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Texas Democrats wary of fast-track authority

By Maria Recio

Star-Telegram Washington bureau

WASHINGTON -- With Congress about to vote on giving President Clinton "fast-track" authority to negotiate trade agreements, the president was a long way yesterday from winning over fellow Democrats in the Texas delegation.

Of the 17 Democrats in the 30- member Texas delegation in the House, only Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford has said he will vote for fast-track authority. The bill would permit the president to present trade agreements to Congress for simple yes-or-no votes, and deny lawmakers the chance to amend them.

The first showdown on fast-track legislation is set for today in the Senate,

where the bill is expected to pass with a healthy bipartisan majority despite delaying tactics by some Democratic senators.

The prospects are more clouded in the House, which is expected to vote on the measure Friday. Speaker Newt Gingrich and the GOP leadership are working to pass the bill, but Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt and others in his party are opposed.

Most Republicans and some Democrats favor the legislation, but organized labor, environmental groups and many Democratic lawmakers -- particularly in the House -- oppose it.

Clinton and previous presidents have enjoyed such authority, but it has lapsed. Clinton wants the authority to negotiate new agreements with nations in South America and the Pacific region.

The president was meeting today at the White House with about seven of the undecided Texas lawmakers, including Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston, who advocates expanding retraining programs for workers who might lose their jobs because of a new trade accord.

The administration said yesterday that it will emphasize labor rights and

environmental conditions in trade negotiations, a plan that was expected to win over some wavering Democrats. But some Texans are still smarting from the worker displacement since the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada took effect Jan. 1, 1994.

Advocates of fast-track authority took some comfort in that most Texas lawmakers were undecided as of yesterday. Only three Texans, all Democrats, have said they will definitely vote no: Reps. Jim Turner of Crockett, Nicholas Lampson of Beaumont and Ciro Rodriguez of San Antonio.

Among area lawmakers, Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, said he is "leaning no," and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, was undecided.

"I'm uneasy giving the president carte blanche negotiating authority," Frost said in an interview.

Frost, whose 24th District includes part of Tarrant County, stressed that he also voted against granting fast-track authority to President George Bush in 1991, although Frost later voted for NAFTA.

Frost disputed a suggestion that his reservations stem from his fund-raising role as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which relies heavily on contributions from organized labor. "It has nothing

to do with my role as chairman of DCCC and everything to do with my district," he said.

Of the \$12 million the committee collected in "soft" money for party-building and get-out-the-vote drives in the 1995-96 election cycle, \$1.2 million was from organized labor, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research group.

The undecided Texas Democrats were: Reps. Max Sandlin of Marshall, Ralph Hall of Rockwall, Lloyd Doggett of Austin, Chet Edwards of Waco, Ruben Hinojosa of Mercedes, Shiela Jackson Lee of Houston, Solomon Ortiz of Corpus Christi, Gene Green of Houston, Silvestre Reyes of El Paso, Frost, Bentsen and Johnson.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, who has announced his retirement, is not expected to be in Washington to vote.

While Republicans hold a majority in the House, Gingrich has said it will take the support of about 70 Democrats to build a majority for passage.

Supporters of the measure concede that so far, they have nowhere near that level of support among Democrats.

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* October 28: Houston's Dewhurst are seeking the support of surfers
kicks off '98 race -- Internet surfers, that is.

Secretary of State Tony Garza and
state Sen. Jerry Patterson of
Pasadena both announced Monday
that they are launching Internet
web sites to promote their
campaigns for land commissioner.

"Until recently, the 'Web' was
something I cleaned out of my
attic," Patterson said. "Now the
Internet and the World Wide Web
are changing how Texans do
business."

Garza, the state's chief elections officer, has said he will resign after today's election. He said his web site will be activated Wednesday and that he will make his formal election announcement Nov. 10 with a Houston fund-raiser hosted by former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Anyone clicking today on www.garza98.com will get a simple white page that says, "Coming soon."

Patterson's site is already in cyberspace with a color photograph and a waving Texas flag waiting at 222.jpland.com to greet web surfers.

However, the site is still under construction. While numerous press releases and newspaper articles are reproduced on the site, a web surfer can click all day on Patterson's "Campaign Platform" to no avail.

Patterson touted himself as the first land commissioner candidate to have an Internet site up and running.

Another likely candidate in the GOP race, Houston businessman David Dewhurst, last week engaged in a more traditional form of advertising, running two full-page advertisements in the Austin newspaper.

Other Republicans who are in -- or are likely to enter -- the land commissioner race are Houston businessman Tim Turner, congressional aide Don Loucks of Bastrop and Denton County Judge Jeff Moseley.

State Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Benavides, is running to replace incumbent Democrat Garry Mauro, who is expected to run for

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By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

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Another Dream Date For D'Amato

Senator D'Amore, how do you do it?

Yet again, Alfonse D'Amato, 60, one of
Republicandom's most eligible bachelors, is
keeping company with a very lovely, very
wealthy woman.

Hilary Geary, 46 -- the blond widow of
financier Jack Geary -- has an apartment on
Park Avenue and a house in the Hamptons. She's
been out and about with the Fonz for several
months.

D'Amato brought her to Washington for the
National Italian American Foundation's
mega-dinner at the Washington Hilton on Oct.
25. They "double-dated" with New York state
economic development czar Charles Gargano and

Phyllis George, the former Miss America and CBS sportscaster.

D'Amato, who chaired the event, also took Geary to a far more intimate gathering (for only 150) the previous night in Georgetown.

Geary -- whose housekeeper said she was in California for a week and could not be reached -- has replaced the senator's previous squeeze, Chicagoan Kathy Finley, daughter of the late Oakland A's owner Charles O. Finley. D'Amato and Finley, a redheaded divorcee and real estate investor, were quite the high-profile duo during the 1996 Republican convention in San Diego. They're still pals.

Finley's predecessor was TV gossip queen Claudia Cohen, whose divorce settlement from Ron Perelman was said to be a cool \$80 million. In the throes of love back in 1995, D'Amato called Cohen his "Cinderella."

His spokeswoman didn't respond to Source inquiries yesterday about what D'Amato calls Geary.

Last Word on First Lady's 50th

The first lady's 50th birthday -- already celebrated with a panel discussion and a nostalgia tour -- continues with an odd but charming touch tomorrow night.

Bringing up the rear on this epic celebration is the Democratic National Committee, hosting a Hillary Rodham Clinton birthday fund-raiser at the Warner Building atrium.

Tipper Gore will speak. President Clinton may roll out a birthday cake. And James A. Murray will get to hear his new birthday song performed by a trio of singers and a string quartet. "I can't sing, and I can't play the piano much, either," said Murray yesterday. "I played the clarinet in high school, but I forgot most of what I knew."

With credentials like that, Murray must be one of the DNC's biggest sugar daddies, right? Nah.

He's an adjunct professor at Ohio University and has a business faxing restaurant menus around Athens, Ohio (pop. 10,000). "Your Trip

Around the Sun (The New Birthday Song)" is "Opus Number 2," said Murray. Opus No. 1 was a song he wrote for an episode of the soap opera he produced for a local cable show 13 years ago.

"I never really have been very crazy about singing the "Happy Birthday" song. It doesn't really say anything," said Murray. His lyrics wish fun, health, wealth, joy, love and laughter, all of which the first lady deserves, although Murray didn't write the song specifically for her.

He got his big break by reading about the DNC bash in Time magazine and making one phone call. If he has too good a time, look out. He might write Opus No. 3.

I want to let the past be gone and move on. I did a couple of adult movies but do not want to make a career out of it because my parents didn't want me to.

-- John Wayne Bobbitt, on why he is hanging it up, in the Lahontan Valley (Nev.) News and Fallon Eagle Standard.

Political Canvassing

No one would ever confuse Sen. John Warner or former Reagan White House chief of staff Don Regan with Vincent van Gogh. Or Grandma Moses, for that matter.

Nonetheless, both are painters whose works have just been delivered to the Charlottesville mansion of socialite Betty Scripps.

Last month she bid \$12,000 each for a Warner and a Regan to raise money for Decatur House on Lafayette Square. Once home to Commodore Stephen Decatur, Henry Clay and Martin Van Buren, it is open for tours and run by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Warner, who has been painting for years, offered a bright bouquet of pansies. Regan, who took up brush and oils only recently, painted Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home.

Regan had challenged Warner to an artistic auction "duel" similar to one Warner lost to Sen. Ted Kennedy some years back. Scripps's

bid, Warner said, "is the record for my work."

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Mesa is still growing at Meacham, even after raising rates

By Dan Reed
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

FORT WORTH -- Oil industry consultant John Tiffert has a long commute: He leaves his Roanoke home each Monday morning, flies to work in Houston, then flies home Friday evening.

In recent months, however, Tiffert's weekly routine has become a bit easier. He avoids the crowds at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and the heavy traffic and long drive to Dallas Love Field. Instead, he flies out of Fort Worth Meacham Airport on Mesa Airlines, which has been offering service on its new 50-seat Canadair regional jets since May.

"Meacham may be just a bit farther from my house than D/FW," Tiffert said as he waited to board a recent flight to Houston, "but it's easier and faster to get here than it is to get to D/FW. And the traffic and the parking aren't a problem here like they are at Love Field, or even at D/FW sometimes."

Tiffert also is sold on Mesa's jets, made in Canada by Bombardier.

"The last time I flew out of D/FW, I had to go on one of those turboprops to Houston," he said. "So I decided I was going to give Meacham and Mesa a try. I haven't flown anybody else since."

Testimonials like that cause Peter Otradovec to smile.

Only three months ago, Otradovec, president of Mesa's independent airline division, had little to smile about. It was essentially his idea to offer jet service between Meacham and other major Texas cities, and the venture wasn't going as well as Otradovec or Mesa Chairman Larry Risley anticipated.

Mesa doesn't release data on specific routes. But executives do not deny reports that its initial flights to and from Fort Worth -- in May, June

early July -- were less than 30 percent filled.

In turn, the launch of Fort Worth-to-San Antonio service was pushed back from July 1 to Sept. 7. The airline, which is based in Farmington, N.M., said that was partly because of delays in getting pilots trained to fly the \$18 million regional jets. But the delay also reflected concerns about the slow development of the Fort Worth- Houston route, executives said.

Two jets that had been scheduled to join the Fort Worth fleet this fall were redirected. One is used on Mesa's new route between Colorado Springs and San Antonio. The other began flying between Colorado Springs and Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday.

But Otradovec said that despite the slow pace of the market's development, Mesa's management never lost faith in Fort Worth.

The shift of two jets to the Colorado Springs routes, he said, was simply an opportunistic grab for developed markets that unexpectedly opened when cash-strapped Western Pacific stopped serving them. The chance to serve two profitable routes was seen as a way to offset the \$1 million-plus in start-up costs and initial operating losses Mesa has incurred at Meacham.

"Maybe we did lose some momentum in the Fort Worth markets because we weren't able to start new routes when we initially had planned," Otradovec said. "But we're still committed to the Fort Worth market."

Indeed, the airline added that second route to San Antonio in September, giving consumers another reason to sample its services.

"My first flight was great," said Gail Debiec, an executive with Children's Comprehensive Services of San Antonio.

Her social services company is under contract with Tarrant County to establish a juvenile justice alternative education center in north Fort Worth. As a result, Debiec and several colleagues expect to travel frequently between Fort Worth and San Antonio.

"You get a big airplane feel when you fly on them, even though there's only 50 seats," she said. "And the convenience of using this airport instead of D/FW or Love Field is outstanding. It'll save us at least an hour every time we fly up here. And we won't have to rent a car. Someone from our office will be able to drive up here and pick us up and we can be in our office here 10 minutes after landing."

In addition, the carrier later this month will begin using the first of three new passenger loading gates, which are equipped with bridges designed to fit the regional jets. That will get Mesa's passengers off the Meacham ramp in time to beat winter's bad weather.

Neither Otradovec nor anyone else affiliated with Mesa will utter the words "profitable" and "Fort Worth" in the same sentence yet, largely because the carrier discounts fares to raise the profile of its Meacham flights.

But flights during the prime early morning and evening hours favored by

business travelers frequently are full, according to Mesa spokesmen. Weekend and midday flights typically have more than half of their seats occupied.

And many business travelers -- Mesa's primary targets -- tell the airline they have been impressed by its on-time operation, the comfort of the airline's Canadair regional jets and, of course, the ease of flying out of Meacham.

Mesa's management says it is confident enough to proceed with plans to add a third route out of Fort Worth, to Austin, on Nov. 30. It is developing plans for three more new regional jets that Mesa will receive from Bombardier in January.

Two jets will probably be used to add frequency to existing Fort Worth routes, Otradovec said. The third will probably be used to add frequency to the Colorado Springs routes.

Eventually, he said, Mesa will fulfill its plans to provide hourly service on the Fort Worth-Houston route, and almost as many flights to San Antonio and Austin. The carrier also still plans to offer service between Fort Worth and other Texas cities.

Mesa officials also believe that they have had more success since summer because they changed their marketing approach. Out went an ad campaign intended to acquaint locals with the little-known commuter airline operating out of the little-known old north Fort Worth airport. The heavy reliance on widely distributed coupons was also discarded.

Instead, Mesa began aggressively promoting its low fares. Newspaper and radio ads began carrying a simple message: \$25 each way between Fort Worth and Houston. The airline's name and the airport's name were included in the ads, but price clearly became the focal point.

Before the switch in advertising, Mesa's introductory fare on the Fort Worth-Houston route had been \$49 each way. With a coupon, the return flight was free, effectively making the round-trip price \$49. The switch to \$25 one-way fares amounted to an incidental \$1 round-trip fare increase.

"The lesson we learned is pretty simple," Otradovec said. "It's just easier to communicate a published fare than it is to communicate a coupon."

Those \$25 one-way fares are gone now. The one-way fare on the Houston route went to \$39 in September, then to \$49 last month. This month, the Fort Worth-Houston fare is \$59 one way, but Mesa also added a \$96 round-trip fare, for the equivalent of two \$48 one-way fares.

On the Fort Worth-San Antonio route, the fare remains \$39 one way.

Those price increases haven't slowed the growth of Mesa's passenger traffic, Otradovec said. In fact, demand has continued to grow.

Otradovec makes no secret of his plans to eventually raise Mesa's fares to a point about equal with the fares charged by the airlines that fly to those cities from D/FW and Love Field.

"Making a profit is, after all, the goal of all this," he said. "But right now, our introductory fares are doing the job we want them to do. They're bringing people out to give us a try, individuals and corporations. Once they experience our service and convenience of flying out of Meacham, we think they'll keep coming back to us. A lot of them already are."

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POLITICS

Rising GOP Star's Donor Entanglements Present a Quandary
Republican investigators risk dimming Rep. J.C. Watts'
luster if they investigate allegations.

