history, was destined for Trinidad and Tobago. Previous reports had indicated that the Ricky II was bound for Trinidad to off load a legitimate cargo of paper rolls and electrical poles and would be proceeding afterwards to Europe. However, during the process of investigation, including interviews with the ship's captain and crew members, DEA agents and Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello discovered that the little ship was due to complete its journey from Baranquilla in Colombia at Trinidad.

"Now the implications of that must be quite disturbing not only to Trinidadian police authorities but to the entire citizenry. While we know that it has been involved in the business of trafficking from the number of 'mules' caught at the airport and occasional reports about transactions off our coasts, we had no idea of the real extent of this illegal activity taking place in our country. The drug bust on the Ricky II, however, must now place us in the big league. The kingpins of the Colombian cartel who arranged for the massive cargo of cocaine to be cunningly hidden in various parts of the overhauled vessels must have their agents in Trinidad and Tobago who would have made arrangements for the drugs to be off loaded and secured until it

could be dispatched northwards.... Shortly after the July 18 drug bust at Puerto Cabello, it was reported that the DEA had asked for information on six Trinidadians who they believe were connected with the cocaine transshipment. Is this a fact? Are these suspected persons being investigated? The Ricky Hill affair tells us that we cannot be complacent about the business of drug trafficking in our country. In fact, the amount of cocaine involved in this bust should strike a fresh alarm, that we should even be more alert to this nefarious business. While security checks at Piarco have uncovered a number of mules, it now seems necessary to have a keener surveillance at our ports, especially on ships coming up from Colombia and its neighboring countries."

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RUSSIA: "Moscow Details Primakov To Fight Russian Mafia Drug Barons"

Yevgeny Bai reported in reformist Izvestia (10/3): "Shortly a team of Russian secret service officers will be sent to Colombia; their mission is to try and break the emerging alliance between Russian organized crime and the Colombian drug cartels.... The trip is long overdue. A strong movement has been gathering momentum in the U.S. to try to identify the true size of the monster known as the 'Russian Mafia.' Following the former CIA Director James Woolsey, who the other day unveiled a fundamental report on Russian organized crime, the FBI Director Louis Freeh joined in the fight against the monster. He is particularly concerned by the fact that the Russian Mafia, which has overtaken its Italian rival, is energetically building up links with the Latin American drug cartels."

CANADA: "In War On Drugs, Canada Could Be A Peacemaker"

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The business-oriented Financial Post (8/5) commented: "At the same time the U

.S. president is pushing for 'fasttrack' authority from Congress to negotiate a hemispheric trade...agreement, there is already one form of hemispheric trade that is thriving the drug trade.... In some cases, the drug trade can alter the very fundamentals of a country's economy. On the one hand, the government loses tax revenue from illegal economic activities related to the drug trade, on the other the huge amounts of 'narcodollars' injected into a producing country's economy can undermine the government's efforts to stabilize the economy and reduce inflation. Corruption associated with the drug trade also threatens political stability.... The hemispheric drug trade has also created a divide between the producing countries of the south and the consuming nations of the north.... And on top of it all, the United States' war on drugs has failed. Neither the supply of, nor the demand for, drugs has decreased in the Americas. It is at this point that the authors [of 'Hemispheric Addiction' Canadian Foundation for the Americas], see Canada stepping in to fulfil its traditional role as a 'bridge' between the northern and southern nations.... We must do our part to break this hemispheric addiction."

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HUNGARY: "Dealers In Death"

Tabloid Kurir (9/30) carried an oped piece by Ferenc F. Szabo: "The Russian mafia...has established a 'longterm cooperation alliance' with the Colombians active in the Caribbean. In return for cocaine placed at Eastern European markets, the exKGB Russians, wellconnected with the government, have offered, among other things, modern weapons for the Latin American mafia.... It is a bit scary that a drug gang can get hold of weapons which could serve as the defense equipment of a smaller country. And it is even scarier that they can afford to do so with the greatest of ease. Because, after all, they are dealing in death. Be it weapons or drugs, in the end it always comes to somebody's death."

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NSC 50TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

WASHINGTON, DC

OCTOBER 31, 1997

I'm delighted to welcome this impressive gathering and to thank you for helping us celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Security Council.

This, of course is also the 50th anniversary of the Department of Defense, the CIA and the Air Force. DoD held a full-honor ceremony with honor guard, bands and a 19-gun salute. The CIA had a week-long celebration and one of the largest tents ever assembled. The Air Force had a forty-foot long birthday cake.

I think it is only appropriate that the NSC commemorate the occasion in a more modest and reflective manner. We have tried to be creative in marking this milestone. After many years of effort, we minted an NSC medallion. And with Hollywood's help, in recent months, National Security Advisors have penetrated

popular culture !) from the conniving self-promoter in the movie !&Contact!

8 to

the arrogant egghead who is one of the first to be killed by the

terrorists in

!&Air Force One!8 to the twisted zealot in !&Murder at 1600!8 who tries to

force the President to resign to the self-important drone who is rendered

irrelevant by his daredevil staffer in !&The Peacemaker.!8 I don!,t know

who

was the role model for these characters, but I would point out that each

of

these movies was in process before I assumed this job.

As you turn the pages of the last fifty years of American foreign policy,

from

the Korean War to the Cuban Missile Crisis, the opening to China to Camp

David,

the Helsinki Final Act to the Madrid NATO enlargement summit, Desert Storm

to

the Dayton Accords, the NSC has been at the heart of debate, decision and

action. I!,m very proud to continue the course that has been blazed so

well by

an extraordinary group of statesmen. With each new day I hold this job,

my

admiration for the patience and persistence of my predecessors grows.

Of course, much has changed over the past 50 years !) in the world in

which we

live and the way we do our job. Today, I want to talk to you about both as we work to advance our security and our leadership on the threshold of the 21st century.

Over the last five decades, determined American engagement !) shaped in part by many of the people in this room !) built the institutions and sustained the investments that strengthened our security, advanced democracy and ultimately won the Cold War. Today, because of the bipartisan and sustained assault that broke through the East-West barrier, a world of opportunity has opened before us !) a world where democracy, free markets and peace are embraced with increasing resolution by a growing portion of the world.

But let us have no illusions: This new state of affairs also has brought new challenges for the custodians of foreign policy. In the absence of a unifying enemy abroad, many Americans !) and the press that sustains public understanding !) want to focus on problems at home. Decisions that once were measured through the prism of the Soviet threat -- from where and when we

intervene to the creation of security alliances to whether and to whom we give foreign assistance -- must now be weighed in a more complex calculus. And the response time !) indeed, the debate time !) for decisions of state rapidly is accelerating in an age when even decision makers sometimes learn of key developments at the same moment as the public, from CNN.

In this more complex environment, some long for an overarching axiom that would capture, in one embrative phrase, the essence of America!,s interests abroad, that would provide the single lodestar for our engagement. Others, with the best of intentions, would define all our relationships abroad around some single value: religious freedom or nonproliferation, arms control or economics.

We must be clear and rigorous about defining America!,s interests. But let us also be clear that as the world!,s greatest power, those interests are wide-ranging, sometimes in tension and occasionally at odds. As we define and pursue our interests in this new world environment, let us not substitute doctrine for values, slogan for judgment or metaphor for analysis.

Foreign

policy is not the business of writing a blanket prescription. It's the business of making the smartest choices to achieve the strongest results.

Our policy must respond to the complexity of the world we face. Our first obligation, is to try to understand clearly what has changed and what has not; and then, to chart the course that best advances, overall, our values and our interests. Half a century ago, the stewards of America's foreign policy were present at the creation of a durable international order. Today, we must pioneer its durable transformation -- making sure that America remains the world's strongest force for peace, prosperity and freedom.

The touchstones of our policy have not and will not change: ensuring that America's diplomacy and military are the best in the world, bar none, even in a budgetary environment that has become increasingly difficult and where the competition for resources is fiercer than ever. As far as I can tell, the passage of time has not repealed either the laws of gravity or the laws of aggression, human nature, or self-aggrandizing nationalism, as the actions of Saddam Hussein this week prove once again. We are working closely with the other members of the UN Security Council to ensure that UN resolutions are

fully respected.

America will always be prepared to defend its interests !) with others
when we
can and alone when we must. America must always be willing to lead the
community of free nations. But these enduring truths must be adapted to
new
times. And today, our time increasingly is defined by the forces of
global
integration. Integration is not new in itself, but the pace of change
today moves
almost exponentially.