By ROBERT L. JACKSON, Times Staff Writer

PREV [W] ASHINGTON--Republicans have long been pleased to count
STORY J.C. Watts as one of their own.

A star college quarterback at the University of

NEXT Oklahoma, he led the Sooners to national fame in the late
STORY 1970s, earning "most valuable player" honors in the Orange
Bowl two years in a row.

Turning to politics, Watts at age 33 became the first
black elected to statewide office in Oklahoma by winning a
seat in 1990 on the state's corporation commission, which
regulates energy firms. Four years later, he ran successfully
for Congress.

As the only black Republican currently in Congress,
Watts has been the GOP's point man for making inroads among
minority voters. A charismatic figure in the eyes of his
supporters, he was featured as a prime-time speaker at last
year's Republican National Convention. His speech included
the line, "Character is simply doing right when nobody is
looking."

Those words, however, could come back to haunt Watts.

Investigators for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, recently searching for campaign-related financial shenanigans with possible ties to the Clinton administration, stumbled over an embarrassing episode whose cast of characters includes Watts. The sleuths discovered that an early 1990s political-influence scandal in Oklahoma, replete with such figures as key White House aide Thomas "Mack" McLarty and the late Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown, also seems to have rubbed off on their man.

Committee Chairman Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.), who has been chided by Democrats for an overly partisan approach to his task, thus faces a quandary. If, in its future hearings, the panel decides to zero in on the Oklahoma case, Burton runs the risk of potentially dimming Watts' political glow.

The tale centers on an energy firm, known as Arkla, with business in Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. McLarty, just before his appointment as President Clinton's first chief of staff, was chairman of the company. Some of its representatives were accused of making cash payoffs to state regulators, although no evidence has surfaced that McLarty was involved.

In the same period, Nora and Gene Lum--two Southern Californians who since have pleaded guilty to hiding \$50,000 in illegal contributions to Democratic candidates--bought a rival oil-and-gas firm that was prepared to go to court to expose more details of the alleged payoffs in Oklahoma. The Lums installed Brown's son as the firm's president. Once the purchase was made, the new owners dropped the lawsuit that could have disclosed more payoff details.

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Although this Democratic political intrigue seemed worthy of exploration, the House GOP investigators were startled to come across the tracks of Watts.

What has surfaced, in public court records and in secret FBI tape recordings revealed recently by the Public Broadcasting System, is evidence that Watts, by his own admission, accepted between \$1,200 and \$1,400 in \$100 bills to pay expenses in his campaign for the state corporation commission. And, later, he accepted envelopes that may have contained up to \$1,500 more to pay off a campaign debt, according to the FBI tapes.

The money came from William "Tater" Anderson, a well-known attorney for Arkla and other big utilities who eventually went to prison for bribing Bob Hopkins, then Watts' colleague on the state corporation commission.

Watts has acknowledged receiving cash from Anderson, calling it "old news" that surfaced in Anderson's criminal trial three years ago. It did not, however, gain national attention at that time. Watts claims the cash was a campaign contribution and points out he has never been accused of any legal violation.

But Pat Hall, a state Democratic leader, charged recently that the cash was never reported, in violation of state law. Hall said Watts "should come clean or resign."

Watts claims he reported the money in a general way but was not required to identify names of small donors, who he said made up much of the cash given him by Anderson.

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Marilyn Hughes, director of the state ethics commission, said she doubts the legality of such vague reporting, but she adds that the statute of limitations has run out on any potential charges arising from 1990 contributions.

In any event, Watts does not dispute that his voice and Anderson's are on the FBI tapes, which first were played on the PBS show "Follow the Money," a program reporting on national campaign finance abuses. One surveillance tape reveals Anderson talking to someone else about giving Watts what he called "walking-around money."

Referring to Watts' campaign for the state corporation commission, Anderson says Watts "told me most other people just ignored him during the campaign, but I'd meet him off and on, some out-of-the-way place, and might give him a little walking-around money."

Watts acknowledged in a televised interview that Bob Anthony, a state commissioner who helped FBI agents gather evidence, had cautioned him to "stay away from Anderson . . . he's trying to get us in trouble." But Watts said he accepted Anderson's cash nonetheless.

After his election to the commission, Watts continued to accept money from Anderson to help retire a campaign debt, according to court evidence. An FBI recording shows Anderson offering Watts \$500 each from "three little independents," referring to utility firms.

"And it's just in cash," Anderson adds, referring to the total of \$1,500.

"OK, well, good deal," Watts replies on the tape. "Well, I'll tell you. Why don't I--you want to meet somewhere this evening?"

Watts later drove to Anderson's home and accepted the money in a plain envelope, according to court testimony. He claims he reported this, too, but news organizations in Oklahoma have been unable to find any record of it.

Anderson did not testify at his trial and has never elaborated on his relationship with Watts. Although he has been released from prison, efforts to reach him for comment through his Oklahoma City lawyer were unsuccessful.

A Republican consultant in Washington acknowledged the episode could tarnish Watts' image, as well as make it difficult for Republicans to seek the higher ground on the campaign finance issue.

"It always makes it difficult to go after the Democrats when one of your own number may have a similar problem," said the consultant, who declined to be quoted by name.

Some other Republicans, however, are more sanguine.

"It's an old issue," said Quineta Wyli, the Oklahoma state GOP chairwoman. "I don't think this has hurt J.C.'s reputation at all."

She added: "The Democrats are trying to damage him

because he's their worst nightmare: He's African American, he's conservative and he's charismatic."

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It remains unclear to what extent Burton's committee will deal with Watts' involvement in future fund-raising hearings, since planning by the committee staff is incomplete. But House Democratic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said their members intend to raise the issue if Burton tries to discredit McLarty.

"Watts took unreported campaign cash in unmarked envelopes from an Oklahoma oil lobbyist," one source said. "An FBI surveillance tape caught him discussing it. He claims it was a legal contribution, but people in Oklahoma have been unable to find any disclosure of it."

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columnists Few predicted Legend Airlines would handily beat American Airlines in

[Image] lobbying Congress for rights to fly from Dallas Love Field. Now that it has, some question whether the scrappy upstart airline can flourish so close to American's home turf.

But if Legend faces the long odds skeptics presume, that doesn't shake

the airline's low-key founder, Bruce Leadbetter. Given his background, he might prefer it that way.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Leadbetter has quietly backed a number of notable business deals in Dallas, never seeking much attention for himself. Perhaps the biggest came in 1984, when he arranged for the billionaire Pritzker family of Chicago to make an investment in Braniff International that resurrected the defunct airline and kept it alive for more than four years.

A review of Mr. Leadbetter's significant investments of the past dozen years shows a clear pattern: his eagerness to take risks and stick his neck out where others see little hope.

Some of those investments have turned out well. But a few have failed. In one deal five years ago, his partners lost their entire investment while Mr. Leadbetter wound up in a nasty and still-unresolved fight with the Internal Revenue Service.

His associates and business partners cite an unshakable optimism. They say he sees merits in businesses that to others look like endless red ink. They also say - and Mr. Leadbetter is quick to admit - that his strength is in putting deals together, not running companies.

With Legend, the day-to-day duties will fall to the airline's other founder and its chief executive, T. Allan McArtor, a former Federal Express executive who also has headed the Federal Aviation Administration.

This summer, Mr. McArtor outmaneuvered American's lobbyists in Congress to win a law allowing Legend to fly modified jets on long routes from Love Field - weakening the federal law that has limited flights from the Dallas airport since 1979.

Still, making Legend a success will be "a heck of a challenge," said Sam Coats, former chief executive of Muse Air, the last major carrier aside from Southwest Airlines to fly out of Love Field. Mr. Coats predicts Legend will face a real fight to survive, with American and Southwest so close. "I question the viability of that, but I wouldn't count Bruce Leadbetter out."

Star power

Mr. Leadbetter came to aviation in a roundabout way. Growing up the son of a lumbermill worker in Arizona, he started his career as a theatrical business agent. With his soft-spoken manner, he would become close to a number of celebrities. Later, he would surprise his business partners by introducing them to Hollywood stars.

"When I first met him, I thought he was a name-dropper," Mr. Coats said. "Yet I never heard him say he had access to somebody he didn't have access to. It ain't bragging if he can do it."

Once during the 1970s, when Mr. Leadbetter was establishing himself as a close adviser to the Pritzkers, one of the family's top lieutenants made a business trip to Dallas and was invited to Mr. Leadbetter's house.

After arriving, the Pritzker associate recalled, he was stunned to see Farrah Fawcett among the guests. He hadn't known that Mr. Leadbetter, having had an early career in show business, was friends with Ms. Fawcett and her then-husband, actor Lee Majors.

Twenty years later, he said, Mr. Leadbetter surprised him again with plans for a new Dallas airline. "I said, 'Bruce, you don't have any airplanes, you don't have any employees, you don't have any routes, and you have an airport that doesn't permit the business to happen.' And he says, 'Don't worry about it. We'll get

Congress to pass a law that says this can happen.' "

Mr. Leadbetter still approaches all this with the same understated manner that his longtime business associates have grown used to. "You run into so many people who get pretty intense in the heat of battle," said former Dallas City Council member Jerry Bartos, a longtime proponent of expanded flights at Love Field. "I have never see him other than jovial. I thought he was consistently pretty laid back and low-key to have taken on that kind of fight."

Indeed, Mr. Leadbetter can claim one honor that few, if any, Dallas deal-makers of his stature are likely to equal: Years ago he was named "Mother of the Year" at one of his daughters' schools, in recognition of time spent on school-related activities.

Braniff years

Skeptics abounded when Mr. Leadbetter persuaded the Pritzkers to invest in the former Braniff International in 1984, rousing the Dallas-based carrier from an idle 23-month bankruptcy.

After a disappointing start, the new Braniff turned a profit in 1985 and had more than \$50 million in the till by the end of that year.

The Pritzkers sold their majority stake in Braniff in 1988, making a profit of several times their investment while keeping more than \$400 million in special tax breaks generated from Braniff's unprofitable years. The family used the so-called net operating loss carryforwards to shelter profits from other businesses.

Braniff didn't fare so well under its new owners, filing for bankruptcy one year later. Some Braniff employees were angered by the Pritzkers' decision to sell, accusing the family

of scooping up the company more for valuable tax breaks than for the airline. But Braniff probably would never have gotten back off the ground in 1984 had it not been for the family's investment.

"A lot of people were employed for a period of time in the metroplex because of Leadbetter" and his efforts in bringing the Pritzkers to the airline, aviation consultant Michael Boyd said.

Mr. Leadbetter confirmed that the Braniff episode was financially successful for the Pritzkers, but he said the airline's later death is still a painful disappointment. "It's a tragedy, from the standpoint of what happened to a lot of people, friends of mine."

As he had done long before Braniff, Mr. Leadbetter continued to advise the Pritzkers, investing successfully in Mexico and elsewhere in industries as diverse as railroad cars, construction equipment and hotels.

Over time, he has grown close to Jay Pritzker, the older of the two brothers who control the family's fortune. For 20 years, the two men haven't used formal contracts in their business dealings, preferring to apportion things after the fact.

Faltering deal

One deal that faltered involved Emergency Networks, a Dallas company that sold low-priced home security systems. He helped organize an investor group that included the Pritzkers and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's son, Mark Thatcher.

Emergency Networks aimed to bring home security systems down to a price that middle-class families could afford. Sales were rapid, and by early 1992 it had installed more than 200,000

systems. But that year the company ran short of cash after its main source of financing, a company controlled by the billionaire Hillman family of Pittsburgh filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors. Emergency Networks made its own bankruptcy filing later in 1992.

"That was very embarrassing. I put a lot of investors into it," Mr. Leadbetter said. "If you've got one customer and he goes under, you're in trouble, and that's what happened."

He was later named in a civil lawsuit by the IRS, which is still seeking more than \$2 million in allegedly unpaid employee withholding taxes. In court filings, Mr. Leadbetter says that during the time the taxes weren't collected he wasn't an officer of the company and that he didn't know there was a withholding problem until later. He expects the case to go to trial.

Returning to the aviation business in late 1993, Mr. Leadbetter acquired the old Braniff maintenance base at Love Field, called Dalfort Aviation, from the Pritzkers. There was plenty to fear: The business was already losing \$1 million per month, and righting it would require layoffs and wage cuts for those workers who remained.

Soon Mr. Leadbetter found what he believed to be the perfect deal to complement Dalfort: McDonnell Douglas Corp. was reviewing sites to assemble the MD-95, a new narrow-body passenger jet, and with the capacity at Love Field, he believed the maintenance base was a logical candidate.

Within months an agreement was apparently wrapped up. Dallas city officials even called a news conference to applaud it. But McDonnell Douglas officials pulled out, scheduling the work instead for its Long Beach, Calif., manufacturing plant. Ultimately, the plane was delayed and McDonnell Douglas was

acquired by Boeing Co.

Those involved with the MD-95 decision suggest that by the end, Mr. Leadbetter was used by McDonnell Douglas, which only threatened to assemble the plane in Dallas to wring better terms out of state officials in California and its Long Beach union.

Mr. Leadbetter, who spent \$1.5 million of his own money trying to lure the project to Daltorf, agrees. But he said that he doesn't blame McDonnell Douglas and that the company's executives dealt in good faith.

Even his allies say Mr. Leadbetter's strength doesn't lie in handling operational details. A Pritzker associate, who describes Mr. Leadbetter as a brilliant strategic thinker, puts it bluntly: "I'm not sure I'd want him to run the company."

In Mr. McArtor, he found an entrepreneurial executive with considerable savvy in navigating corridors in Washington, where he ran the FAA from 1987 to 1989. There, he was instrumental in gaining federal approval for Alliance Airport in north Fort Worth. Later, at Federal Express, he lobbied successfully to build a cargo hub at Alliance.

By late last year, Mr. McArtor was hooked on Legend's prospects. "I told Grace, my wife, 'Let's drop these other projects because I want to put this airline together,' " he said.

This, roughly speaking, is the plan: Legend will lease a half-dozen jets, upgrade the cabins with wide seats and other amenities typically found in a first-class cabin on an international flight and fly them from Love Field. If all goes well, Legend will grow to 30 planes and expand its routes.

Mr. McArtor believes that by flying from Love Field and making every effort to pamper passengers - all

luggage could be carried on board, for instance - Legend can succeed by selling tickets to business travelers for the same price or less than American or Delta Air Lines charges for coach class seats on D/FW flights.

"At Love Field, we can differentiate our product - and American helps differentiate our product," Mr. McArtor said. "The prices are so high at D/FW Airport, and the travel experience is not particularly a pleasant one."