The very creation of the NSC was part of America's growing realization
that
foreign engagement to prevent war mattered. In the wake of the most
devastating conflict of all time, we knew our security could no longer be
protected by a policy of isolation. We knew that America had a unique
ability,
and responsibility, to lead.

Today, the United States looks out at the world from the pinnacle of our
power. Our economy is booming. Our military is unrivaled. Yet even more
than
in 1947, America's well-being is tied to the rest of the world. Of all
the
changes that have sparked this new reality, let me mention three:

One, the fact that no great power is our enemy, but several states with the greatest ability to help or harm our interests are in the midst of profound transitions whose outcomes are not yet known;

Two, the rise of the global economy, which brings us new opportunities for growth, but also makes us more dependent on the prosperity and security of others; and

Three, revolutions in technology and communications that shrink the distance between nations and extend the reach of the values that America holds most dear !) but which ironically also feed counter-forces of disintegration and destruction !) terrorists, drug traffickers and organized criminals !) that disregard national borders.

What must we do to protect our security within this new environment?

First, we must adjust the way we view balances of power. During the Cold War, our interests lay in weakening a single enemy and aligning the forces that opposed it. To be sure, history can repeat itself, but it is not preordained

to do so. The march of freedom in recent years is striking !) but it is not yet secure. We must seize this moment of relative peace to lock in its gains.

At this stage, America could be far more threatened by Russia's weakness or China's isolation than from either one's stability and success.

America has led in building a network of institutions and arrangements to consolidate democracy's progress and to fight against its threats. And as nations draw closer, peace grows stronger as each develops a vested interest in helping the other succeed.

In Europe, we are helping the newly free nations develop their market democracies; forging a constructive partnership with a democratic Russia; and adapting NATO to take on new challenges with new members, new partners and new relationships with Russia and Ukraine.

In the Asia Pacific, we are modernizing our alliance with Japan for the 21st century; working to open markets throughout the region and promote prosperity through the move toward a free trade area; and focusing sharply on the

real

dangers to peace on the Korean peninsula !) the Cold War!,s last armed frontier.

This week!,s summit between America and China was a milestone. It demonstrated

that America could pursue a policy of engagement with integrity !) advancing

our interests without compromising our values. China is home to one-fourth the

world!,s people. We cannot simply turn our backs. By broadening areas of cooperation, such as stopping the spread of nuclear weapons or trying to promote peace in Korea while candidly but respectfully discussing our differences in areas like human rights, publicly and privately, we are charting

a course that will define our relations with much of the world for the next generation.

In our own hemisphere, in just the last 15 years, a quiet revolution of democracy and free markets has dramatically transformed Latin America!,s landscape !) raising new prospects for partnership between the United States

and our neighbors. The bonds of hemispheric cooperation were laid at the Summit of the Americas in Miami; solidified through the Mexican peso crisis and

our collective response to Haiti; most recently enhanced in the President!,

s

visit to Venezuela, Brazil, and Argentina and will grow even stronger in Santiago this spring as we build on our efforts to make the Americas a mainstay of freedom and prosperity.

We are also reaching out to post-colonial, democratic, market-oriented Africa !)

!) to help those nations become full partners in the 21st century world. President Clinton will travel there next year.

Our second challenge is to harness the force of the whirlwind global economy !)

maximizing its benefits but mitigating its burdens.

In 1947, trade accounted for ten cents on the dollar of our GDP. Today, it accounts for forty percent; and exports support more than 12 million American jobs. Back then, tremors in foreign financial markets were generally contained within national borders. But as we saw this week, when traders, buyers and investors move billions of dollars around the globe every day, shock waves in Bangkok stock markets are felt as far away as Bonn and Buenos Aires within hours.

The increasing openness of the global economy that has been achieved in recent years through NAFTA, GATT, and hundreds of other trade agreements since 1993, and the internal reforms of nations from Chile to Poland, unquestionably boosts prosperity. But it also creates dislocation !) sometimes increasing the gap between the haves and have-nots, even as wealth rises overall. The risk is more than social. People who feel only the burdens of globalization will be quick to reject the values of openness it promotes. Ultimately, the backlash can become so strong that democracy itself is endangered.

That is why, even as we pursue a strategy of promoting open markets, we must also work to preserve the social contract on which public cohesion depends.

It would be disastrous for America to try to escape the global economy.

We are just 4 percent of the world's population. If we want to maintain our standard of living and continue creating good new jobs, we must keep reaching out

to the

96 percent of the world that lives beyond our borders. Over the past four years, more than a third of our growth has been driven by overseas trade.

And

behind those statistics are thousands of new high-paying jobs for Americans.

That is why the fast track authority the President is seeking is so important.

The House vote November 7th will be a defining moment.

All of you know the economic arguments for fast track. But it is not just an

issue of economics. It's an issue of American engagement in this new world !)

in short, an issue of national security. Like it or not, the rest of the world

views fast track as a reflection of whether America intends to live up to our

legacy of leadership, or cede the terrain to others.

When this bill comes up in the House on Friday, it truly will be a vote heard

!+round the world.

Consider what could happen if we don't have fast track. American leadership

is not divisible. If we fail to lead on trade, our influence will suffer

in
other areas important to our security. It will send a signal to emerging
markets that America is walking away !) undermining the developing trend
toward
free market policies and democracy. It will weaken our relationship with
Latin
America, as they turn, by our own default, to Europe and Asia !) damaging
our
cooperation on issues ranging from drug trafficking to immigration. And
in
Asia, where America is viewed as a crucial balance wheel of stability, it
will
call our engagement into doubt !) with serious repercussions on our
interests.

With the strongest, most competitive economy in the world today, what does
America have to fear? We can walk down the path of leadership we have
held to
for 50 years !) the path that led to half a century of unparalleled
prosperity
and peace. Or we can walk down the path of isolation !) shrinking back,
turning inward, ceding our leadership to others !) with the knowledge that
isolation in an interdependent world is, more than ever, a path that leads
to
America's decline. That's the fast track choice we face. It's that
stark
!) and that important.

Economic integration and growth in other countries not only advance our prosperity; they also advance peace and stability. It's no accident that in

Latin America, for example, the resurgence of economic growth and democracy

have developed in tandem. But to secure the roots of often fragile democracies, leaders from Africa to Europe to the Americas are facing a common

challenge: The more they can show that democracy delivers, the more likely that democracy will endure.

Even as governments break down barriers to trade, they must equip their people

with the education, training and tools to succeed in the global economy.

This

is true in America, where the rising tide of trade does not lift all the boats

the same, and where we must work to ensure that the benefits and burdens of

globalization are shared fairly !) for example, by educating our children and

our workforce to join the new economy. And it !,s true in the developing world

as well, where growth without greater equity does not provide the solid foundation in which democracy can endure.

The third 21st century challenge I want to touch on today is our interest in supporting the powerful trends that are bringing nations together, while forging coalitions to fight the threats that actually intensify as the world grows closer.

In 1947, the first TVs were being introduced into American homes. Today, you can tune-in to CNN in more than 200 countries around the world. Then, we still spoke (and sometimes listened) on party lines. Today, with satellites, modems and faxes, millions of voices, images and texts flash around the world every day. Then, the first electronic digital computer was one-year old, weighed 30 tons and occupied an entire 40-by-40 foot room. Today, college students have lap-tops !) and kids are learning to explore the World Wide Web before they can cross the street.

Undoubtedly, these developments enrich our lives. But the very same technology and openness also can be exploited !) by organized criminals plotting

together

from disparate parts of the globe, drug traffickers conspiring to launder

their

gains or terrorists trying to build lethal weapons with blueprints

retrieved

off the Internet. These forces do not recognize boundaries or respect

national

sovereignty. Indeed, they possess the resources once reserved only for

nation-states. Taken together, they have the power to sabotage nations,

as in

Colombia. They have the corrupting wealth to eat away at the very

foundations

of fragile democracies until they crumble. And they have the potential to

alter fundamentally our own sense of personal safety and well-being in

ways

that ultimately could challenge our freedom.

We must see these threats as among the most serious national security

challenges of our time. We are greatly strengthening law enforcement and

intelligence cooperation with our partners. We are opening FBI offices

around

the world. We've launched intensive international efforts to deprive

these

outlaws of their ill-gotten gains, to deny safe haven to terrorists, and

to

shut down the gray markets that sell weapons and false documents. We

reached

half-way around the world to capture Mir Amal Kansi, accused of murdering

CIA

employees in Virginia, and Ramsi Yousef, now on trial for the World Trade

Center bombing. We've sanctioned states that sponsor terrorism and

worked to

get our allies to strengthen their support.