The next step for Legend is to complete the raising of \$32 million to capitalize the airline. Investors already contacted by the airline are expected to step up with one-third to one-half of that amount; the remainder is expected to come from a private equity placement being worked out with an investment bank. Later, Legend will apply to the federal government for the two certificates needed to operate as a passenger airline.

Once Legend gets in the air, Mr. McArtor expects American to put up a fierce fight. Already, he said, "we've had feedback that he [American's Mr. Crandall] had contacted some of our investors or potential investors." Mr. McArtor declined to elaborate, and American officials declined to comment.

An affiliate of American recently acquired facilities at Love Field, including the building that housed Braniff's old gates and terminal, saying it needed office space. Before American can use those gates for passenger flights, it has to obtain permission from the city of Dallas and has to clarify that its pilots' union contract allows such flights.

An American Airlines spokesman, John Hotard, noted: "If Love Field were to open up for more competition, then one option American has is to ask the City Council to allow those gates and that

property to be used."

Dalfort workers are eager to see Legend finally get off the ground and do battle with American. They say that despite the McDonnell Douglas false hopes and other lost contracts at Dalfort, they have faith in Mr. Leadbetter.

"Bruce is a visionary. He has a grasp of the big picture that few of us comprehend," said Joe Christian, a Teamsters union official. Mr. Leadbetter's enthusiasm for big projects, though, sometimes wears on his employees, he said.

"The average guy on the floor has heard about the dreams for so long that they've heard a lot more than they've seen. Because of that, some of those people have gotten disheartened," he said. But Mr. Christian adds: "With the political action of late, that's turned around."

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before Tuesday's final results
were announced.

A group of Mosbacher supporters
carrying campaign signs heckled
Brown on Tuesday morning as he
spoke to reporters after voting at
Herod Elementary School in
southwest Houston.

Early Tuesday night, Brown met at
a downtown hotel with about 30
Hispanic leaders, many of whom had
supported former City Controller
George Greanias or Councilwoman
Gracie Saenz for mayor, to

consolidate their backing for the runoff.

Hispanic voters' preference for Lanier was a key part of his 1991 victory over state Rep. Sylvester Turner. The service limit of three two-year terms, adopted in a referendum that year, prevented Lanier from seeking re-election this time.

Within hours of the polls closing, Mosbacher challenged Brown to six debates to be broadcast live on television and radio.

The runoff contenders also jabbed at each other in their victory speeches.

"Let us never forget that the city of Houston is not a privately held company," Brown said. "Let us never forget that the city of Houston is not a family business -- it is a public enterprise in

which more than 1 million citizens are equal shareholders."

Mosbacher is president of his family's oil and gas company.

He told his supporters, "I am a businessman from the real world, not a bureaucrat from the halls of government."

Brown, Houston police chief from 1982-90, has also served as President Clinton's "drug czar" and as New York police commissioner. Most recently Brown was a Rice University professor.

Front-runners since the mayoral campaign unfolded several months ago, Brown and Mosbacher spent more money on their campaigns than the other contenders.

The 1991 runoff pitted a wealthy white businessman who had never held elected office against a

black man who reached the halls of government power after growing up poor. Lanier defeated Turner in that rough battle.

The same descriptions fit Mosbacher and Brown, respectively.

This year's plot veers away from 1991 in several ways, however.

For instance, the matchup also provides a partisan split in a nonpartisan race: Mosbacher is a Republican activist who ran for the U.S. Senate in 1984 and lieutenant governor in 1990, and Brown is a Democrat seeking elected office for the first time.

He would be the first black mayor of Houston, the largest U.S. city that has never had one.

In Tuesday's election, Mosbacher and Brown outpaced three opponents who encountered the term limits ax: Greanias, who left office in

1995, and Saenz and Councilwoman Helen Huey, who could not seek re-election this year.

The other candidates were lesser-known businessmen: Richard E. Barry, Bernard E. Calkins and Jean-Claude Lanau.

Greanias was in third place with 17.4 percent of the vote.

"Will I endorse Lee or Rob? Stay tuned for that," Greanias told his supporters at the Moose Cafe west of downtown. "Will I run again? Stay tuned for that. Whatever role God gave me in this city, I am not going to fade away, and I ask that you don't either."

Saenz thanked her family and backers for their support and said she needs several days of reflection before deciding whether to endorse a runoff candidate and whether to seek public office

again.

Huey, who contended during the campaign that her relatively low-budget campaign would succeed because "sweat beats money," changed her tune Tuesday night. "This time, money beats sweat," she said.

Huey saluted her supporters and put off any decision about endorsing a runoff candidate or seeking public office in the future.

Brown, celebrating with supporters at the downtown Hyatt Regency hotel, talked at length about the recent death of his mother. He said it made him think of Houston as a family that needs to pull together.

Mosbacher, celebrating with supporters in a ballroom of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza hotel on

the West Loop, said his showing was "a testament to the power of a message" -- his proposals for making city government more efficient and cutting water rates.

The first round of the mayor's race was often low-key, with no dominant policy issue for the candidates to rally around. Voters indicated in a poll conducted for the Houston Chronicle and KHOU-TV Channel 11 that their perception of the candidates' honesty and integrity was more important than their stands on the issues, their government experience or other factors.

The affirmative action issue split the field of candidates, however. Huey and Barry supported the referendum to abolish the programs. Mosbacher said the programs amounted to racial quotas and vowed to abolish them as mayor, but he opposed the

referendum on the grounds that it was "divisive and unnecessary."

The other candidates said the programs needed to be preserved and then reformed.

Lanier was officially neutral on the mayor's race. But several of the key strategists from his 1991 campaign are working on Brown's campaign.

Lanier has said he may issue an endorsement of a runoff candidate. He has emphatically defended the affirmative action programs as volunteer "goals," while Mosbacher calls them "racial quotas" and vows to abolish them.

Lanier's absence from the ballot meant the incumbent Houston mayor was not running for the first time since 1977, when Fred Hofheinz chose to step aside.

Kathy Whitmire, then the city
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McConn in 1981, and she lost to
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With nearly all statewide precincts counted, the measure was approved 59.5 percent to 40.5 percent. In Harris County, with nearly all of the precincts

counted, the measure passed 59 percent to 41 percent.

"It's a great day for property rights and for financial self-determination," said state Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, a co-author of the proposal.

"For the homeowner, this means more financial options," said Texas Conference on Homeowners' Rights spokesman Rob Norcross, whose lender-backed group promoted passage of Proposition 8.

"It's a very smart financial decision for a certain segment of the population that has equity in their homes, has the ability to repay the loans and has a good need for the money. It's not necessarily a panacea," Norcross said.

Beginning Jan. 1, Texas homeowners will be authorized to secure liens against the equity in their homesteads in return for loans that could be used for any purpose -- from debt consolidation to dealing with catastrophic illnesses.

Several lenders who have been gearing up for the possible passage of the amendment plan to accept loan applications beginning today, but they can't legally close the loans until next year, officials said.

Equity is the difference between the market value of a home and the amount owed on it. State officials have estimated that the equity available as collateral in Texas exceeds \$100 billion.

Since 1839, when Texas was a republic, the state has severely limited the ability of lenders to foreclose on homesteads. The limits, included in Texas

Constitutions since 1845, were slightly loosened to allow foreclosure on loans for home improvements and tax payments, and for settlement of divorces and inheritances.

For nearly 20 years, lawmakers had attempted to bring to voters the question of whether to expand home-equity loan options. Only after numerous consumer safeguards were included in the amendment did the proposal win overwhelming legislative approval earlier this year.

The amendment forbids lines of credit secured by home equity, a sometimes perilous form of consumer loans allowed in several other states. The Texas law also requires judicial review of all foreclosures, limits loans to 80 percent of market value and precludes lenders from foreclosing on any property other than the homestead.

These and other limitations resulted in the Texas version being called the most conservative, consumer-oriented law of its kind in the country. As another example of the measure's fiscal conservatism, it allows "reverse mortgages" for people over age 55 who fully own their homes, but only if they have mandatory counseling about other borrowing options.

Many lenders, including banks, credit unions and savings and loan institutions, are already marketing "tax-advantaged" home-equity loans with brochures, direct-mail solicitations and billboards.

Although lenders predict interest rates will be a couple of percentage points over typical 30-year mortgage rates, which

currently are under 8 percent, the amendment allows interest rates to go as high as 18 percent. Fees, including appraisals and inspections, are limited to 3 percent.

The measure long has been supported by lenders. But when consumer safeguards were added, it drew endorsements from longstanding opponents in the real estate industry who had feared the law would affect home sales and result in more foreclosures.

Citing concerns about heartbreaking home losses, labor and farm groups also were traditional foes, though dairy farmers fought for and won an exemption allowing their homestead facilities to be used as collateral.

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House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, praised Clinton yesterday for "working hard to fulfill his commitment" to deliver 70 Democratic votes.

"We're certainly working hard," Armey told reporters. "You get yourself down to the moment of truth and you don't know what it will be until you watch the vote."

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Mr. Vice

President, Senator, members of Congress, thank you so much for being
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The choice Congress confronts this week will profoundly affect our growth, prosperity, and leadership well into the new century, for Congress must decide whether to extend the President's fast track authority to negotiate agreements that tear down unfair trade barriers to our exports and create high-wage jobs in our economy.

Yesterday, a bipartisan majority in the Senate voted overwhelmingly to move forward on extending fast track authority. On Friday, the House of Representatives will vote on fast track, and I strongly encourage the House to take the same bold stand for America's future. A member of Congress who votes for fast track is doing the right thing for America.

If we turn our backs now on trade and fail to seize the opportunities of the global economy, our competitors will eagerly take our place. That is an "America last" strategy; it's unacceptable, it won't work.

The rejection of fast track won't create any new jobs or raise any American incomes. It won't advance environmental or labor standards abroad. It would reduce our ability to do both. And I think that is very important. By freezing the status quo we would simply be saying that we are going to freeze ourselves out of getting a fair deal in other markets; we are going to sit by while other

countries get a better deal in other markets, and at the same time, we are going to reduce our influence on the labor and environmental standards of other countries and undermine our ability to continue to grow the American economy and create good, new jobs here.

Still, there are things that we have to do to try to continue to push the elevation of labor and environmental standards around the world as we press for open markets, and I believe we owe it to ourselves and our future to leave no one behind who is willing to work and learn in order to compete and win in the global economy.

Our social compact ever since I came here has always been opportunity for everyone who is responsible and a community in which all Americans have a chance. That's why we've worked hard with Congress to create a package of initiatives which I will include in my next budget to equip all people to reap the rewards of change.

We know that the technological and trade changes going on today favor people with higher skills. We know that they are accelerating the pace of change in our economy and indeed in every economy throughout the world. It is, therefore, imperative that we

do more to make sure all our people have a chance to benefit from these changes.

First, we must greatly expand our efforts to help workers who lose their jobs because of technology or trade or other economic changes. At the suggestion of Congressman Bentsen, I'm going to establish a commission on workers and economic change in the new economy. Right now, we're going to commit to provide \$750 million in additional funding to retrain dislocated workers. We want to create a special fund to guarantee that there will always be adequate resources to help workers hurt by trade. We want to target funds to help so-called secondary workers; that is, not only workers from a textile factory, for example, that might close, but those in a nearby button factory who supply the textile factory.

This is very important. Changes in the economy do bring job dislocation. Most of them come because of technology. Some of them come because of trade. Our efforts here, combined with what we have already done, will mean that while we were cutting spending and balancing the budget during my term of office, we tripled funding for dislocated workers continuing training, to move people back into the economy with the skills they need.

Second, we have to step up our efforts to help communities adjust to this new economy. We should provide more rapid, more comprehensive, more coordinated assistance from all the federal agencies in a way that is modeled on what we now do in our military base closure efforts, when we're trying to convert the bases to other uses. We should double the funds to help areas that have

experienced major plant closings, and we should expand the development bank serving trade-affected areas.

Third, we must develop the untapped potential of our inner cities and rural areas, for too many of these places have not been touched by growth or dislocation. They need more investment. Our budget agreement doubles the number of empowerment zones, with tax incentives to invest in these rural and urban areas. But we must do more. We should increase loans for people who live in distressed rural and urban communities. We should make \$100 million in flexible grants available every year in the new empowerment zones to attract new jobs and new small businesses. And we should provide for more skills training for young people in high poverty areas.

By giving a helping hand to workers at home and a strengthened hand to our negotiators as they open markets abroad we can bring more Americans into the winner's circle of the new economy. We can grow the economy and let more people participate in that growth. There's no reason why our nation cannot see to it that every American has the tools and conditions to succeed in this new economy. Our prosperity enables it; our understanding of the social contract demands it.

Now, the House faces a crucial vote on Friday. For me, the options are clear. We can rise to the challenges of the future, write the trade rules, continue our remarkable growth; or we can turn our back on the world and fail to compete for new markets, new

contracts, and new jobs. I believe that the evidence is clear. We have produced over 13 million new jobs in less than five years, because we have expanded the ability of Americans to sell their products and services around the world. It would be a great mistake not to continue that.

We cannot afford to return to a mind-set that pretends that we can protect what we have now and never grow in the future. We must seize the opportunities of the future and take care of the people who have difficulties with change. We must do both, but we must do both.

Thank you very much.

Q Mr. President, you asked voters yesterday to send a message to Washington in the elections. What do you think the message was on the Republican victories?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, they won in places that they had before and we won in places we have before -- in the urban areas where we had elections. And I think the lesson of this year is that when the economy is up and crime is down, people believe the country and their states and their communities are moving in the right directions, and they tend to stay with incumbent candidates and parties.

I will say this -- I was surprised and terribly impressed by the remarkable campaign of Mr. McGreevey in New Jersey. And I was profoundly grateful for a vote which may well have some national significance in Houston, when the people of Houston voted to retain their affirmative action program in city contracting. I say that because that's a second version of the debate that was held in California, and I expect that debate will be held in other communities throughout the country. So that may or may not have national significance, but it might.

But the others -- I think economy is up, crime is down; people think the country and the states and the communities are going in the right direction, and the incumbents all benefit.

Q Could we ask your reaction to the announcement by Congressman Bob Barr this morning that he will ask for a resolution for a preliminary inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee into possible impeachment proceedings against you for, among other things, possible abuse of presidential power. What would your reaction to such a move be?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Congressman Barr, if I remember, was the man who carried the NRA's water to try to beat the Brady Bill and the assault weapons ban. He's always had a rather extreme view of these things. I don't really have any comment on that.

Q Mr. President, going back to fast track --

Q Mr. President, on Iraq, sir, what do you think the signals should be -- what signals should Saddam Hussein take -- I'm sorry -- from the U.N. decision to postpone these U-2 flights over his territory?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, as I said yesterday, that was a decision for Mr. Butler to make. But if I were in his position I wouldn't draw too much of a conclusion from it. They want the United Nations group to be able to talk to Saddam Hussein and to be able to speak directly and frankly. But Mr. Butler has, in his tenure, has done a good job of doing the inspections, and he made it clear that the U-2 flights would be resumed. I personally felt that was important.

So I think that you've got to say that Mr. Butler's got a good record of doing these inspections, that he's aggressively determined to stop the development of a weapons of mass destruction program, and he did say the flights would be resumed. So if I were Saddam Hussein I wouldn't draw too much inference from it except to say they'd like to have a talk in the most open circumstances possible.

Q Mr. President, Congressman Goodling says you have an agreement on national testing. What is it and is it going to turn into a signable bill?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I met with Congressman Goodling this morning, and I do want to thank him, because we have been working for weeks and weeks and weeks to try to work out his concerns and mine. He did not -- he told me months ago when we started talking about it he did not want to see an inordinate duplication of the efforts already undertaken at the state level and by some large school districts where they're already doing some kind of standardized test.

I said my concern was not to have -- was to have some sort of clearly accepted standard of excellence that all our children would be expected to meet in reading and math. And we believe, based on our conversation today, that we at least have an agreement in principle about how our students can master the basics and achieve higher academic standards and be measured for doing that, to hold children's educational performance to a uniform standard without undermining the efforts that are now going on in states if they actually do measure whether the children know what they need to know.

So the agreement was reached in principle, but there's some complexity in terms of just trying to get into language in terms of how this test would be evaluated compared to one another and what we propose to do in terms of research over the next couple of years. But the bottom line for the American people is I think we have opened

the door to giving people in every state, every school district and every school the assurance that their children's performance in reading and math can actually be measured and be made meaningful in terms of what every child in America should know, so they will know how they're doing.

And if that -- if it can be done, I will be a very happy person, indeed. And I'm hopeful that we have done that. I say that just to give Mr. Goodling a little protection, and the President as well, just because we've reached an agreement in principle, we've got to turn it into the language. I'm very hopeful. This will be a huge thing, long-term, for American education if we have, in fact, worked this out.

Q Mr. President --

Q On Iraq, we get the impression that if you had your druthers, you'd rather have not had a break in these U-2 flights, that you understand why it's happened, but you don't think it's necessarily a great idea.

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think it's fruitful for me to second-guess Mr. Butler now. One of the things that I have seen in his -- he hasn't been there very long, but since he's been there he's been quite aggressive. And keep in mind what our goal is here. Our goal is to use these inspections to try to ensure that a weapons of mass destruction program is not developed. And since there is

absolutely no reason to believe that Mr. Butler has been anything other than extremely faithful to his task, I think we should let these talks unfold.

I would have been disturbed if the flight had been suspended and there hadn't been a clear statement that they would be resumed shortly. But since he made a clear statement that they would be resumed shortly I think we have to give him the benefit of the doubt on this and let's see if we can work through it.

Q Did you compare notes with President Bush about your joint nemesis, your shared nemesis, Saddam?

THE PRESIDENT: It's interesting, when this whole issue first broke was when I was on my way over to the -- it was the night before I went over to the Washington Children's Hospital to be with General Schwarzkopf at the Starbright Foundation announcement, so we had some interesting conversations about it. And I've seen former Secretary Baker since then, and we're all commiserating, and obviously I asked these people for their advice about it.

But we just -- look, this is a frustrating policy, the one we're following, because it requires long-term patience and discipline. It's frustrating for him, it's frustrating for us, it's frustrating for everybody else. But, you know, there is a reason these United Nations resolutions were passed. There's a reason this inspection regime was set up. We think it's a bad idea for any more

dictators who have shown aggression toward their neighbors to develop the capacity to have nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. We think it's a bad idea. And we know of no way to do that -- to avoid that in peaceful terms than to have some sort of inspection regime.

And as I said yesterday, the UNSCOM inspection regime has actually led to the destruction of more dangerous weapons than the Desert Storm did, because it's been done with great discipline over a period of years. So I would ask the American people and our allies around the world not to get too frustrated, to be patient, but to be firm, and let's try to hold on to this inspection regime, because that is the most peaceful way of dealing with this and permitting everyone to go on with their lives.

Q Are there days when you wish President Bush had gone --

Q "One last question on fast track. Mr. President --thank you -- there is a certain pocket of people who are affected through fast track, we understand -- blue-collar, low-income persons -- where education failed them from the beginning and they went into a trade. What do you say to those people who are losing -- plan to lose their job or expect to lose their job because of this?

THE PRESIDENT: I would say that we will continue to have some economic disruption in this country if we don't adopt fast track. If we don't adopt fast track -- our market is still the most

open market in the world, the most competitive market in the world, and we have the most technological change, and we know that most job changes are caused by technology, not by trade, the vast majority -- so if we don't adopt fast track and we just sit where we are, a lot of those people will still confront the same challenges.

My argument is, adopt fast track, give me the power to create more jobs by opening markets, but also do more for those folks. Our programs were organized for a time when the economy didn't change as quickly as it does now. So Secretary Herman, for example, has worked very hard to radically accelerate our response time and to get all these programs working together the way we worked when a military base is closed. That's what we're trying to do.

So my answer would be, we should invest more money to give you more training more quickly and to give you more support while you're going through it. We should put more money into those communities where no economic benefit or burden has been felt because there has been no new investment one way or the other. But that's not a reason not to continue to expand trade. What we should do is both.

The way to preserve the social compact in America is to create more opportunity and then take more responsibility for preserving families and communities. Our policy is the right one. But we will not create or save jobs in the short run or the long run by refusing to open markets to our products. We will not raise labor

and environmental standards abroad. We will lose our ability to do that. We will lose our leverage if we decline to open new markets for American products. This increases our political influence on labor and environmental and other issues, even as it opens up our economics.

But the main thing is, I just ask the American people to give me the benefit of the doubt on this. We have worked for five years. We have created over 13 million jobs; we have reduced the deficit by over 90 percent before the balanced budget checks in. In the last two years, more than half our new jobs have come in high-wage categories, and a third of the growth has come because of trade. This is our only strategy. We're only 4 percent of the world's economy, we're trying to hold on to 20 percent of its income -- we've got to sell more to other people. There is not an option. And refusing to do it won't save jobs, won't keep incomes up and won't help us help other people around the world.

Thank you.

Q Do you worry about the impact on the stock markets if fast track fails -- global markets?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me say if it passes, I think it will have a very positive impact on the stock market here and

around the world.

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**\*\*New Democrats Rally for New Economy, New Social**

Compact: President Clinton tells DLC, "Our vision  
has become America's vision"

The DLC's 1997 annual conference--demonstrating  
strong support among Democrats for President  
Clinton's request for "fast track" trade negotiating  
authority--may prove a turning point in the struggle

against the protectionist forces on the party's left who are determined to rebuff the President.

Addressing a packed hall of DLC supporters and a national C-SPAN audience, President Bill Clinton cited his Administration's economic record as a signal New Democratic achievement, and embraced the DLC's call for a "new social compact" to help all Americans benefit from the new economy and expanded world trade.

In his most comprehensive speech yet on the New Economy, the President linked fiscal discipline, expanded trade, and investment in education and skills training as critical strategies in managing rapid economic change, maintaining U.S. global leadership, and spreading economic opportunity to all Americans. Crediting the DLC with a key role in developing this strategy, the President said:

Our philosophy of opportunity, responsibility, and community--guideposts embraced by the DLC before 1993--are now America's guidepost to the 21st century. Our vision has, in large measure, become America's vision. And because of that, America is stronger than it has been in a long time.

Numerous conference speakers echoed the President's argument that he needs restored "fast track" trade negotiating authority from Congress to open up new markets for U.S. businesses and workers, as well as his blunt criticism of the traditional Democratic interest groups who are pouring millions of dollars into an all-or-nothing campaign against fast track.

DLC Chair Sen. Joe Lieberman opened the conference by noting its immediate purpose and broader significance:

This DLC annual meeting, unlike many that have preceded it, has an immediate legislative goal: to convince my colleagues in Congress to give the President fast track authority so that he can negotiate the kind of trade agreements that will continue our nation's prosperity--with better jobs and better lives for the American people. But in a broader sense, we are also here to celebrate the historical fact that so many of the ideas which motivated the DLC's founding 12 years ago have been on their own fast track to realization.

DLC President Al From called the fast track debate "a pivotal moment" for the New Democrat movement:

For our country, the big question is whether America will shape the new global economy or retreat into protectionism and economic isolation. For our party, the question is whether Democrats are going to be a force for economic progress--under President Clinton's leadership--or will instead heed his opponents and become a bulwark of economic reaction and defeatism.

After the President's remarks, State Rep. Antonio Riley (D-WI), chairman of the DLC's new State Legislative Advisory Board, presented him with a framed copy of the DLC's Appeal to Congress in support of fast track legislation. The Appeal has been endorsed by 56 state representatives, 28 state senators, 28 mayors, and eight governors.

During a discussion of fast track legislation, Commerce Secy. William Daley called fast track authority critical to U.S. international economic leadership. Rep. Jane Harmon (D-CA) cited the same factor as convincing her to support fast track even though she opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1993. Gov. Tom Carper (D-DE) spoke for the many Democratic

state and local officials who view presidential efforts to expand trade as critical to their own efforts to create jobs and promote economic development.

Education Secretary Richard Riley strongly reinforced the DLC's message that public school reform and lifelong learning for workers is essential to "expand the winner's circle" of Americans who are prepared to benefit from the New Economy and expanded trade. Following Secretary Riley, pioneering Los Angeles charter school principal Yvonne Chan roused the audience with a spirited account of how reducing bureaucracy had turned around her inner city public school. Training expert Tim Barnicle made the case for radical reform of job training programs as a central element of an agenda to empower workers threatened by economic change. And Business Week's Michael Mandel painted a vivid picture of the workplaces of the future and the resources workers would need to manage risk and take advantage of new opportunities.

Sen. John Breaux led the concluding panel, a discussion of "governing in the vital center" that included a presentation by presidential pollster Mark Penn on the changing nature of the Democratic

electorate, and panel discussion by Rep. Jim Moran  
of Virginia, Rep. Jim Davis of Florida, and Rep.  
Ellen Tauscher of California, as well as Rep. Riley.

Vice President Al Gore spoke at the DLC Leadership  
Dinner after the conference, thanking the DLC  
for making it possible for Democrats to reconnect  
with the middle class.

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+ Two old rivals, KRUPP and THYSSEN, have agreed to a full merger that will create Germany's biggest engineering firm, with almost 200,000 employees and annual sales of \$42 billion. The agreement on a friendly union follows the failure in March of Krupp's unGerman attempt to acquire Thyssen by means of a hostile takeover. The next big question is who will be the boss of the merged entity.

+ Although unwelcome, HILTON HOTELS has not abandoned its bid to acquire ITT. The hotel company has raised its offer to \$80 a share for 55% of the shares of the conglomerate. That is still less than the \$82 a share offer ITT has accepted from STARWOOD LODGING, a property investment trust. The annual shareholder meeting on November 12th could settle the issue.

+ LAIDLAW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, America's leading disposer of hazardous waste, would like to clean up SAFETY-KLEEN, having made an unsolicited \$1.52 billion bid for the firm, which specialises in the disposal of fluids from auto-repair shops. If the deal goes through, Laidlaw expects to be able to save \$100m a year.

+ USAir confirmed that it will buy 124 airliners from AIRBUS INDUSTRIES for \$5 billion, the largest order in the European consortium's history. USAir also took options on an additional 276 Airbus planes.

+ Britain's MARKS AND SPENCER said it would spend 2.1 billion pounds (\$3.5 billion) to expand in Asia, America and continental Europe, chiefly Germany. The retailer's strategy is to increase the percentage of business done outside Britain, where domestic competition has slowed earnings growth. M&S also announced pre-tax earnings of 452m pounds for the first half of the year.

## BOUNCING BACK

+ THAI MARKETS welcomed the resignation of the prime minister, Chavalit Yongchaiyudh. On November 4th, the day the former general announced his resignation, the market rose 6.9% and the baht 4.6% against the dollar.

In a separate move, the cabinet decided on a package of budget cuts and tax rises that should allow Thailand to meet targets set by the IMF.

But bad news continues to arrive. Toyota, a Japanese car firm, announced that it is scaling down production at its Thai plants until the end of the year, in a reaction to slumping sales throughout the region.

+ With a Gallic esprit that irritated its allies to distraction, France has nominated Jean-Claude Trichet, head of the Bank of France, to lead the new CENTRAL BANK Europe requires when the single currency is launched.

Most of the other 14 EU members thought there was a consensus to appoint

Wim Duisenberg, the Dutch head of the European Monetary Institute.

+ Two affirmative votes in the American Senate have made it likely that President Clinton will win "fast-track" authority to negotiate TRADE AGREEMENTS. Under this procedure, Congress can approve or spike trade agreements, but not change their terms.

+ The Bank of England increased BRITISH INTEREST RATES from 7% to 7.25%.

It was the fifth quarter-point rise in seven months. The Bank said it raised rates because strong demand and upward pressure on wages threatened to increase inflation.

## RUSSIA-BOUND

+ Western firms continue to find Russia a land of opportunity. RENAULT signed a preliminary agreement with the city of Moscow to spend \$350m for a 50% stake in the AO Moskvich factory. Idle for most of the past two years, the factory has capacity to produce up to 120,000 cars a year. And a group led by George Soros has taken the lead in the competition for NOVOLIPETSK METALLURGICAL KOMBINAT, one of Russia's biggest and most modern steel mills.

+ President Boris Yeltsin, under pressure from the IMF to raise revenues, revoked a ban on foreign ownership of RUSSIAN OIL FIRMS. Rosneft, the next state-owned oil firm set for privatisation, said it expected Shell to put in a bid jointly with Russia's gas monopoly, Gazprom.

+ The employee-friendly image cultivated by LEVI STRAUSS was dented by the garment-maker's announcement that it plans to lay off more than

6,000 employees from North American manufacturing plants -- a third of the total. But the workers affected are to receive generous severance pay and will remain eligible for a bonus due in 2002 that could be worth a year's salary.

+ Regulators in Thailand have decided to go ahead with the gradual privatisation and liberalisation of the TELECOMS industry. Full liberalisation is scheduled for 2006.

+ BRITISH PETROLEUM shrugged off a 10% drop in crude-oil prices, reporting third-quarter profits up 6.3%. Most of the increase came in refining and marketing operations.

#### CLOUD IN THE EAST

+ Yasuo Matsushita, the governor of Japan's central bank, expressed pessimism about JAPAN'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. He said he did not expect Japan to maintain a consistent recovery.