We're also strengthening collective action against the spread of

dangerous

weapons!) through arms control regimes like the Chemical Weapons

Convention,

the Nonproliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;

toughening

the mechanisms to control the spread of technologies, equipment and

material;

and designing regional approaches to reduce incentives for proliferation.

And, overall, we're making investments today that will reduce danger

tomorrow

!) whether helping develop new energy supplies in the Caspian, protecting

our

critical infrastructure against the threat of cyber-terrorism or taking

out an

insurance policy on the future with a sensible, sound response to the very

real

threat of climate change.

The world is different than it was 50 years ago when the NSC was established.

Certainly the texture of government and the tools of diplomacy have changed.

But the mission is the same: to meet the obligations of American leadership.

That means ensuring we have the resources we need to get the job done right.

It means ensuring this moment of opportunity isn't squandered by partisan bickering. It means ensuring that even as Congress plays a greater foreign policy role, we resist the trend toward one-issue legislation that threatens to

isolate America from its allies instead of securing our place at the core of a

new international consensus. I am hopeful that if we work together, we can

restore the bipartisan consensus on America's global leadership that has kept our nation strong for 50 years.

The half-century mark is a time for looking back, for taking stock and setting

your sights ahead. And as private citizens and public servants, you feel more

than ever the sacred charge to leave for future generations an even better world than you enjoyed.

In the preface of his memoirs, Dean Acheson noted, "History is lived forwards but it is written in retrospect. We know the end before we consider the beginning and we can never wholly recapture what it was like to know the beginning only." Today, thanks in part to many in this room, we stand at the beginning of an era more hopeful than any we have ever known before. Fifty years from now, we want our children and theirs to look back on this time and be able to say we laid the basis for a world that is more free, secure, prosperous and healthy than ever (a world in which our interests and ideals are protected, and where America and Americans can thrive.

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*** Supreme Court rejects affirmative action appeal

A California law that ends affirmative-action programs cleared a key hurdle Monday when the Supreme Court rejected a constitutional challenge to it by civil rights groups. In denying the appeal without any comment or dissent, the justices let stand Proposition 209, which California voters approved a year ago by 54% to 46%. The high court's action was a setback for the civil rights groups in their legal battle against the measure. But the action was foreshadowed in September when the court refused to block enforcement of the law. For

the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5764869-97e>

*** British au pair presses court to reject verdict

Defense lawyers formally asked a judge Monday to reject a teenage British nanny's second-degree murder conviction and either declare her innocent or order a new trial. Attorneys for Louise Woodward, 19, who was convicted last week in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, filed court papers saying she was innocent. But they said that if the judge did not want to clear her or order a new trial, he should at least reduce the conviction to manslaughter. Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel will study the 59-page motion before a court hearing at 10 a.m. ET Tuesday, a court clerk said. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766032-20f>

*** Opening statements begin in Oklahoma bomb trial

Prosecutors began laying out the evidence in the murder and conspiracy trial of Terry Nichols Monday, telling the jury in Denver he was responsible for the Oklahoma City bombing even though he was hundreds of miles away when it happened. Nichols, the accused accomplice of convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh, helped buy and hide the bomb's ingredients, stole money to fund the plot and stashed McVeigh's getaway car, prosecutor Larry Mackey said in his opening statement. Nichols' attorney Michael Tigar countered, saying that

knowing McVeigh did not make Nichols responsible for the attack. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765689-f45>

*** Jiang ends US visit, officials call it a success

China's President Jiang Zemin flew home Monday after a nine-day U.S. state visit, with Chinese officials calling the trip a success and dismissing the protests that dogged his almost every stop as "noise pollution." Jiang left the United States with almost the same differences with the Clinton administration on human rights, trade and Taiwan that he had when he began the visit. But China experts said he may have forged a new realism in relations between the emerging Asian giant and the world's lone superpower. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765419-8b6>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Fla. city cleans up after tornado

Though a tornado destroyed about 300 homes as it slashed through the seaside community of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Sunday, there were no deaths or even serious injuries and residents Monday felt a sense of relief. The twister roared through the town early Sunday at treetop

height, tearing roofs and second stories from about 60 houses and wrecking a 64-unit waterfront condominium about 12:45 a.m. ET. Emergency workers estimated 1,000 people were displaced by the storm. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765513-401>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Republicans seek clean sweep in U.S. elections

Republicans are shooting for a clean sweep of the major prizes in local and state elections Tuesday despite a last-minute effort by President Clinton to sway key races. The top races Tuesday are for the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia, the mayorship of New York and a key congressional seat for Staten Island, New York. Polls suggest New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will easily be re-elected over Democratic challenger Ruth Messinger, while Republican Jim Gilmore will handily win the Virginia governor's race against Democratic Lt. Gov. Don Beyer. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763430-bdb> Clinton makes last-ditch pitch for Va. Democrat, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765199-b22>

*** Fast-track trade battle heats up in Congress

President Clinton's high-stakes political battle to win special

fast-track authority to negotiate trade pacts intensified Monday while his 1996 Republican opponent, Bob Dole, weighed in on his side. Clinton faces crucial votes this week in the Senate and House on legislation that would give him authority to negotiate trade deals that could not later be changed by Congress. Supporters look for support in the Senate, but Clinton faces an uphill battle in the House, where he has run into trouble among his own Democrats. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5764650-0e5>

*** Conn.'s 1998 governor's race 'virtual tie' - poll

Republican Gov. John Rowland has a slight lead over Democratic U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly a year before their expected 1998 gubernatorial showdown, according to a Hartford Courant/Connecticut poll released Monday. However, Rowland's lead of 40% to Kennelly's 35% is within the poll's margin of error of plus or minus five percent, so the race is considered a virtual tie. Some 42% of Connecticut voters, asked whether they would rather see Rowland re-elected or an unspecified "someone else," chose the latter, while 39% chose Rowland. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763252-6bc>

The Courts

*** N.Y. man accused of spreading HIV appears in court

A 21-year-old described as a one-man HIV epidemic made his first public appearance Monday since authorities revealed last week that he traded drugs for sex knowing he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS. Nushawn Williams appeared in court for sentencing on drug dealing charges unrelated to the infection of at least 11 people in Chautauqua County in western New York. Bronx Supreme Court Judge John Byrne postponed the hearing until Dec. 4 so Williams could undergo further psychiatric testing. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765074-d33>

*** Prosecutor says Yousef aimed to kill thousands

Ramzi Yousef masterminded the 1993 World Trade Center bombing with the aim of incinerating hundreds of thousands of Americans in a protest against U.S. support of Israel, a federal prosecutor said Monday. Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kelley made his remarks in closing arguments in the trial of Yousef and Eyad Ismoil, the alleged driver of the van used in the bombing. Defense lawyers are scheduled to give their arguments Tuesday with jury deliberations to follow Wednesday. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763683-691>

*** Lawyers say CIA defendant has brain lesions

Lawyers for Pakistani immigrant Mir Aimal Kasi, who pleaded not guilty Monday to killing two people outside CIA headquarters in 1993,

said Kasi had brain damage that could affect his judgment. In a motion released as the trial opened in Fairfax, Va., the defense said Kasi, 33, had lesions on his frontal lobe - an indication of what it called a neurological brain disease. Prosecutors allege Kasi used an assault rifle to kill two CIA employees, Frank Darling and Lansing Bennet, and wound three people during morning rush hour Jan. 25, 1993. See full story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763975-c06>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Hilton boosts bid for ITT

Hilton Hotels raised its offer for ITT Corp. to \$80 a share, seeking to thwart ITT's \$9.8 billion merger pact with Starwood Lodging Trust. Under the revised bid, Hilton said it would tender for 55% of the outstanding ITT shares at \$80 cash each, then would swap two Hilton shares for each remaining ITT share. Also, ITT shareholders would receive Hilton contingent-value preferred stock that guarantees that Hilton common trades at or above \$40 one year after the merger. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5759814-706>

*** Dow hits third biggest point gain

Renewed investor confidence, helped by a surge in Asian and European

stock markets, sent U.S. shares soaring in brisk trading Monday. The Dow Jones industrial average was 232 points higher at 7674, the third highest point gain in history. On the New York Stock Exchange advances led declines, 23-to-7, as over 566 million shares changed hands. In broader stock markets, the Nasdaq Composite rose 37 points to 1630, and the S&P 500 index was up 24 at 939. Monday's momentum was fueled in part by strong rallies overseas, starting in Hong Kong where the Hang Seng index rose 5.94%. European markets soon followed, with London's FTSE 100 index up 1.32% and Frankfurt's DAX-30 index 3.42 percent higher. As investors shifted back to stocks, bonds lost ground. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 31/32 to yield 6.21%.

*** HealthSouth sells bulk of Horizon assets

HealthSouth Corp. signed a definitive agreement to sell all of the Horizon long-term care assets to Integrated Health Services Inc. for \$1.15 billion in cash and \$100 million in debt. HealthSouth acquired Horizon/CMS Healthcare Corp in a stock merger Oct. 29. HealthSouth will sell 139 long-term care facilities, 12 specialty hospitals, 35 institutional pharmacy locations, and over 1,000 rehabilitation therapy contracts with long-term care facilities. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5761480-99d>

*** Levi Strauss to lay off 6,400 workers

Levi Strauss & Co. will close 11 plants in four states and lay off

6,395 employees in an effort to scale back production amid declining demand for its jeans. The world's largest brand-name apparel maker says the job cuts will slice 34% of its total manufacturing work force in the United States and Canada. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763528-017>

*** GE trades Lockheed Martin stock

General Electric Co. says it will exchange a \$2.8 billion stake in Lockheed Martin Corp. for two Lockheed companies, a minority position in a third business and about \$1.5 billion in cash. In exchange for GE's stake, Lockheed Martin is giving GE its Access Graphics division, Lockheed Martin Aerostructures, and the company's 5 million shares of Globalstar, a data satellite network. GE acquired the Lockheed Martin preferred stock in 1993, when it was worth about \$1 billion, in exchange for its GE's aerospace business. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5761314-c34>

*** Incomes, spending up slightly in Sept.

Growth in Americans' personal incomes and spending moderated in September. The Commerce Department says personal incomes rose 0.4% to an annual rate of \$6.94 trillion following a 0.6% increase in August. Spending increased 0.2% to an annual rate of \$5.54 trillion. That followed a gain of 0.3% in August. Also, the department reports construction spending fell 1.1% to an annual rate of \$595.8 billion after holding steady a month earlier. (USA Today)

World Front Page Stories

*** Iraq threatens U-2 flights; US warns Baghdad

Iraq warned Monday it would shoot down American U-2 spy planes flying over its territory in support of U.N. weapons inspectors if the United Nations did not cancel them immediately. The threat was contained in a letter from Iraq's U.N. envoy Nizar Hamdoon to Richard Butler, the head of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of scrapping Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. It came as the U.N. dispatched three envoys to Baghdad in an attempt to defuse the crisis over Iraq's barring of American experts from U.N. weapons inspection teams. Full story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5764852-aac>

U.N. arms inspection efforts to continue - Butler, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5760947-7fe>

Edgy Israelis snap up gas masks amid U.S.-Iraq fight, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765111-af2>

*** China says it has no nuclear cooperation with Iran

China allayed fears it might have nuclear dealings with Iran Sunday, saying it has no intention of selling nuclear technology to the Islamic state. A spokesman said at the end of President Jiang Zemin's

U.S. visit, that since China was not engaging in nuclear cooperation with Iran there was no need to provide assurances to the U.S. on the issue. President Clinton eased curbs on nuclear exports to China at a Sino-U.S. summit last week. U.S. officials have said his decision was based on China's secret written assurance it would end all new nuclear cooperation with Iran and quickly phase out two existing projects. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5756228-900>

*** World court to rule in Lockerbie case next year

The International Court of Justice said Monday it expected to rule by early March on a dispute between Libya, the U.S. and Britain over the hunt for the Lockerbie bombers. Pan American flight 103 exploded over the Scottish village of Lockerbie in December 1988, killing 259 on board and 11 on the ground. Britain and the U.S. blamed Tripoli for the blast and demanded the extradition of two Libyan suspects. On Oct. 22, the world court wound up eight days of hearings. Judges must decide whether the court has jurisdiction to hear a Libyan complaint.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5759702-0d2>

*** Canada destroys landmines, pushes treaty

Prime Minister Jean Chretien blew up the last of Canada's stock of anti-personnel landmines Monday, using the event to plug next month's signing of the Canada-sponsored worldwide ban on the weapons. "Today, with the explosion of this last landmine, I'm hoping it's a sound

that's heard around the world ...," Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy said before Chretien pressed the button to explode 100 mines. More than 100 countries are expected in Ottawa next month to sign the document, which needs 40 countries to ratify it to be binding. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765560-a27>

*** Russian Mir crew makes successful space walk

Two Russian cosmonauts conducted an apparently successful spacewalk of more than six hours outside the Mir space station Monday despite a two-hour delay caused by technical hitches. The spacewalk was delayed after ground control realized it was not receiving data transmissions from commander Anatoly Solovyov's space suit. Mission Control decided to press ahead and told Solovyov to report verbally on the state of his suit, most importantly its air pressure and temperature. The aim of the successful operation was to boost Mir's energy supply. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763202-647>

The World Political Scene

*** Israelis, Palestinians in new bid to revive talks

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Monday at the start of a new attempt to get Middle

East peace talks back on track. After meeting Albright, Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy were due to hold talks in a Washington suburb with U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross. Abbas made no comment as he arrived, while. Palestinian President Yasser Arafat has said in the past week he believes the talks are a "waste of time" because of differences over the agenda. Levy said he was "very distressed to hear such comments." Full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763536-568>

*** G-15 turns balancing act over currencies

The Group of 15 (G-15) developing countries has executed a diplomatic balancing act with a statement that weighs deep concern over financial instability with a reluctance to write rules that could hamstring markets. Delegates to the three-day G-15 summit that started Monday said the host, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, won an important victory by steering through the statement expressing "deep concern" over market volatility. But other nations managed to adjust the statement's language to offset the call for new regulations. Full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5759855-8ad>

*** Germany to allay American fears over NATO costs

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel embarks on a trip to the U.S. and Canada Tuesday, aiming to allay American fears that the costs of NATO expansion could spiral out of control. Kinkel will also discuss

ties with Iran, often a source of strain between Bonn and Washington, as well as European integration, U.N. reform and other international issues, sources said Monday. German officials sought to play down the importance of continuing disagreements between German and U.S. politicians over how to deal with the Church of Scientology. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5762756-a91>

*** Clinton to attend Asia-Pacific economic summit

President Bill Clinton will attend the fifth Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit Nov. 24-25 in Vancouver, British Columbia, the White House announced Monday. At the meeting, leaders from APEC's 18 member countries are expected to discuss trade, infrastructure, the environment and other issues, the White House said. The summit is to be preceded by a ministerial-level meeting Nov. 22-23.

*** Suspected Tunisian Islamists on trial in Paris

Twenty-nine men went on trial in Paris Monday on suspicion they set up a clandestine political network in France for the Tunisian Islamic Front (FIT) opposition group. The trial opened with the questioning of four men arrested in Perpignan in July 1994 in possession of rifles, handguns, ammunition, knives and military uniforms. Their arrest led to a judicial investigation which resulted in 25 other arrests, some in Paris, the northern city of Lille and Germany. Prosecutors said those on trial hoped to establish Muslim rule in Tunisia. For the full story,

World Business and Financial News

*** Southeast Asian markets post strong recoveries

Share prices jumped Monday in key Asian-Pacific stock markets. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 5.9%, while shares in Singapore soared 7.4% and Malaysian shares surged 7.8%. Blue chips led Hong Kong's market to a broad recovery. In Taiwan, the key index soared 4.5% amid hopes that remarks Sunday by the island's premier may signal a thaw in icy political ties between Taipei and Beijing. A drop in the value of Taiwan's currency to a 10-year low against the U.S. dollar also provided support. The key index on the Korea Stock Exchange rose 2.9%, after overseas investors were permitted to boost their stock holdings. Japan markets were closed for a national holiday. (WSJ)

*** Stocks in Europe rally amid rise in Asian, U.S. markets

Stocks rallied across Europe Monday, following a moderate recovery in Asia and sharp early gains on Wall Street. Hong Kong's key Hang Seng index rocketed nearly 6%, and Wall Street followed in its wake, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average surging more than 100 points near the close of trading in Europe. The world-wide advance cheered investors in France, Sweden and Italy, and Swiss and Dutch shares

were also bolstered by a stronger dollar. Bargain hunting helped lift Belgian stock, and Spanish stocks lifted on a Lehman Brothers recommendation. British shares advances amid low volumes. South African stocks were bolstered by gains in the industrial sector.