+ For the first time since the second world war, a Japanese brokerage has

filed for bankruptcy. SANYO SECURITIES reported debts of Y373.6 billion (\$3 billion).

+ INDONESIA closed 16 banks, as part of its effort to conform with the requirements the IMF has attached to its multibillion-dollar bail-out for the stricken economy. SOUTH KOREA denied rumours that it might need an IMF bail-out of its own.

+ For the eighth year running, European executives have voted LONDON the best European city for doing business in. Paris was second and Frankfurt third.

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That man again

is the cover story in this week's issue of The Economist. You can read the full article, which is about Saddam Hussein, and 19 others, in the free area of The Economist Web Edition, at <http://www.economist.com>. The free selection is changed every Friday, Monday and Wednesday. In the coming week

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\*\*\* U.N. chief warns Iraq to end arms inspection crisis

Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned Iraq Thursday to cooperate with U.N. arms inspectors or he would end his personal intervention in the dispute, his spokesman said. The statement appeared to be a last minute appeal to Iraqi leaders to respond positively to the message from the three envoys he sent to Baghdad to resolve the crisis. Diplomats speculated the emissaries, who are leaving Iraq Friday, were expecting a negative reply from President Saddam Hussein on rescinding his ban against American inspectors working for U.N. arms teams. The issue then reverts back to the 15-member U.N. Security Council which is waiting for the return of the envoys. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5823068-ae8>

\*\*\* U.S. prosecutors try to link Nichols to Oklahoma bomb

Jurors in the second Oklahoma City bombing trial Thursday heard the strongest evidence so far to implicate Terry Nichols from a witness who identified him as renting sheds that prosecutors say were used to store bomb ingredients. Prosecutors say Nichols, using aliases, leased storage sheds to hide tons of fertilizer he and Timothy McVeigh used to build the bomb that exploded April 19, 1995, killing 168 people. A bookkeeper pointed out Nichols as the man who rented storage lockers in Council Grove, Kansas, in 1994 under the name "Joe Kyle." Defense attorneys also acknowledged a man named "Ted Parker" was Nichols. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5821122-54c>

\*\*\* U.S. congressman asks Kuwait to pay for Gulf illness

A Republican congressman introduced a resolution Thursday asking Kuwait to pay for treatment of illnesses afflicting U.S. veterans of the Gulf War. Rep. John Duncan introduced the measure asking the emir of Kuwait for funds until payment can be obtained from Iraq. The resolution asks the emir to provide funds for "research, diagnosis, treatment and compensation relating to the injuries and illnesses suffered by U.S. veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War, until funds for such purposes can be obtained from Iraq." Estimates of care for veterans with illnesses could exceed \$1 billion per year. For

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Crime and Catastrophe

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\*\*\* Salmonella may be behind two U.S. deaths - officials

Two people have died, at least 32 more have been hospitalized and 450 others have become sick after eating a church dinner in a small town in southern Maryland, officials said Thursday. About 1,400 people traveled by bus from as far away as Baltimore and Silver Spring, Md., Sunday to eat a home-cooked meal at the 50th annual dinner of Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico, rural St. Mary's County. Days later, people suffering from the symptoms of salmonella poisoning started showing up in emergency rooms across the state. For the full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5818349-fe7>

\*\*\* Murderer to die in South Carolina Friday

Convicted murderer Earl Matthews is due to die by lethal injection in a South Carolina prison at 6 p.m. Friday, officials said Thursday. If the execution is carried out as scheduled, Matthews will be the second inmate to die in South Carolina in 1997 but the first to be executed before midnight. South Carolina prison officials, following the lead of Texas, have switched the time for executions from the early morning hours to 6 p.m. Matthews, 32, was convicted in 1985 of

the murder of

16-year-old Lucia Aimar. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5818474-3eb>

### \*\*\* Three held after UK police smash U.S. T-bond fraud

British police said Thursday they arrested three men over a suspected fraud involving \$800 million in U.S. Treasury bonds. Those arrested were an American, a Taiwanese, and an English businessman, who were being questioned at Bishopsgate police station in London. A U.S. Secret Service agent attached to the London police helped smash the alleged fraud ring, which could have had repercussions for international finance. A police spokesman said earlier the operation involved the deposit of fraudulent U.S. government bonds with a face value of \$800 million into a London bank. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5820263-025>

### \*\*\* JonBenet Ramsey summer home search focused on threats

A judge divulged Thursday that police investigating the murder of slain child beauty princess JonBenet Ramsey were looking for evidence of break-ins or threats when they searched the family's summer home 10 months ago. The search warrant, unsealed by Judge Richard May, allowed police to search the house in the resort town of Charlevoix Jan. 6 for answering machine tapes, caller identification devices and mail, other correspondence and documents that indicated any threats to any Ramsey family member. The warrant also sought physical

evidence the home was broken into or other illegal entry or surveillance occurred. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5821098-199>

\*\*\* Arkansas woman charged with murder of sons

A mother was jailed Thursday and charged with murdering her two sons, aged two and five. 26-year-old Christina Marie Riggs, and her boys were found in their home Wednesday by Riggs' mother, Sherwood police chief James Crockett said. The boys were dead and she was unconscious. "We haven't been able to establish a motive for the deaths or the means," Crockett said. "We're awaiting autopsy results and toxicology tests." He said the dead boys had no signs of trauma on their bodies. They were identified as Justin Dalton Thomas, 5, and Shelby Alexis Riggs, 2. The mother was jailed Thursday, Crockett said. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5819880-bd4>

\*\*\* Suspects sought in alleged marry 'n' murder ring

Indictments were issued Thursday in a case where young women allegedly married, then poisoned rich, elderly men, police said. The case dubbed "Foxglove," began in 1994 when police began investigating deaths of elderly men with the digitalis, a poison from the foxglove plant, in their bodies. KRON-TV news said the grand jury handed up indictments against three people, who were arrested, and possibly two more. The women are being charged with conspiracy to commit murder

and abuse of the elderly. In one case, an 87-year-old man died two months after he married a 24-year-old woman, who received all of his property. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5822881-a01>

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### The U.S. Political Scene

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#### \*\*\* Fast track entangled by Senate clean air measure

Fast track trade negotiation authority became tied up in a controversy over clean air Thursday when an amendment delaying new pollution reduction rules was put on the trade bill. The amendment by Sen. James Inhofe, an Oklahoma Republican, will likely kill the trade bill's chances in the Senate if not reversed, Democrats said. "If Sen. Inhofe doesn't take this out, it stops fast track," said a spokeswoman for Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. Inhofe put the amendment, which would delay new stricter clean air rules, on the floor during a period of routine business when few Senators were paying attention. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5820517-a39>

White House pleads for fast-track authority, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5819870-746>

#### \*\*\* Senate passes \$268.2 billion defense bill

The Senate passed a bill Thursday authorizing \$268.2 billion in defense readiness for the future. The vote was 90-10 on the final defense bill for fiscal 1998, a compromise between earlier House and Senate versions. Congress has passed a companion appropriations bill. The bill is \$2.6 billion more than President Clinton requested and reflects compromises on contentious military and defense issues, including Bosnia and the B-2 bomber. On other weapons programs, the bill authorized \$3.7 billion for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, \$1.1 billion more than Clinton requested. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5820396-0cd>

\*\*\* Senate reaches pact on Amtrak, floor action Friday

Senators struck a deal Thursday that will give Amtrak \$2.3 billion in investment funds in return for business reforms at the struggling passenger railroad, lawmakers said. Agreement was reached on the use of contractors, reducing generous severance packages and limiting Amtrak's liability when accidents occur. Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott said the measure will come to the Senate floor Friday. If it passes the Senate, the future of Amtrak depends on the House which failed to agree on reforms last month. Amtrak is now surviving on an unsecured line of credit and desperately needs capital. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5821045-c9f>

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The Courts

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\*\*\* British au pair lawyers challenge prosecutor

Lawyers for a British au pair convicted of murder challenged a district attorney Thursday to a public debate for calling their medical evidence in the case "foolish." Lawyers for Louise Woodward, sentenced to life in prison last week for the murder of an 8-month old baby boy in her care, issued the challenge after Middlesex County (Mass.) District Attorney Thomas Reilly ridiculed the defense's evidence. They also challenged prosecutors to submit their evidence to an impartial panel to decide which side presented "junk science". For story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5819228-51a>

\*\*\* Unabomber defendant transferred to trial venue

Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski was transferred Thursday to the county jail in Sacramento where his trial for allegedly waging a campaign of bombing terror will begin next week. A clerk at the Sacramento County Jail said Kaczynski, 55, arrived from the federal detention center in Dublin, Calif. Jury selection for Kaczynski's trial was to begin Nov. 12, and lawyers for both sides are preparing legal filings. Prosecutors accuse Kaczynski of being the Unabomber who, because of a hatred of technology, carried out 16 bombings between 1978 and 1995 that killed three people and injured 29. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5821887-126>

\*\*\* N.Y. court to decide fate of 5 frozen embryos

The possible destruction of five frozen embryos is at the center of a case that questions whether a man can be forced to become a father if his ex-wife chooses to implant an embryo, lawyers said Thursday. The judge in the case, being heard in the Court of Appeals, the state's top court, signed a stay Wednesday that prohibits the destruction of the fertilized eggs until the matter is resolved by the full court. A ruling is expected sometime next year. The case will also address a custodial parent's rights to control what happens to the embryos.

Full story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5818255-9b3>

\*\*\* Judge, exposed in a lie, drops bid for higher bench

A judge nominated for a slot on the federal appeals court withdrew Thursday after admitting he lied when he said he was the brother of a boy killed by racist teenagers in 1963. U.S. District Judge James Ware said in a letter to President Clinton, "I am sorry my misstatements about my background have caused such unintended consequences." Ware, 51, had said earlier he was the older brother of Virgil Ware, a 13-year-old black boy gunned down in Birmingham, Ala., by two white teenagers who supported racial segregation. Ware said he first told the story to make an audience feel the tragedy of discrimination. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5820928-3ec>

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## U.S. Business and Financial News

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### \*\*\* U.S. stocks drift home to close lower, eye payroll

U.S. stocks ended weaker Thursday, but showed little direction as investors kept to the sidelines ahead of tomorrow's key payroll data. The Dow ended nine points lower at 7683. "Volume-wise there is nothing much going on, but it's a nervous market," said Thomas O'Brien, head of domestic equities at Guzman & Co. The broad market S&P500 index ended five points lower at 938. Advances trailed declines by three to four on volume of 526 million shares. The Nasdaq closed off 14 points at 1623. Stocks failed to draw strength from the long bond's rebound after a well bid auction for the bellwether asset. The 30-year bond was up 13/32 to yield 6.2%. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5818947-964>

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## World Front Page Stories

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### \*\*\* Eight more Cambodian opposition members said slain

Eight loyalists of Prince Norodom Ranariddh were murdered in the last two months, raising to 53 the number of political killings in

Cambodia since the prince was ousted as co-premier in July, a human rights official said Friday. The killings suggested authorities continued to murder members of Ranariddh's FUNCINPEC party, long after the fighting in July. An official said there was an atmosphere of "do what you want and you can get away with it." Second Prime Minister Hun Sen deposed his former partner, First Prime Minister Ranariddh, July 6. Dozens of the prince's followers, including some top advisers, were slaughtered. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5824779-709>

Cambodia's Ranariddh expected to meet U.S. officials, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5823461-4cb>

Hun Sen says won't block Ranariddh amnesty, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5826075-515>

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## The World Political Scene

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### \*\*\* U.S. House approves legislation to punish China

The House called on the White House Thursday to impose sanctions against China and Russia for selling advanced missiles and technology to Iran. Continuing work on a package of nine bills aimed at punishing China for what U.S. lawmakers called aggressive behavior and human rights abuses, the House also voted to deny U.S. visas to Chinese officials who head government-created religious groups and condemned Beijing for coerced abortions. The measures, the work of a

special congressional task force, were written before Chinese President Jiang Zemin's state visit to Washington last week. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5821727-e10>

\*\*\* U.N. sends official to Afghanistan on women's rights

The U.N. is sending a delegation to Afghanistan to forge a policy on how U.N. agencies should deal with the Taleban's restrictions on women, a spokesman said Thursday. Since the fundamentalist Taleban militia took power in Kabul a year ago, it has imposed severe measures against women. They have been kicked out of jobs, schools and most hospitals that treat men, among other bans. U.N. and humanitarian groups are torn between giving needed aid and following the Taleban's regulations. A recent decree barred women from care at all but one Kabul clinic that has no water, electricity or operating rooms. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5821632-25c>

\*\*\* Taiwan spurns China invitation, offers alternative

Taipei turned down China's invitation Friday for a senior Taiwan negotiator to attend a seminar on the communist mainland, telling Beijing it would rather send a higher-level negotiator. Taiwan's state-funded Straits Exchange Foundation said its chairman Koo Chen-fu should lead a delegation to visit in mid-December or later. Premier Vincent Siew said the alternate plan was an indication of Taipei's desire to end a 28-month break in contacts. Taiwan said the

invitation had "positive implications" for talks, which Beijing froze in June 1995 to protest a U.S. visit by Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5825189-167>

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## Sports

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### \*\*\* Huizenga, Smiley negotiating over Marlins sale

Just 10 days after winning the World Series, Florida Marlins owner H. Wayne Huizenga revealed he is planning to sell the team to a group headed by team president Don Smiley. The announcement was made at a Thursday afternoon news conference, which featured Huizenga and Smiley addressing the issues of their agreement. Neither would comment on the official price because of pending matters, but it has been reported at \$150 million. Smiley said the club plans to cut expenses, starting with the team's \$47 million payroll. The Marlins had a 36% increase in attendance this season, but reportedly lost \$36 million.

### \*\*\* Watch out National League, here come the Brewers

The Milwaukee Brewers won approval from Major League Baseball's ruling executive council Thursday and shifted to the National League under a limited realignment plan. The newest members of the NL

Central Division are the first team to transfer leagues. The move, essentially agreed upon before the end of the season, became official Thursday afternoon and was announced at a news conference in Milwaukee. Brewers owner and acting commissioner Bud Selig, who also is chairman of the executive council, made the announcement. Phase One of the realignment plan also moved the Detroit Tigers from the American League East to the Central and placed the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the AL East. The shift by the Brewers creates a 16-team National League and a 14-team American League, and avoids the need for continuous interleague play. Each league will continue to have three divisions.

### \*\*\* Giants' Baker named National League Manager of the Year

Dusty Baker, who guided the San Francisco Giants from worst to first in the National League West, Thursday was named Manager of the Year for the second time in five years. Baker was the only manager named on all 28 ballots from members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. He received 17 first-place votes and 110 points, outpolling Gene Lamont of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who received 10 firsts and 92 points. The 48-year-old Baker joined Jim Leyland and Tommy Lasorda as the only multiple winners since the inception of the award in 1983. He led the Giants to a 90-72 record and the top spot in the NL West, one year after San Francisco finished 68-94 and in last place. Baker also won the award in 1993.

### \*\*\* Devils' Daneyko enters in-patient substance abuse treatment

New Jersey Devils defenseman Ken Daneyko, who missed the team's last three games for "personal reasons," has voluntarily entered in-patient treatment as part of the National Hockey League's substance abuse and behavioral health program. The announcement was made jointly Thursday by the league and the NHL Players Association. Daneyko will continue to receive full salary and benefits and will have no penalty imposed as long as he complies with the prescribed treatment and aftercare program, according to a brief statement released by the NHLPA. The 33-year-old Daneyko has spent his entire 15-year career with the Devils and has played in more games with the club (884) than anyone other than teammate John MacLean. This season, the hard-hitting defenseman had one assist and 24 penalty minutes in 11 games.

\*\*\* Defending champion Arizona atop USA/ESPN preseason poll

Arizona, which returns all five starters from its defending national championship squad, is the top-ranked team in the USA Today/ESPN preseason college basketball poll released Thursday day. The Wildcats (25-9), who completed a stunning run through the NCAA Tournament with an overtime victory over Kentucky in the title game, received 16 first-place votes and 727 points from a panel of Division I coaches. Arizona returns guards Miles Simon and Mike Bibby as part of young core of players guided by coach Lute Olson. Duke (24-9) and North Carolina (28-7) tied for second with 672 points. Duke received six first-place votes and North Carolina -- which will be without retired

coach Dean Smith for the first time since 1962 -- received one top vote. Kansas (34-2), and UCLA (24-8) rounded out the top five.

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### Science and Medicine

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#### \*\*\* Low-tar cigarettes may be a pinch higher

The supposed health advantages of low-tar cigarettes may be lost on many smokers because many people inadvertently block tiny vents in the filters that are meant to add fresh air to inhaled smoke. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday many low-tar cigarettes have hidden vents in their filters, which add air to dilute inhaled tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide. Low-tar cigarettes will contain the same amount of tar, but less of it is delivered through the filter and by the ventilation system, said the director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5820470-4dd>

#### \*\*\* U.S. says children exposed to passive smoke at risk

Federal health officials said Thursday approximately 15 million children risk health problems because they are exposed to passive cigarette smoke at home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said one-third to one-half of adult cigarette smokers have children living in their home. Of those, more than 70%

allow smoking in some or all areas of their home. Children exposed to passive cigarette smoke at home are more likely to miss school because of illness, the agency said. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5819184-b2d>

### \*\*\* NASA's Galileo spots new lava on Jupiter moon Io

The space probe Galileo has glimpsed signs of new lava flows on Io, a moon of Jupiter that has the most active volcanoes in the solar system, NASA said Thursday. The evidence of dramatic volcanic activity is a dark spot about 250 miles in diameter, or about the size of Arizona, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said. The activity occurred between April and September, between Galileo's seventh and tenth orbits of Jupiter. The dark spot surrounds a volcanic center named Pillan Patera. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5817940-758>

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### \*\*\* Web sites where British au pair ruling to be posted

When a Massachusetts judge issues his decision on the fate of British au pair Louise Woodward, convicted of murdering a baby, it will appear first on the following World Wide Web addresses, court

officials said. A jury convicted Woodward of second-degree murder last week for the February death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, a child she was looking after at the time. Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel is expected to rule, possibly as early as Monday, on whether the jury's verdict should stand, or be set aside, a new trial ordered, or whether the charges should be reduced. For story and list of web sites,

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[Message content follows]

Keep up the good work.

I saw a news report on TV last night where there was a union

representative handing a cell phone to a textile worker. The union rep.

dialed the number (to the White House I think) and handed the phone to the

worker. Then the union rep. began to tell the  
worker exactly what to say. Like a robot, the worker was regurgitating  
everything that the union boss said.

I have no one telling me what to say. I did not vote for Bill Clinton in  
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137-1107 Clinton Nominates Dawson to Federal Bench

136-1107 Text of Clinton Notice to Congress on SPREP

135-1107 Statement by White House Chief of Staff Bowles

134-1107 President Clinton to Host White House Conference  
on Hate Crimes

133-1107 Clinton Names Donald J. Barry to Interior Post

132-1107 Clinton Names Wilma A. Lewis U.S. Attorney for District  
of Columbia

131-1107 Clinton Names Elaine D. Kaplan to Special Counsel Post

130-1107 Clinton Names Thompson, Swindle Commissioners of FTC

129-1107 Clinton Names Robert J. Shapiro to Commerce Post

128-1107 Clinton Names Donna A. Tanoue to FDIC Post

127-1107 Clinton Names Alan Greenspan to International Monetary  
Fund Post

126-1107 Clinton Proclamation on Veterans Day

125-1107 TFK Statement on Healthy and Smokefree Children Act

124-1107 ADL to Participate in White House Conference on Hate  
Crimes

123-1107 White House Briefing by Mike McCurry

122-1107 USGS: Barrier Important in Preventing Spread of  
Brown Tree Snake

121-1107 Joint Center Forum to Focus on Welfare Reform's  
Impact on African Americans

120-1107 Transcript of White House Press Briefing on Hate Crimes by  
Echaveste, Kagan

119-1107 NPCA Statement on Gettysburg Museum Proposal

118-1107 HHS Secretary Shalala's Schedule for Nov. 9-15

117-1107 Gore Announces Grants to Fight Crime, Drugs in Public  
and Assisted Housing

115-1107 Jewish War Veterans of the USA Calls on Clinton to  
Subdue Iraq

114-1107 Clinton Letter on Cyprus

113-1107 Arizona Supreme Court Hears Official English Language Case

112-1107 First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Schedule for  
Saturday, Nov. 8

111-1107 Transcript of Remarks by President Clinton on Fast  
Track Authority

110-1107 Gore Announces Grants to Fight Crime, Drugs in Public  
and Assisted Housing

109-1107 Secretary of Labor Statement on Monthly Employment  
Situation

107-1107 Herman to Swear In Charles N. Jeffress as OSHA Head  
Nov. 12

105-1107 Gore Press Schedule for Saturday (No Events)

104-1107 VFW: Troops in Bosnia to Receive Armed Forces  
Expeditionary Medal

103-1107 Clean Air Trust Condemns 'Stealth Attack' on Clean  
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ABC World News Tonight

- 1 Iraq Admits Tampering With UN Monitoring Cameras  
John McWethy      Washington      2:30
- 2 Nasty Political Battle Underway Over Clinton Civil Rights Pick  
Linda Douglass      Washington      2:50
- 3 Many Unaware Of Their Hypertension; Govt Issues Guidelines  
George Strait      Washington      1:55
- 4 Warning Issued About Popular Herbal Substitute For Fen Phen  
Peter Jennings      New York      0:25
- 5 CDC To Begin Counting Cases Of Autism  
Peter Jennings      New York      0:25
- 6 Former Presidents And Spouses Gather In Texas For Bush Library  
Peter Jennings      New York      0:35
- 7 Clinton Lobbies For Fast-Track Authority; Why It's Important  
Peter Jennings      New York      1:30
- 8 White House's Fast-Track Lobbying Effort Has Been Extraordinary  
John Cochran      Washington      1:45
- 9 Serbian Fighters Admit Torturing And Killing Croats  
Peter Jennings      New York      0:20
- 10 Cuban Court Convicts Miami Man Of Crimes Against The State  
Peter Jennings      New York      0:15
- 11 Six-Hour Spacewalk Almost Restores Full Power To Mir  
Peter Jennings      New York      0:25
- 12 How New Technologies Are Helping Firefighters  
Ned Potter      New York      2:35
- 13 Writer's Eccentric Purple House Sparks Fight In Historic District  
Michele Norris      San Antonio      2:35

CBS Evening News

14 Sadaam Hussein Bars UN Inspectors Again; What They're Hiding

David Martin      Washington      3:40

15 Clinton Fighting All-Out To Secure Fast-Track Trade Authority

Scott Pelley      Washington      2:35

16 Catalog Shopping May No Longer Be Tax Free

Dan Rather      New York      0:25

17 Man Claims Violent Rock Music Sparked His Son's Suicide

Russ Mitchell      New York      2:10

18 UN Expects El Nino To Cause Food Shortages In 25 Countries

Dan Rather      New York      0:20

19 Mir Spacewalkers Install New Solar Energy Panel

Dan Rather      New York      0:15

20 Prosecutors Lay Out Nichols's Alleged Role In Okla. Bombing

Diana Olick      Denver      1:25

21 Rare Meeting Of 4 Presidents At Bush Library Dedication

Dan Rather      New York      0:35

22 Govt Offers New Guidelines On High Blood Pressure; Expert's View

Dan Rather      New York      1:45

23 Newly Discovered Gene Affects Aging In Mice

Dan Rather      New York      0:30

24 HMOs Deny Coverage For Cancer Patient Partic. In Clinical Trials

Wyatt Andrews      Baltimore      4:35

NBC Nightly News

25 US Prepared For Confrontation With Iraq; Bush Applauds Policy

Claire Shipman      College Station, TX    2:25

26 Defense Secretary Discusses UN Policy Toward Iraq

Tom Brokaw          Washington          1:45

27 Bush, Clinton Discuss Their Friendship At Bush Library Dedication

Tom Brokaw          Washington          1:35

28 Govt Rules Herbal Diet Pill Alternative Are Dangerous, Unproven

Robert Hager        Washington        1:55

29 Catalogue Shopping May No Longer Be Tax Free Under New Agreement

Mike Jensen        New York          2:10

30 Hussein-US Standoff Continues; Why Doesn't US Take Him Out?

Jim Miklaszewski    Washington        3:10

31 Elderly Complain About MDs, But MDs Argue Seniors' Needs Are Met

Kerry Sanders       Miami              2:35

32 Presidential Libraries Get Over 1 Million Visitors A Year

Tom Brokaw          Washington        0:45

33 Young Yale Graduate Catches Fish, Paints Them To Teach People

Tom Brokaw          Washington        3:00

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TO: Doris O. Matsui ( Doris O. Matsui@eop [ UNKNOWN ] )

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TEXT:

Foreign commentary on the crisis with Iraq showed rising alarm about the

possibility of a military strike and some signs of a hardening of views

against

Saddam Hussein's provocations--particularly among European countries

perceived

as favoring a less harsh line against Baghdad. Milan's centrist,

top-circulation Corriere della Sera warned, "The crisis is escalating and

the

possibility of a military reprisal is again becoming concrete." Paris's

left-of-center Le Monde judged that "there is a unanimous stand at the UN"

and

"the feeling of appeasement is gone." Commenting on "U.S. pressure on

dangerous governments," France's RTL radio judged, "U.S. foreign policy at

times can be criticized, but it is better than ineffectual or even non

existent

policy." Munich's centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung argued that "weapons of

mass

destruction are a problem also for governments in Paris, Moscow and

Beijing"

and that "there should be no rivalries about advantages, the only thing

that

helps is a clear 'no.'" London's independent weekly Economist wrote,

"Having

allowed, almost encouraged, its authority to be challenged by Iraq, it

would be

best if the Security Council were now able to repair the damage itself.

But a

restored consensus is worth having only if it includes keeping Iraq to its

promises to disarm."

Reporting that the United States had requested permission to use Incirlik

air

base for a possible strike against Iraq, mass-appeal Milliyet of Istanbul

judged, "The U.S. is determined to hit Iraq." Istanbul's mass-appeal

Hurriyet

, however, was more cautious: "As for the U.S. request, it seems Turkey

is

trying to gain some time so that the issue might be resolved via

diplomatic

means." Indian commentary again criticized the weapons inspection process

and

economic sanctions against Iraq, but warned that "if Iraq doesn't act

wisely...the U.S. is bound to attack." Thailand's largest circulation

Thai Rath

concluded, "It seems that Iraq's suffering from its own roguery will not

easily end."

## BRIEFS

- U.S.: A Superpower Rebuked, But Also Courted
- Fast Track: One Of Clinton Presidency's 'Most Crucial Battles'

EDITORS: Mildred Sola Neely and Bill Richey

## IRAQ CRISIS: HARDENING OF VIEWS?

IRAQ: "U.S.' Hostile Trend Against Our Patient People"

Baghdad's Republic of Iraq radio network noted (11/6), "The National Progressive and Patriotic Front [NPPF] has said that the practices of U.S. inspectors working within the UN special commission show the U.S. administration's hostile trend against our patient people and their triumphant march.... The NPPF called for declaring 10 November a day of solidarity

with  
the Iraqi people, who are confronting U.S. injustice and hegemony, as a  
demonstration of the vanguard Arab forces's support for Iraq and its  
historic  
leadership."

TURKEY: "U.S. Wants To Use Incirlik"

Sedat Ergin wrote in mass-appeal Hurriyet (11/6): "The Turkish prime  
minister  
confirmed that the United States has asked for Turkey's permission to use  
Incirlik air base in a possible strike against Iraq. The prime minister  
described the Iraq-U.S. dispute as 'very serious' and said that the United  
States might strike once again. He also said Turkey did not give either a  
'yes' or a 'no' answer to the United States, and added that Turkey will  
wait  
for the UNSC's decision. Sources close to the prime minister admit that  
if the  
United States decides to strike against Iraq, Turkey will have a real  
dilemma.  
American F-16s are stationed in Incirlik. As for the U.S. request, it  
seems  
Turkey is trying to gain some time so that the issue might be resolved via  
diplomatic means. And Turkey does not want to get the United States  
against  
its side by not giving a precise 'no' for an answer.... It is also clear  
that

the flight restrictions on American planes during the Turkish army operations in northern Iraq did not make Washington happy.... When journalists asked the Turkish prime minister whether restrictions still continue, he said there are longer any restrictions."

"U.S. Might Hit Anytime"

Yalcin Dogan stated in mass-appeal Milliyet (11/6): "The United States is determined to hit Iraq, and has asked (to use) Incirlik base. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calls Foreign Minister Ismail Cem, and asks for an increase in the reconnaissance flights of Northern Watch over the region, which was limited due to the Turkish incursion into Northern Iraq. Meanwhile, U.S.

National Security Adviser Berger calls Prime Minister Yilmaz on the same issue. 'We did not respond to their request yet. We are hopeful that the dispute could be resolved through diplomatic means,' says Yilmaz. Although the tension seems to be decreasing for the time being, you can never know."

BRITAIN: "Stronger Saddam Tests U.S. Power In The Middle East"

The centrist Independent had this commentary by Middle East editor Patrick Cockburn (11/7): "President Saddam Hussein's willingness to stage a confrontation now probably reflects confidence that his strength is growing.