(WSJ)

*** Indonesia closes insolvent banks

Indonesia shut down 16 insolvent banks Saturday, taking the first tough steps toward economic recovery after international donors stepped in with an aid package topping \$33 billion. The bank closings came less than 24 hours after the International Monetary Fund announced what was its second-largest rescue package ever, \$23 billion, to help Indonesia through a crisis of confidence that has added to financial volatility across Asia. Singapore and Japan added \$5 billion each to the aid package Saturday. (USA Today)

*** Baron de Rothschild dies

Baron Edmond de Rothschild, philanthropist, international financier and member of the Rothschild banking dynasty, died Monday in Geneva of a respiratory illness, aged 71. Rothschild was president of his Geneva-based bank and financial companies as well as the Luxembourg-based Leicom Fund. He also was the former president of The Israel General Bank in Tel Aviv, the Israeli-based Caesarea Development Corp. Ltd. and The Israel European Company Isrop in Luxembourg. Rothschild is survived by his son, Benjamin. For the full

story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763272-b2d>

*** Japanese brokerage seeks refuge from creditors

The Japanese brokerage Sanyo Securities Co. has filed for court protection from its creditors, saying the market slump has prevented it from proceeding with a plan to improve its business. Sanyo says the Tokyo District Court has issued an order to protect the assets of the brokerage. It said it had assets of about \$2.48 billion and \$3.11 billion in outstanding debts. The Japanese finance minister says no other brokerages appear to be in danger. (USA Today)

Sports

*** Steelers visit Chiefs to wrap up week 10

The surging Pittsburgh Steelers try to regain their winning touch on Monday nights when they close out week 10 of the NFL season with a road game against the Kansas City Chiefs. The Steelers (6-2) have won five straight games and are 10-2 on Monday Night Football since Bill Cowher replaced Chuck Noll in 1992. The Steelers, however, lost to the Jacksonville Jaguars, 30-21, on Sept. 22 in their previous Monday appearance. The Chiefs may not match the Steelers' success in prime time, but they are 6-1 at home on Monday night under coach Marty Schottenheimer. The only loss was to the Steelers last year at

Arrowhead Stadium. The Steelers are one-half game ahead of Jacksonville in the AFC Central after an overtime win over the Jaguars last week. Kansas City has won six of seven since opening the season with a loss at Denver and need a victory to stay within one game of the Broncos in the AFC West.

*** Hextall to undergo MRI

Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Ron Hextall is scheduled to undergo an MRI Monday after suffering a strained neck and back in Sunday's 3-3 tie with the Dallas Stars. Hextall did not make the trip to St. Louis for Monday's game with the Blues, leaving Garth Snow to start in goal. The injury occurred with 77 seconds remaining in the second period as Hextall dove from the crease and collided with defenseman Paul Coffey in an attempt to block a shot by Bob Errey. "When I got hit, I really couldn't really feel my toes, my fingers, my legs and my arms for half-a-second," Hextall said. Errey's shot went wide, but the rebound came from behind the boards to Jamie Langenbrunner, who hit the post and then stuffed in the rebound for the tying goal as Hextall lay prone on the ice in obvious pain.

*** Mavs sign Anstey to three-year contract

The Dallas Mavericks signed Australian center Chris Anstey, the 18th overall pick in the draft, to a three-year contract Monday. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed, but the maximum Anstey could earn is \$2,935,600 according to the rookie contract. The 7-foot

center was originally drafted by the Portland Trail Blazers, who sent him and monetary compensation to Dallas for Kelvin Cato, the 15th pick. Anstey fulfilled his contract in the Australian league and arrived in Dallas Sunday. His team, SE Melbourne Magic, lost in the championship to the Melbourne Tigers. Anstey played in the FILA Summer Pro League in Long Beach, Calif., this summer, and averaged 12.8 points and 8.0 rebounds.

*** Former Gold Glove winner McMillan dead at 68

Roy McMillan, a three-time Gold Glove winner and a former manager of the New York Mets, died Sunday of heart failure at his home in Bonham, Texas. He was 68. McMillan played the first 10 of his 15 major league seasons with the Cincinnati Reds and won the first three Gold Gloves awarded to a shortstop (1957-1959). An All-Star in 1956 and 1957, McMillan played for the Milwaukee Braves and the Mets before concluding that phase of his career in 1966. After several years as a scout, McMillan returned to the Mets in 1973 as a first base coach. He became interim manager for the final 53 games of the 1975 season following the firing of Yogi Berra. The Mets lost 16 of their final 26 games, and McMillan was replaced as manager the following season by Joe Frazier.

*** Red Sox' Garciparra expected to win AL rookie honors

Boston Red Sox rookie shortstop Nomar Garciparra is the overwhelming favorite to win the American League Rookie of the Year award when the

Baseball Writers Association of America announces its choice Monday night. The Rookie of the Year Award, which will be released at 6 p.m. ET, is the first of eight honors to be bestowed by the baseball writers over the next two weeks. Garciaparra, a 24-year-old native of Whittier, Calif., should be the second straight shortstop to win the honor, following Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees, a unanimous pick last season. Garciaparra would become the first Red Sox Rookie of the Year since Fred Lynn in 1975.

Science and Medicine

*** Warner's promising diabetes drug hits bump; stock drops

Rezulin, a promising new drug for diabetes, may cause liver damage in a small number of the patients who take it and must be monitored carefully, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Monday. The FDA and U.S. distributor Warner-Lambert Co. said the drug's labelling was being changed because of reports that one person had died after taking the drug and 34 others had liver damage. About 650,000 people worldwide take the drug. Following the news, Warner-Lambert's stock dropped \$4.125 to \$139.0625 on the New York Stock Exchange. Full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763519-cb6>

*** U.S. has fewer cancer deaths than Europe - study

The United States has a far lower rate of death from cancer than major European countries because of better funding, more integrated care and greater specialization by doctors, management consultancy Datamonitor said Monday. Datamonitor said with the exception of skin cancer, U.S. mortality rates as a percentage of incidence were up to half those seen in Germany, France and Britain. It said budget constraints on cancer drugs were a major factor behind the variations. The widest discrepancies are seen in breast, colorectal and ovarian cancers. See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5761767-8b9>

*** Governments can contain AIDS spread, study says

Nearly half of the world's population lives in areas where HIV is rare and, by investing now in education and subsidizing condoms, governments can contain the epidemic at relatively low cost, a study said Monday. But the joint report by the World Bank and U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS said the epidemic continued to propagate quickly in many developing countries, while new infection rates appear to have stabilized in North America and Western Europe. The spread was most rapid in Asia, which some experts think may have already surpassed Africa in the number of new infections per year, the report said. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5761720-db0>

Horror mounts while world waits for AIDS cure, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763428-32f>

Technology

*** ASM to pay Applied \$15M cash

Advanced Semiconductor Material International NV said Monday its settlement of litigation with Applied Materials Inc will increase earnings and that the company will pay Applied \$15 million in cash as part of the settlement. The contribution of incremental revenues and the savings on litigation costs the settlement brings more than offset the royalties, interest and possible dilution of a convertible note required under the agreement, the company said. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763204-f93>

*** Intel feels impact of Asia turmoil

Intel Corp said it was starting to feel the impact of financial turmoil in Southeast Asia, but was still unclear what the longer term effects would be. Sean Maloney, vice president and general manager of Intel Asia-Pacific, said the chipmaker's business in Asia-Pacific had been flat in the third quarter of this year. He said it was not clear how far the third-quarter result had been affected by economic problems in Southeast Asia, but noted there had been an impact in Thailand, where the baht has dropped sharply against the dollar. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5757409-dfd>

*** Compaq confident on sales despite Asia

Compaq Computer Corp CEO Eckhard Pfeiffer said the company had not been affected in any significant way by the Asian financial crisis, nor did he expect it to be. Pfeiffer also said sales overall were strong as the company entered the holiday shopping season. Pfeiffer there had been no indication that the Asia crisis, which drove stock markets down around the world this week, had affected sales. "No, its very competitive (as) it has been before," Pfeiffer said. Full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5720420-635>

*** Dell Computer introduces new laptop PC

Dell Computer Corp said Monday that it has launched a new lightweight personal computer named the Dell Latitude CP notebook PC. Dell said the new laptop is the thinnest and lightest full-featured notebook PC that it has ever offered. It said the Dell Latitude CP will be available in three models and are priced beginning at \$3,499.

*** Fledgling web firm to target new parents

BabyCenter Inc. (www.BabyCenter.com) plans to formally launch a web site Monday it hopes will attract expectant and new mothers and fathers. BabyCenter is not the first entrant into the market for supplying parental information over the Internet, but it has already attracted well-known sponsors, according the company. Besides backing from Broderbund Software, other sponsors include Procter & Gamble,

Johnson & Johnson, Charles Schwab & Co., SmithKline Beecham and
Clorox Co. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5749821-d4e>

*** New challenges await Deep Blue scientists

After years spent developing the computer that toppled Garry Kasparov, the world's best human chess player, the IBM scientists who built Deep Blue are applying their genius to other ventures. But Kasparov, his supporters and others in the chess world would like Deep Blue to keep playing - in matches against leading grandmasters, in computer chess tournaments or even on the Internet. In recent months, the scientists have been traveling Europe, Asia and North America, telling the fascinating story of the experiment that pitted a massively powerful calculating machine against the world chess champion. Full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5762440-b82>

Human Interest

*** First dog in space gets memorial, 40 years late

As Russian cosmonauts completed a spacewalk around Mir space station Monday, a memorial was unveiled in Moscow to a pioneer who gave her life to make their mission possible - a mongrel dog called Laika.

Forty years after she was blasted into orbit aboard the Soviet Sputnik 2, becoming the first living creature in space, Laika was finally remembered on a plaque at the Moscow research center where she was trained, the institute said. Her one-way trip into space on Nov. 3, 1957, helped pioneer manned space flight. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763203-13a>

*** Billion-dollar U.N. pledge said to be hoax

A self-styled "Asian prince" who persuaded the United Nations he was giving it \$1 billion for the poor was discovered Monday to be a failed Australian tradesman with delusions of grandeur. Describing himself as an exiled Borneo prince and wearing a white robe and tricolor sash, the man got a standing ovation at a U.N. conference in Melbourne Friday by declaring he would donate \$1 billion to U.N. programs. The pledge rivaled a recent U.N. pledge from cable-television king Ted Turner, but the only people who said they knew "His Royal Highness Prince Hadji Mohd Al Alsagof van Eldik" were his family in Australia. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5761698-b9d>

*** Slovenian dies after scaling Everest neighbor

A Slovenian who climbed a Himalayan peak from one of its most difficult sides was killed on his way down, Nepal's tourism ministry said Monday. Janez Jeglio, 36, a mountain guide, scaled the 25,771-foot summit of Nuptse, next to the world's tallest peak

Everest, on Oct. 31 from the mountain's west face. The approach had never been attempted before. Jeglio's team leader Tomaz Humar, who followed him to the peak 15 minutes later, said Jeglio disappeared on the way down and was believed to have been blown off balance by fierce winds and fallen on the south side of the mountain. Humar managed to return safely to the base camp Sunday.

*** Munich beer hall marks 100 years

Germany's largest and most famous beer hall, the Hofbraeuhaus in Munich, celebrated its 100th anniversary Monday with a bash featuring deeply discounted beer prices and Bavarian brass bands. The cavernous beer hall, where everyone from Lenin through Hitler to Mikhail Gorbachev quenched their thirst, was offering 9,650 gallons of specially brewed Hofbraeuhaus beer at near-giveaway prices, about a quarter of a gallon for each day of the last 100 years. The distinctive state-owned tavern has an annual turnover of \$29 million. Its beer mugs are said to be the most coveted souvenirs in Munich. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5763166-158>

*** Prince Charles toasts Zulus as Harry heads home

Prince Charles took his son Harry to a remote Zulu village school Monday and one of the first people they ran into was Prince Philip. Philip - not Charles' father but fur-clad leader of the Mkhwanazi tribe and a taxi driver - sipped strong corn beer with the heir to the British throne, who thanked the Zulus for their presents of

spears, shields and a wooden warthog. Prince William, 15, is at school but Harry, 13, came along, stepping into the public spotlight for the first time since his mother Diana died in a Paris car crash Aug. 31. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5764908-429>

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U.S. Front Page Stories

*** U.S. warns Iraq on weapons inspection stalemate

The United States warned Iraq Monday that time was running out for it to avoid unspecified "firm action" if it continued to prevent U.N. weapons inspectors from doing their job. "It is our view that the (U.N.) Security Council should be prepared to take firm action to

bring about Iraqi compliance in the event they don't change their mind in the next day or so," State Department spokesman James Rubin said. Iraq triggered the latest Gulf crisis by barring American members of an arms inspection team from a weapons site, prompting the U.N. to halt inspections carried out under terms of the 1991 Gulf War cease-fire. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767085-0dd>

*** British nanny presses court to reject verdict

Defense lawyers formally asked a judge Monday to reject a teenage British nanny's second-degree murder conviction in the death of an 8-month-old baby and either declare her innocent or order a new trial. Attorneys for Louise Woodward, 19, convicted last week in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, filed court papers saying she was innocent. But they said that if the judge did not want to clear her or order a new trial, he should at least reduce the conviction to manslaughter. Middlesex County (Mass.) Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel will study the motion before a court hearing at 10 a.m. ET Tuesday, a court clerk said. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766326-6d4>

*** Testimony begins in second Oklahoma bombing trial

Prosecutors accused Terry Nichols Monday of working "side by side" with Timothy McVeigh to plot the Oklahoma City bombing, while defense attorneys said the two were Army buddies but not co-conspirators.

Both sides agree Nichols, McVeigh's alleged accomplice, was in Herington, Kansas, April 19, 1995, when a bomb stashed in a truck demolished the Alfred A. Murrah federal building, killing 168 people. But prosecutor Larry Mackey said Nichols bought and hid bomb ingredients, stole money to fund the plot and helped stash McVeigh's getaway car. Nichols, 42, faces the same 11 conspiracy and murder charges as McVeigh. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5770294-93c>

*** U.S. plays down Jiang talk of 'mistakes'

U.S. officials played down Monday Chinese President Jiang Zemin's use of the words "mistakes" and "shortcomings" in response to a question about the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. State Department spokesman James Rubin said he had read accounts of the speech and did not see any evidence for "a major rethinking on this subject." Another U.S. official said, "I did not think his answer was meant to refer to Tiananmen Square ... His answer had nothing to do with the events of June 4 (1989) as far as he was concerned." For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767629-d2a>

*** U.S. says rights of Florida motorist not violated

The Justice Department said Monday it had closed its probe into the fatal shooting of a black motorist by police in St. Petersburg, Fla., and found no evidence the man's civil rights were violated. Major

rioting broke out in the poor black neighborhood of south St.

Petersburg following the incident Oct. 24, 1996, when a white police officer, James Knight, killed Tyron Lewis, 18, after stopping him for speeding. At least 11 police officers and others were injured in the riots and nearly 30 fires were set, prompting the mayor to declare a state of emergency, before police regained control. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5769339-0d1>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Two Burlington Northern trains crash in Texas

Two Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight trains crashed in Texas Monday, derailling 21 cars and locomotives. A train with automobiles slammed into the back of an empty coal train near Decatur, 70 miles northwest of Dallas, and two crew members suffered minor injuries when they jumped off seconds before the crash. Burlington spokesman Jim Sabourin said four locomotives and the first 10 cars of the moving train, as well as the last seven cars of the stationary coal train, jumped the tracks. It was the latest in a string of recent accidents involving Burlington Northern and Union Pacific trains in Texas. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5768252-5a5>

*** Spying can detect child abuse

Medical personnel may need to spy on parents when severe child abuse is suspected, a study published Monday said. The recommendation came from British researchers who installed video surveillance cameras at hospitals to observe parents of children who appeared to be victims of "life-threatening events." The 39 children had 40 siblings, 12 who died unexpectedly. Eleven deaths had been classified as due to sudden infant death syndrome. But after covertly watching how the parents behaved with their children, researchers confronted the parents, and four of them admitted to suffocating eight of the children. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5764208-7ed>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** Republicans seek clean sweep in U.S. elections

Republicans are shooting for a clean sweep of the major prizes in local and state elections Tuesday despite a last-minute effort by President Clinton to sway key races. The top races Tuesday are for the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia, the mayorship of New York and a key congressional seat for Staten Island, New York. Polls suggest New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will easily be re-elected over Democratic challenger Ruth Messinger, while Republican Jim Gilmore will handily win the Virginia governor's race against

Democratic Lt. Gov. Don Beyer. For the full text story, see
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766230-eb1>

*** Lawmakers to seek single U.S. food safety agency

Congress will be asked to create a single independent agency to oversee food safety out of the half-dozen entities now in charge, sources said Monday. Proponents said a single agency would lead to more uniform rules and stronger enforcement of food inspection and safety laws. At present, the Food and Drug Administration is in charge of inspecting processed foods, the Agriculture Department oversees meat inspection and seafood is shared by FDA, the Commerce Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. For the full text story, see
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767604-aee>