The explanation is probably simple megalomania and a desire to show 20 million

Iraqis and the rest of the world that he cannot be pushed around.... The American position is a little weaker than it was in the Middle East. It has

failed to push Israel to reach an agreement with the Palestinians. The Oslo

accords are in tatters. The Arab world is angry but impotent. Western Europe

does not support American economic sanctions against Iran. But the United States will fight hard to keep its dominance in the Middle East. This means

maintaining the status quo of 1991 and the embargo on Iraq. The rest of the

world may be suffering from 'sanctions fatigue'--but not Washington. And neither France, Russia nor China wants to confront the United States on this

issue. The latest crisis over weapons inspection shows that President Saddam

thinks he has a better chance than before of breaking the siege of his country,

but he still has a long way to go."

## "Saddam Defies The UN, Again"

The independent weekly Economist judged (11/7): "The ban on Americans has temporarily united the Security Council in indignation. But the new-found dignity would crack if, diplomacy failing, the Americans turned to force.

A

(UN) resolution endorsing force would almost certainly run into a veto.

As the

years creep by, the resolve of some council members has weakened."

## "That Man Again"

In editorial opinion, the independent weekly Economist said (11/7): "Not for

the first time, Saddam Hussein thinks he has found at least one opponent that

may prove a pushover: the UNSC. His challenge is aimed at fending off some of

the deeper probing by weapons inspectors.... If Mr. Hussein is allowed to

succeed on either front -- by paralyzing the council or by hanging on to

illicit weapons--the consequences for Iraq's neighbors and for the UN's

credibility will be calamitous.... The surprise is not that Iraq is still

trying to run rings round UNSCOM's inspectors. The real drama is the rift

he

has managed to expose in the Security Council.... Having allowed, almost

encouraged, its authority to be challenged by Iraq, it would be best if the Security Council were now able to repair the damage itself. But a restored consensus is worth having only if it includes keeping Iraq to its promises to disarm. If the council cannot agree to do that, and America and others are therefore led to resort to force, the UN's credibility in dealing with other tough customers will certainly be undermined still further. For that, the council will have only itself to blame."

FRANCE: "Renewed Tension Could Lead To Reprisal Against Iraq"

Afsane Bassir Pour wrote in left-of-center Le Monde (11/7): "A new incident could worsen the crisis between Iraq and the UN.... One of Iraq's 'friends' admitted that 'it was impossible to say that Iraq does not have horrible things to hide. How then can we defend it?' This admission indicates that there is a unanimous stand at the UN. The feeling of 'appeasement' is gone...and once again there is talk of 'punitive options.'... While President Clinton spoke in favor of 'patience and discipline,' this latest incident gives

the

United States an opportunity to harden its position without the risk of dividing the Security Council.... Several diplomats admitted that 'intermediary measures' would only provoke the Iraqis, 'who are capable of reacting dangerously, thus giving Washington a perfect opportunity to ask the Security Council to retaliate.'"

"U.S. Policy Is Better Than France's"

Jean Francois Revel said on RTL radio (11/07): "France has been in favor of what is commonly called a 'critical dialogue' toward certain terrorist nations. It is a weak expression to point to France's distance from U.S. policy when Washington exerts pressure on dangerous governments. As a foreign policy, it is not much. U.S. foreign policy at times can be criticized, but it is better than an ineffectual and even non-existent policy."

GERMANY: "The Only Thing That Helps Is A Clear 'No'"

Josef Joffe editorialized in centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich (11/7):

"Saddam is no 'lunatic,' as a German tabloid once called him. He goes as far

as he can--and yields if the major powers show their teeth or even occasionally bite. The United States and England on the one side, and France, Russia, and China on the other, differ on (balancing) economic policy considerations and acting as a force for order. It may be possible to soften the trade blockade in particular if Saddam shows a good behavior. But weapons of mass destruction are a problem also for the governments in Paris, Moscow and Beijing. In this respect, there should be no rivalries about advantages, the only thing that helps is a clear 'no.' The louder it can be heard, the less likely this minimalist strategy requires the use of force."

#### ITALY: "Crisis Is Escalating"

Antonio Ferrari held from Amman in centrist, top-circulation Corriere della Sera

(11/7): "The crisis is escalating and the possibility of a military reprisal is again becoming concrete. 'A real option, but not an imminent one,' said the State Department. Yesterday evening Clinton reiterated that concept by asserting that the crisis is a 'stratagem' put up by Saddam in order to prevent

UN inspectors from discovering additional illegal weapons. A confirmation of the seriousness of the crisis came yesterday from Turkey. Prime Minister Meust Yilmaz revealed that Washington asked him to use the Incirlik Air Base should an attack against Iraq be carried out."

"Tension Is Not Decreasing"

Leading business Il Sole-24 Ore's view from Amman was (11/7): "Lies and videotapes. Only sex is missing in this new crisis with Baghdad...which presents some mysterious and provocative aspects. The result, so far, is that in the wake of the apparently 'positive' conclusion of the talks between the UN delegation and Iraqi leaders, the tension in the confrontation among Saddam Hussein, the United Nations and America is not decreasing.... U.S. Defense Secretary Cohen said that 'military reprisal, if it occurs, will not be preceded by any warnings on the part of the United States.'... Given the political atmosphere in the region and the crisis facing the peace process between the Arabs and the Israelis, we cannot exclude the possibility that Saddam will be able to gain another moment of popularity."

SPAIN: "Another Kick Aimed at Saddam Lands In The Pants Of The People"

Independent El Mundo wrote (11/7): "Beyond the mutual bravado, it is important for the United States, the UN, and the entire international community to reconsider its sanctions policy against the Iraqi dictator, which has hardly bothered him at all during the past six years, but which has caused serious problems for an impoverished populace, the true victims of the sanctions....

Is no other policy possible?"

INDIA: "Iraq: Dangerous Situation"

Independent, Urdu-language Siyasat from Hyderabad editorialized (11/5):

"The situation has taken such a serious turn that another round of raids against Iraq seems imminent.... The activities of the UNSCOM are also surrounded by thick clouds of mystery. It is amazing that the high-powered team could not complete its job in the seven years after the Gulf War, especially in a country which the allied invaders had not only declared as comprehensively thrashed but which they had made helpless by imposing merciless sanctions against it.

The U

NSCOM's inability to complete its inspection in such a devastated country

leads

to the conclusion that either the allies were lying to the world about

Iraq or

the commission was not up to the responsibility it was assigned.... One

thing

is certain: If Iraq doesn't act wisely as advised by Russia and France,

the

United States is bound to attack, compounding the sufferings of the Iraqi

people caused by the mistakes of the Saddam government."

"Long-Felt Need To Contain U.S. Hegemony"

Independent, Urdu-language Awam's editorial remarked (11/5): "The

situation in

the Persian Gulf is becoming explosive once again, this time because of

Iraq

refusing to allow American inspectors into the country as part of the UN

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#### "U.S. Might Hit Anytime"

Yalcin Dogan stated in mass appeal Milliyet (11/6): "The United States is determined to hit Iraq, and has asked (to use) Incirlik base. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calls Foreign Minister Ismail Cem, and asks for an increase in the reconnaissance flights of Northern Watch over the region, which was limited due to the Turkish incursion into Northern Iraq. Meanwhile, U.S. National Security Adviser Berger calls Prime Minister Yilmaz on the same issue. 'We did not respond to their request yet. We are hopeful that the dispute could be resolved through diplomatic means,' says Yilmaz. Although the tension seems to be decreasing for the time being, you can never know."

#### BRITAIN: "Stronger Saddam Tests U.S. Power In The Middle East"

The centrist Independent had this commentary by Middle East editor Patrick Cockburn (11/7): "President Saddam Hussein's willingness to stage a confrontation now probably reflects confidence that his strength is growing. The explanation is probably simple megalomania and a desire to show 20 million Iraqis and the rest of the world that he cannot be pushed around.... The American position is a little weaker than it was in the Middle East. It

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FRANCE: "Renewed Tension Could Lead To Reprisal Against Iraq"

Afsane Bassir Pour wrote in leftofcenter Le Monde (11/7): "A new incident could worsen the crisis between Iraq and the UN.... One of Iraq's 'friends' admitted that 'it was impossible to say that Iraq does not have horrible things to hide. How then can we defend it?' This admission indicates that there is a unanimous stand at the UN. The feeling of 'appeasement' is gone...and once again there is talk of 'punitive options.'... While President Clinton spoke in favor of 'patience and discipline,' this latest incident gives the United States an opportunity to harden its position without the risk of dividing the Security Council.... Several diplomats admitted that 'intermediary measures' would only provoke the Iraqis, 'who are capable of reacting dangerously, thus giving Washington a perfect opportunity to ask the Security Council to retaliate.'"

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Jean Francois Revel said on RTL radio (11/07): "France has been in favor of what is commonly called a 'critical dialogue' toward certain terrorist nations.

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"Thus, there is an obvious lack of consistency in the U.S. president's words and what in fact occurs. The presidential line doesn't reflect U.S. producers' trading practices. For this reason, the approval of fast track (authority) if it occurs might be the occasion for President Clinton to demonstrate his personal commitment and that of his country to make trade liberalization a reality, rather than something that just reduces tariffs. It's essential that the agreements signed by the United States also include a modification of its antidumping legislation, making it less discretionary for those who export to that country."

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Letters to expansion and to create more high-wage jobs.

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he would have no one with whom to negotiate.  
That's because without fast track Congress could  
amend agreements. Countries will not want to  
negotiate twice: once with Mr. Clinton, once with  
Congress.

A vote against fast track would not only cripple  
Washington's ability to expand markets for our  
crucial export sector, which supports more than 11  
million U.S. jobs and accounts for one-third of  
U.S. economic growth. It also would drive many  
countries into the waiting arms of U.S.  
competitors in Europe and Asia.

If rejection of fast track would be bad for the  
United States as a whole, it would be doubly bad  
for Texas, which is the nation's second-largest  
exporting state, after California. Texas' record  
\$74.2 billion in merchandise exports last year was  
nearly triple what it exported in 1987.

More than most states, Texas depends on trade. Which is why the fence sitting and downright opposition of some Texas congressmen is so perplexing. The remaining holdouts should change their minds, or rightly be accused of undermining the state's and the nation's vital interests.

Economic times are lush right now, which make the arguments of fast track opponents all the more incomprehensible. The greatest risk to unskilled U.S. workers is technology, not trade. To help them, one shouldn't kill the goose that laid the golden egg. Rather, one should provide education and training to qualify them for the high-skill, high-wage jobs that trade generates.

As for the opponents' proclaimed wish to preserve the environment, protectionism is not the answer. Protectionism breeds poverty, which is pollution's dearest friend.

The House should approve fast track. Any no-voting Texan should be forced to clean stables.

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Clinton cuts Texas visit short to lobby for `fast track'

By Maria Recio

Star-Telegram Washington bureau

WASHINGTON -- Worried about the outcome of a House vote on world trade, President Clinton cut short a visit to Texas yesterday for the dedication of the George Bush presidential library to return to Washington to lobby lawmakers.

"I think it's a close call," Clinton said last night. "Obviously I'm here because I'm trying to pull out all the stops."

The president invited about 20 lawmakers to meetings last night, one on one or in groups, to win support for "fast-track" authority to negotiate trade agreements. The House is scheduled to vote on the matter today.

In College Station yesterday, Clinton, along with former Presidents Bush, Carter and Ford, urged lawmakers to approve the bill, which would enable a president to negotiate trade deals without fear of Congress amending them.

Under the legislation, a president could submit trade treaties to Congress for simple yes-or-no votes. Clinton is seeking the authority, used by presidents in the past, to negotiate trade agreements with countries in South America and on the Pacific Rim.

Bush led the charge of the former presidents, telling reporters before the dedication of his library at Texas A&M University that he stands with Clinton on fast track.

"I am passionately committed to his position on free and fair trade," said Bush, who used fast-track authority to negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada.

NAFTA took effect Jan. 1, 1994, and fast-track authority has since lapsed.

Members of the Clinton Cabinet, seeking the votes of 70 House Democrats, met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill all day yesterday. Most Republicans favor fast-track authority, but many of Clinton's fellow Democrats oppose the legislation for fear that new trade agreements will mean a loss of American jobs and a lowering of environmental standards.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, said: "We obviously want as many as we can get from his side. We're going to put together a combination of Republican and Democratic votes to pass it. If the president can get to 70, all the better. But we're going to do whatever it takes to pass it."

The bill needs 218 votes to pass.

Texas lawmakers were divided on the issue.

Among representatives from North Texas, Martin Frost, D- Dallas, was said by his aides to be leaning toward a "no" vote. Republicans Armey, Kay Granger of Fort Worth and Joe Barton of Ennis are supporting fast track.

The 30-member Texas delegation in the House is composed of 13 Republicans and 17 Democrats, although one Democrat, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio, is retiring and will not vote.

Of the other 16 Democrats, the offices of seven said they were undecided or leaning toward no. Only six Texas Democrats have said they will vote yes.

Those planning to vote yes are Reps. Charles Stenholm of Abilene, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas, Chet Edwards of Waco, Ken Bentsen of Houston, Ruben Hinojosa of Mercedes and Solomon Ortiz of Corpus Christi.

Three other Democrats were listed by their press secretaries as "no" votes.

They Reps. Jim Turner of Crockett, Nicholas Lampson of Beaumont and Ciro Rodriguez of San Antonio.

Among the 13 Texas Republicans, only one was listed as a "no" going into today's vote: Rep. Ron Paul of Surfside.

"He is, of course, a super free- trader," spokesman Michael Sullivan said. "But he's also a constitutionalist who doesn't agree with giving the president powers he shouldn't have."

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Dallas files countersuit over airport

By Max B. Baker  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

FORT WORTH -- Saying they are powerless to stop federally imposed expansion of services at Love Field, Dallas officials filed a long-anticipated countersuit in federal court yesterday, escalating the air war with Fort Worth over the future of aviation in North Texas.

The suit asks the federal court in Dallas to determine the city's rights and obligations since Congress changed the Wright Amendment and eased federal flight restrictions on nonstop commercial passenger service at Dallas Love Field.

It also asked the court to declare that Dallas does not have the unilateral power under federal law -- or under the agreements signed with Fort Worth in 1968 -- to close the Dallas-owned airport rather than allow expanded service.

Dallas' countersuit is a response to Fort Worth's litigation in state court seeking to block expansion of services at Love Field. Fort Worth maintains that it would violate contracts the cities signed to protect Dallas/Fort Worth Airport from competition.

In its lawsuit, Fort Worth said Dallas may be required to shut Love Field to all passenger service if Congress forces it to expand interstate passenger service.