*** Senate confirms Rossotti as new IRS chief

The Senate confirmed Charles Rossotti Monday as the new IRS chief amid calls for sweeping change at an agency under political fire for its conduct with taxpayers. The Senate voted 92-0 to approve Rossotti as IRS commissioner. Rossotti, 56, will take the lead role as pressure mounts to change the way the tax-collection agency operates and handles taxpayers. Several senators said Rossotti's background would be an asset to accomplishing change at the agency because he was not from the usual tax lawyer mold. Rossotti was chairman of a Virginia computer consulting firm which he co-founded in 1970. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5768438-428>

*** Clinton ties fast track to labor, environment push

President Clinton, in a political battle to win trade-pact negotiation powers, promised Monday he would push for environmental protection and workers' rights worldwide. Clinton faces crucial votes this week in Congress on fast-track authority to negotiate trade agreements, letting him cut deals that could not be changed later by Congress. He won important Senate backing after spelling out steps he would take to promote labor and environmental protection. Sen. Tom Daschle said he would support the request after Clinton outlined plans to pursue labor issues and environmental initiatives in the World Trade Organization. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5769214-ca8>

*** Fiscal crisis key to Miami's bitter mayoral race

Voters choose Tuesday between Mayor Joe Carollo and former Mayor Xavier Suarez for Miami's top post after a bitter race in which the city's \$68 million deficit was called a hoax. Carollo, then in office a few months, declared a financial emergency in December 1996 after a \$68 million deficit was discovered in Miami's \$275 million budget. Suarez, Miami's mayor from 1985 to 1993, says Carollo fabricated the crisis so he could improve his own stature by solving it. At most, Suarez says, the shortfall would not have exceeded \$21 million. Amid the crisis, Gov. Lawton Chiles appointed an oversight board. For

story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766758-73e>

The Courts

*** Lawyers give opening statements in bombing case

Federal prosecutors accused Terry Nichols Monday of working "side by side" with Timothy McVeigh to plot the deadly Oklahoma City bombing, while defense attorneys pressed their point that Nichols was not there. Nichols may have been at home in Herington, Kans., on April 19, 1995, when the bomb exploded, but he bought and hid the bomb ingredients, stole money to fund the plot and helped stash McVeigh's getaway car, prosecutor Larry Mackey said in opening arguments. Nichols' attorney Michael Tigar countered in his opening statement that knowing McVeigh did not make Nichols responsible for the attack. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767329-b92>

*** Prosecutor says Yousef aimed to kill thousands

Ramzi Ahmed Yousef is a "coldblooded terrorist" who tried to incinerate hundreds of thousands of Americans by masterminding the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, a prosecutor alleged Monday. Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kelley charged that Yousef, 29, had orchestrated the scheme in a twisted protest against U.S. support of

Israel. He made his remarks in closing arguments in the trial of Yousef and Eyad Ismoil, 26, the alleged driver of the van used in the bombing. Defense lawyers are scheduled to give their arguments Tuesday with jury deliberations to begin Wednesday. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767345-910>

*** Two Florida tobacco trials postponed

The trials of two anti-tobacco cases being brought by smokers, both scheduled to begin Monday in Florida courts, were pushed back for weeks or months. Both cases were being pressed by leading anti-tobacco lawyers, including Norwood Wilner of Jacksonville, Fla., who lost a similar product-liability case Friday against R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco Co. Wilner's case was postponed to Feb. 2. An ally of Wilner, attorney Howard Acosta, was also to go to trial Monday on a smoker's claim, but that trial was also postponed. See the full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766356-fc1>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Dow roars back with third biggest point gain ever

The Dow roared back on Monday to wipe out the remainder of last week's huge losses, as investors, soothed by steadier Asian markets,

hunted bargains. The Dow closed up 232 points, or 3.12 percent at 7674. It was the third biggest points gain ever. Tech-laden Nasdaq settled 37 points, or 2.29 percent, higher at 1630. In the broader market, advancers beat decliners 4-to-1 on volume of 568 million shares. The S&P500 index ended at 939, up 24 points, or 2.66 percent. The bellwether 30-year Treasury bond lost 26/32 to yield 6.21 percent. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766985-edc>

World Front Page Stories

*** U.N., U.S. to continue Iraqi inspections, U-2 flights

The U.N. will attempt to resume inspections near Baghdad Tuesday and the U.S. will continue U-2 spy flights over Iraq despite threats to shoot down surveillance planes. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan dispatched three envoys to Baghdad to convince President Saddam Hussein to rescind the order expelling Americans from U.N. inspections teams in Iraq. They are to arrive Wednesday. U.N. weapons teams, including their American members, were told to continue with their work by Richard Butler, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5772509-5f7>

Britain warns Iraq to stop hindering U.N. monitors, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5772475-7f6>

Sketches of UN arms crisis envoys going to Iraq, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5768141-8ff>

*** Iraq seeks early end to U.N. sanctions

Iraq said Tuesday it wanted a U.N. mission due to arrive in Baghdad Wednesday to set a short time frame for lifting U.N. sanctions imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. "We hope that the international mission has a solution to Iraq's problems such as ... setting a short and reasonable time frame to lift the unjust embargo on Iraq," the government newspaper said. The three-member mission is to meet Iraqi officials to try to resolve a crisis over Iraq's order expelling Americans from U.N. arms inspection teams in Iraq. The U.S. rejected Saddam's appeal for a dialogue, saying it was more interested in Iraq letting U.N. weapons inspectors do their job. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5773349-904>

*** Israel, Palestinians set to begin formal talks

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were to begin formal negotiations Tuesday after an informal opening session late Monday that left both sides sounding positive about the latest round of peace talks.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and Palestinian negotiators Saeb Erekat, Nabil Shaath and Mahmoud Abbas met Monday with U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross for three hours of talks that Ross said were

aimed at producing results in all areas. Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said the opening discussions were "frank and open," on the most serious issues dividing the parties -- Israeli troop withdrawals, settlements and security matters. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5772361-18d>

The World Political Scene

*** Yugoslavia, Albania to normalize relations

Yugoslavia and Albania agreed to begin normalizing relations to end almost half a century of tension between the two countries, Belgrade media said Monday. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and Albanian Prime Minister Fatos Nano reached the accord after talks in Crete, where both were attending a summit. Milosevic said the question of the majority ethnic Albanian population in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province and the position of Serb and Montenegrin minorities in Albania had been discussed. Nano said the talks were important in opening dialogue and making decisions on cooperation. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5768777-4f5>

*** Burmese opposition calls off party meeting

Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy canceled a party meeting Tuesday as police barricaded the road leading to the venue, opposition sources said. Security forces, including club-wielding police officers, were seen standing around the Tarmway Township NLD office about the time the meeting was to begin. An NLD official said the party canceled the meeting. The NLD had requested permission from the government to hold the gathering but did not receive approval until Tuesday morning. Some NLD members who did not know the meeting was canceled showed up and were told to leave. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5772384-fb4>

World Business and Financial News

*** Asia stocks catch Wall St euphoria, then fall

Asian stock markets got an early boost Tuesday from Wall Street's startlingly higher turn, but many centers cut gains as profit-taking emerged and the key Hong Kong market turned lower. "The sharp U.S. market rise yesterday was because money flowed back to the stock market from the bond market," said Ricky Tam, senior research manager at Delta Asia Securities. The recent gains in Asia reflected optimism some calm may be returning to the region after Indonesia agreed on a financial aid package with the International Monetary Fund. But many traders are wary about whether the gains could be sustained. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5771758-48d>

Profit taking slashes Singapore stock market gains, For story

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Thai coalition seeks new leader, stocks surge, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5771347-920>

*** World Bank president sees worst of Asian crisis over

World Bank President James Wolfensohn said Monday he believed the

worst of Southeast Asia's financial crisis was over and no other

countries in the region needed large aid packages at the moment. The

World Bank has participated in multi-billion-dollar aid packages for

troubled Indonesia and Thailand. Asked if any other countries in the

region would need large packages from multilateral lending agencies,

Wolfensohn replied, "Not at the moment." He said the economic package

announced in Indonesia Monday was "a very strong step forward and I

think that everybody is taking the fundamentals very seriously now."

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5771637-be0>

Sports

*** Allen steers Chiefs past Steelers on Monday Night Football

Running back Marcus Allen threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Danan Hughes with 1:45 left in the first half as the Kansas City Chiefs won their third straight game Monday night, 13-10 over the Pittsburgh Steelers. After quarterback Elvis Grbac ran 18 yards for a first down to the Pittsburgh 14-yard line, Allen took a pitch and rolled right before finding Hughes in the end zone for what proved to be the winning score. It was the first TD pass since 1991 for Allen, who carried 10 times for 49 yards. Grbac left in the fourth quarter with a left shoulder injury. Kansas City (7-2) outgained Pittsburgh, 392 yards to 235. Jerome Bettis carried 17 times for 103 yards for Pittsburgh (6-3).

*** Carolina goalie Burke arrested on charge of assaulting wife

Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Sean Burke was released Monday after his arrest on Sunday for assaulting his wife in suburban Raleigh, N.C., authorities said. Burke was not with the team for Monday's 5-3 win at home over Vancouver due to what a Hurricanes spokesman described as "personal reasons." A spokeswoman for the Wake County (N.C.) magistrate's office said Burke was released after court Monday pending a pre-trial hearing. Details of the alleged incident were not immediately available, but the magistrate's office confirmed late Monday night that the alleged victim was Burke's wife. The Hurricanes are based in Raleigh, but are playing their home games in Greensboro while work continues on a new facility.

*** O'Neal suspended after apology to Lakers, Ostertag

Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal admitted he "made a mistake" in decking Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag. On Monday, O'Neal issued a formal apology to everyone involved and later was suspended one game without pay by the NBA. Still nursing an abdominal strain, O'Neal issued a statement through the team that apologized to ownership, management, teammates, fans and Ostertag, whom he knocked to the floor at a shootaround Friday morning -- hours before the season opener. Rod Thorn, NBA senior vice president of basketball operations, suspended O'Neal for Tuesday's game at Sacramento and fined him \$10,000. Ostertag had no comment prior to Monday's home loss to the Washington Wizards.

*** LeClair, Leetch headline USA Olympic hockey team

Philadelphia Flyers left winger John LeClair and New York Rangers defenseman and Norris Trophy winner Brian Leetch headline the list of 17 NHL players selected to the United States Olympic hockey team Monday. General manager Lou Lamoriello and coach Ron Wilson selected the team that will compete in the 1998 Winter Games next February at Nagano, Japan. Defensemen Chris Chelios and Gary Suter and forward Tony Amonte from the Chicago Blackhawks were named to the team, the most representation of any one NHL team. Mike Richter of the New York Rangers and Florida Panthers netminder John Vanbiesbrouck were the two goalies selected. Phoenix Coyotes forwards Keith Tkachuk and

Jeremy Roenick also made the squad. For the full text story, see
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5765968-0cb>

*** Boston's Garciaparra unanimous AL Rookie of the Year

Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra became the sixth player in American League history Monday to be voted the league's Rookie of the Year by unanimous selection. He also becomes the first member of the Red Sox in 22 years to win the award. The only player to be listed on all 28 ballots, Garciaparra totaled 140 points. He is both the second consecutive shortstop and unanimous selection for the award, joining Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees. Garciaparra became Boston's first Rookie of the Year since Fred Lynn in 1975 and the fifth Boston player to win the award. Toronto outfielder Jose Cruz Jr. finished second. Anaheim pitcher Jason Dickson was third.

*** Jaguars' Boselli out 3-4 weeks with ankle injury

Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Tony Boselli will be out three to four weeks with a sprained right ankle, the team announced Monday. Boselli suffered the injury late in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 30-24 victory over the Tennessee Oilers. The 6-foot-7, 323-pound Boselli was the franchise's first draft pick and the second overall pick in the 1995 draft. Boselli, 25, played in the 1996 Pro Bowl and had allowed just four sacks in his first two seasons. He started all nine games this year.

Science and Medicine

*** Warner's promising diabetes drug hits bump; stock drops

Rezulin, a promising new drug for diabetes, may cause liver damage in a small number of the patients who take it and must be monitored carefully, the Food and Drug Administration said Monday. The FDA and U.S. distributor Warner-Lambert Co. said the drug's labelling was being changed because of reports that one person had died after taking the drug and 34 others had liver damage. Following the news, Warner-Lambert's stock dropped \$4.125 to \$139.0625 on the New York Stock Exchange. The FDA said 650,000 patients worldwide take the drug. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5766902-4e0>

*** Breast cancer vaccine may be tried by 2000 - doctor

A possible breast cancer vaccine could be ready for human trials within three years, one of the vaccine's researchers said Monday. The vaccine has been tried on genetically engineered mice with dramatic results, according to researcher Dr. Laura Esserman, who presented her findings at a conference held by the U.S. Defense Department. "We started out with a very simple, basic vaccine ...," Esserman said. "Instead of 80 to 90 percent of the animals getting tumors (as had previously occurred), only 50 percent did." For the full text story

see, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767127-b16>

*** AIDS spreads from drug users to population

Italian scientists confirmed Tuesday what many had already suspected -- the AIDS epidemic is changing, moving from men to women and from drug users to their sexual partners. They said their findings, based on statistics from the Rome area, probably applied to other big cities such as New York. Carlo Perucci of the Lazio Region Health Authority wrote, "A changing pattern in the HIV epidemic is emerging, with a shift in the incidence of HIV diagnosis from 'core' high-risk groups (drug injectors) to the large, low-risk (the general population) exposed through heterosexual transmission." For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767910-139>

*** Scientist finds first gene for intelligence

A British scientist said Monday he isolated the first specific gene for human intelligence. After more than six years of research, Robert Plomin, a behavioral geneticist at the Institute of Psychiatry in London, located the IGF2R gene on chromosome 6. It is the first of many genes believed to be related to human intelligence and genius. "I really think this is a breakthrough," Plomin said. His model of cognitive ability is of a complex trait with many genes contributing. His research could have important implications for neuroscience because it offers new insights into how the brain functions. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5761991-9ba>

*** Accidental mothers less likely to breast-feed -study

Women who become pregnant by accident are less likely to breast-feed their babies, researchers said Tuesday. They said this meant unwanted babies could be more at risk of infection and other problems, and urged doctors to find out if a woman had planned her pregnancy so she could be counseled. "Children who are unintended at conception have higher rates of poor outcomes in a variety of ways," said University of Rochester epidemiologist Timothy Dye. Breast-fed children have stronger immune systems, gain weight more quickly and tend to bond better with their mothers, studies have shown. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5768156-63e>

Human Interest

*** Afghan Taleban start giving forced hair-cuts

The Taleban are forcibly cutting hair in Kabul in their drive to turn Afghanistan into the world's purest Islamic state. "We are cutting hair that hangs over the forehead because when you pray it gets in the way of your forehead touching the ground; the devil stands between you and God," Maulawi Abdul Rashid Darkasti of the religious police said. Armed with scissors, Darkasti stood at a roundabout

Tuesday amid piles of severed forelocks. He stopped buses and cyclists, removing people's hats to check if anyone was hiding offensive amounts of hair. "We have cut the hair of 56 people already today," Darkasti said. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5773253-b79>

*** Simpson's mansion goes up for sale

For sale: Desirable residence in upscale neighborhood. Featured on worldwide television during "trial of the century." Bloody glove, air conditioner, slightly bloodstained carpets not included. Only millionaires need apply. O.J. Simpson's mansion at 360 North Rockingham in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles, which became one of the best-known addresses in the world after the murders of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend Ronald Goldman in June 1994, officially went on the market Monday. The asking price: \$3.95 million. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5767220-86e>

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All the best,

Jim

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Dear Messrs. Mead and Timmer:

I want to express my best wishes for the success of the Transatlantic Business Dialogue's Rome Conference on November 6 and 7, 1997. U.S. Secretary of Commerce William Daley has informed me that the agenda you have undertaken to improve transatlantic commercial relations is challenging and should make a great contribution to the U.S. and EU New Transatlantic Agenda.

I know that you have been relying on Secretary Daley, as a co-convenor of the Rome conference, to provide U.S. government leadership there. As you are aware, however, Secretary Daley is also playing a key leadership role in our efforts with the U.S. Congress to renew Presidential "fast track" authority. Thus, I have asked him to stay here in Washington this week and to devote all his energy to working with members of Congress to help

secure

this key objective.

Secretary Daley and I have asked Robert Mallett, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Commerce, to lead the U.S. government delegation to Rome for the TABD conference. He looks forward to working with you at the Conference and to helping Secretary Daley and me ensure that the Rome Conference recommendations are addressed in the U.S.-EU Summit.

I wish you all a very successful conference, and I look forward to a report of your recommendations.

Sincerely

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