Dallas' suit contends: "Fort Worth protectionism misses the mark. It is Congress that passed the law Fort Worth complains about, not Dallas. It is

the federal government that has the power to regulate flights, not Dallas."

Dallas' lawsuit came hours after Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr met privately at D/FW Airport in an attempt to reach some sort of accord, their second such meeting in recent days.

Coincidentally, Dallas' federal suit came within an hour of the D/ FW airport board filing a motion in state district court in Fort Worth asking the judge to force all the sides into mediation.

Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Mary Poss said filing a federal countersuit was necessary not only to protect Love Field but also to have a contentious issue stemming from a congressional action argued in the proper forum.

"We're interested in going to federal court because what is at issue is something that is an act of Congress, not something voted on in any fashion by the Dallas City Council," Poss said. "We see this as a federal action, not a local action. Our contention is that we have to follow federal law."

While Kirk did not tell Barr about the federal lawsuit during their two-hour closed meeting at D/ FW Airport's administration building, the Barr said he the countersuit did not surprise him.

"Mayor Kirk and I met again earlier today and we had substantive discussions about the issues of air passenger service in North Texas," Barr said in a statement released after Dallas sued.

"Although I had no advance notice of the filing of the lawsuit, I anticipate that Mayor Kirk and I will continue to work to find the common ground needed to resolve these issues," Barr said.

But Dallas' countersuit may make it virtually impossible for the sides to reach an amicable resolution, sources familiar with the negotiations said.

Publicly, the two mayors have been trading increasingly contentious verbal jabs since Fort Worth sued the day after Congress eased Love Field restrictions by changing the Wright Amendment.

Privately, Barr and Kirk have been talking on the telephone, exchanging letters and offering olive branches via intermediaries in an attempt to tamp down the escalating feud.

The Wright Amendment -- which allowed nonstop passenger flights from Love Field to cities only in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana -- was enacted by Congress after the cities signed pacts in 1968 to build D/FW Airport and protect it from competition.

In those pacts, the cities agreed to transfer most passenger service to D/FW, now the second busiest airport in the world.

Fort Worth and Dallas also agreed to not to operate any of its smaller municipal airports in competition with D/FW.

But in a carefully crafted and hard-won compromise in the House and Senate,

Congress voted in October to allow expanded service from Love Field, to cities in Kansas, Alabama and Mississippi. The measure also allows jets modified to seat 56 or fewer passengers to make nonstop flights from Love Field to anywhere in the country.

Dallas' federal lawsuit also names as defendants Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and his department, and JFederal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey and her agency.

"Federal law governs safety issues, airline routes, employment issues, air carrier certification, pricing, maintenance of competitive conditions, international air transportation, airport development and airport noise," the suit says.

Staff writer Dan Reed contributed to this report.

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Without fast-track authority, which all presidents have enjoyed for decades, U.S. trade negotiations will be intolerably delayed and frustrated foreign nations will turn elsewhere.

Fast track would enable the Clinton administration to work out the minute details of a trade agreement without that agreement being subjected to endless amendment in Congress. Under fast-track, Congress would retain the power to reject any trade agreement it felt did not serve broad public interests.

Opponents of fast track have expressed legitimate concerns about low-paid labor and unbridled pollution abroad, which place U.S. companies and workers at a disadvantage. Free trade, they argue, risks shipping more jobs and factories overseas.

However, the United States will have more say about improving labor and environmental concerns in those countries through trade agreements than it would with no agreements at all. And if this country does not soon begin locking up trade relationships with our neighbors in this hemisphere, European and Asian nations will.

Trade agreements are complicated, but the issue of fast-track

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Congress to loosen immigration rules

By Christi Harlan

American-Statesman Washington Staff

Published: Nov. 7, 1997

WASHINGTON -- Congress is poised to ease immigration rules for Central American war refugees and for as many 1 million people living illegally in the United States with their spouses, children and parents.

The changes are designed to accommodate immigrants who had lived for years in the United States but were suddenly facing deportation or banishment under last year's immigration law.

As many as 300,000 Central Americans had faced imminent deportation under the new law because they had never received permission to live legally in the United States. These immigrants -- from Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala -- had fled their countries in the late 1980s during civil wars in which the United States backed anti-communist forces.

The Central Americans, as well as Eastern Europeans who also fled communism, will receive relief under a measure that is expected to be approved by the Senate today.

The Senate measure, which is also expected to easily clear the House, would allow Nicaraguans to immediately become legal residents while easing applications for asylum and legal residency for Salvadorans, Guatemalans and Eastern Europeans.

Advocates for immigrants were pleased that the measure lifts the threat of deportation for Central Americans, but they denounced the different treatment of Nicaraguans and the exclusion of Haitians, who had sought at the last minute to be included in the class of refugees from conflict.

"Persecution is persecution," said Cecilia Munoz of the National Council of La Raza. "It doesn't matter who was on the other end of the gun in your country."

Munoz and other immigrant advocates, including the U.S. Catholic Conference, said they were counting on President Clinton to pressure Congress to even out the treatment of the Central Americans.

Pro-immigrant groups and House members also found mixed blessings in an agreement that will allow the immediate family members of legal immigrants to remain in the United States while they await the visas that will allow them to live and work here legally.

Without the change, the family members would have to return to their home countries to obtain their visas and, because they had been living illegally in the United States, they would have been barred from legally returning to the United States for three years.

A compromise written Thursday by Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, would allow the immediate family members to stay in the United States -- provided that their visa applications are pending when the law is signed by President Clinton. Immediate family members are spouses, parents and children.

Anyone who has not applied for legal residency when the law is signed would be subject to both deportation and the three-year banishment, according to the agreement, which could come up for a vote today.

Immigrants' advocates denounced the quick effective date of the measure, saying it does not give the families of immigrants enough time to learn of the law and file their applications for legal residency.

Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., spoke out Thursday on Spanish-language television, urging immigrants to rush in their applications on Friday -- and to phone in protests to Smith and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

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Republicans were particularly  
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Much of the daylong hearing was  
devoted to complaints about the  
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of White House coffees and other political events.

The chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., charged that the late release of the tapes added to evidence of the "unprecedented stonewalling of investigations" by the administration.

But White House Counsel Charles Ruff told the committee, "there is not in my office, and never will be, defiance, stonewalling, obstruction or any other inappropriate conduct."

The ranking Democrat, Rep. Henry Waxman of California, criticized the committee majority for rehashing testimony that had been provided to a Senate panel several weeks ago. But Waxman added, "I don't want my skepticism of these hearings to be construed as an endorsement of White House actions."

Waxman also attacked Burton for suggesting that the White House may have altered videotapes, saying "that was not a responsible way to conduct an investigative committee."

He then asked Burton whether he was willing to provide evidence of such tampering or offer an apology to White House officials.

Burton responded that he based his comments on the number of interruptions and silences on the tapes but that committee investigators will make a final determination.

With Senate hearings into fund-raising abuses officially over, the House probe is the main focus of attention. But Thursday's hearing showed how difficult it

will be for Republicans to build momentum on the issue. The hearing produced little new information and often fell into partisan bickering.

At one point, Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., suggested that the House follow the example of the Senate and "throw in the towel" on the hearings.

Referring to videos of White House coffees, he said, "I couldn't care less which of these breathless movies showing Sweet 'N Low being put in coffee at the White House were released on Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday. It is important to wake up. There are real issues to be dealt with. This trivial pursuit needs to come to an end."

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By GREG HITT  
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- Rep. Bill Paxon is acting like a man  
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Weather Mr. Paxon is pursuing a strategy that highlights divisions within his party's narrow majority. He is traveling the country on behalf of rank-and-file GOP conservatives, who form the core of Mr. Gingrich's

Editorial Page critics. At the same time, he is making a point to spend

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[Image] "I feel badly that July happened," he says about the coup attempt, but adds quickly: "I don't feel I need to

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with him, he tries to get even with you," says Sidney Dillinger, a retired clergyman. "Speaker Gingrich, to me, is just too much for himself."

Mr. Paxon argues Republican leaders must excite those who should be their most loyal supporters, especially o

the eve of the 1998 election. He urges a series of initiatives "to make clear where we stand." He talks of

the need for across-the-board tax cuts early next year

as another step toward tax overhaul. He attacks affirmative action, plumps for alternatives to public education, calls for an end to so-called partial birth

abortions and urges opposition to the Clinton administration's proposed world-wide pact to reduce greenhouse gases, saying it will boost energy taxes. "You don't have to worry about it -- unless you drive a car," he says.

Mr. Paxon is dapper, trim in a green wool suit and glides from hand to hand through the crowd of Blunt supporters. He projects an altar-boy earnestness, but i

a career politician who leveraged a state assembly seat into a seat in the U.S. House when Jack Kemp retired in

1988. His closest friendships remain those forged as a

bachelor in Albany, though he works tirelessly to extend his reach in Washington.

Aid to Rebels

He brought a \$1,000 campaign check for Mr. Blunt, and he's making more than 30 similar visits this fall. Many

of the trips will benefit party rebels. In September he visited Indiana, raising money for Rep. Mark Souder, and in December he'll be in South Carolina on behalf of Rep. Lindsay Graham.

Mr. Paxon's strength is strategy, not policy, and he built a network of allies during four years as chairman

of the National Republican Congressional Committee. He was an early cheerleader for Speaker Gingrich. After he helped coordinate Mr. Gingrich's return as speaker at the beginning of the 105th Congress, Mr. Gingrich rewarded his protege by appointing him chairman of the leadership.

But as the year unfolded, Mr. Paxon grew disillusioned.

A defining moment was the handling of the \$8.6 billion disaster-aid bill. GOP leaders first used the measure as a vehicle for conflict with Mr. Clinton, pushing a controversial census amendment, among other things. But

Mr. Gingrich acceded to White House wishes after Mr. Clinton vetoed the first version of the measure.

Mr. Paxon shared his frustration with other dissenters,

but says he never wanted to oust the speaker. "He thought it would be too messy," says Rep. Souder. "He wanted to figure out -- if there was a leadership change

-- how to keep the party from exploding."

#### Succession Plans

The most dramatic moments of the failed coup occurred in

Rep. Graham's office. That's when Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas told dissidents he would support a motion

to "vacate" the speaker's chair, and he expected the other leaders would follow. Later that night, Messrs. Paxon and DeLay, and House Majority Leader Richard Armitage

of Texas, discussed succession scenarios, including a plan that would have Mr. Paxon become majority leader and Mr. Armitage speaker. Mr. DeLay, however, reported support among the rebels for Mr. Paxon to become speaker.

The effort eventually dissolved, and Mr. Paxon offered

his resignation as leadership chairman, which Mr. Gingrich accepted. The speaker is publicly forgiving. He

sent balloons to Mr. Paxon's wife, former New York Rep.

Susan Molinari, when she recently debuted on her CBS television show, and jocularly hailed Mr. Paxon's "grea

career" as they celebrated the election of Ms. Molinari's GOP successor at a news conference this week

"People can have errors of judgment, without errors of trust," Mr. Gingrich says.

But the Georgian was deeply hurt by the episode and by

Mr. Paxon's part in it. "I don't think there was ever any thought that he'd be involved in anything, or wouldn't be the first to alert the speaker to anything

going on," says Rep. Hobson. "That was a breach of covenant."

Three months later, the GOP leadership remains fragile

-- pulled by the conflicting forces within the party an

the responsibility to govern. Some Republicans blame Mr

Gingrich's critics for being too unyielding. The speake

has asserted himself, but his conservative dissenters speak openly of a battle after the 1998 election, especially if Mr. Gingrich is too conciliatory to Mr. Clinton.

"If we can't engage the president in a constructive fashion, then we need a new team," Mr. Graham says. Mr.

Paxon adds: "Just like we as members are judged every two years by our voters, the leadership needs to be judged every two years."

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At the end of heartfelt remarks,  
Bush echoed the farewell  
sentiments of his baseball idol  
Lou Gehrig: "Today, I feel like  
the luckiest person in the world."

Adoring supporters from throughout  
Bush's long public life and former  
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applauded warmly. The audience of  
an estimated 20,000, some of whom  
stood for hours to witness the  
event, included everyday Texans as  
well as leading politicians and  
stars from Hollywood and  
Nashville.

Bush even managed praise for  
Clinton, "who, fair and square,

saw to it that I have a wonderful private life."

Clinton himself was a cheerful participant in the mutual admiration society.

"America has had a good man, whose decency and emotions served our country well, and that is the story this library will tell for generations to come," Clinton said.

Clinton also thanked Bush for behind-the-scenes advice since leaving the White House.

Conceding that their relationship began "under somewhat unusual circumstances" amid a rough-and-tumble presidential campaign, Clinton said that had not prevented Bush from providing "wise counsel."

"It's hard to express to someone who hasn't experienced it what it means in a moment of difficulty to be able to call someone who, first of all, knows exactly what you're up against and, secondly, will tell you the truth," Clinton said.

It was a quintessentially American moment in which political differences were buried momentarily beneath a frothy icing of shared values and bonhomie. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton and Bush confer by telephone "occasionally" but "not often."

The hour of speechifying over, the politicians and public looked skyward as Army parachutists swirled to earth beneath bubbly yellow canopies and pink smoke shot out of packs on their backs. As they descended, an Army chorus sang a country-western song that became a Bush campaign anthem, God Bless the U.S.A.

Jeb Bush, one of Bush's sons, joked that it was difficult to stop his 73-year-old father, who made a parachute jump in March, from joining in the exhibition.

For the dedicatory ceremony, Bush and Clinton were joined on a temporary dais in front of the library-museum by former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and first ladies Barbara Bush, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Betty Ford and Lady Bird Johnson.

While it's always impressive to have four presidents on one stage, it was not a record. Five -- Bush, Carter, Ford, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan -- were present in 1991 when the Reagan library was dedicated in Simi Valley, Calif.

Carter recalled that the former presidents form "a very small fraternity" but need not become self-satisfied.

"I recall, for instance, the elections of 1976 and 1980 and 1992," he said, referring to the years in which Ford, he and Bush were defeated by challengers.

Ford, who was Republican leader when Bush went to the House from a Houston district in the late 1960s and later as president dispatched him to Beijing and the CIA, spoke of his longtime friend's integrity, compassion and love of country.

Such qualities, Ford said, "never go out of style and never go out of fashion."

Nancy Reagan spoke for her husband, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease and rarely appears in public.

"I wish Ronnie could be here today and tell you in person what I know he would say: Thank you for your service and your steadfastness, but most of all for being his good friend," she said.

In reply to the tributes, Bush offered a paean to his recent presidential colleagues, their spouses, their aides and U.S. partners around the world.

"Thanks to the leadership of these men, the remarkable women who served at their side and the stalwart friendship of our allies ... like every day, it's a day of celebration," Bush said. " ... The outlook for our kids and grandkids -- never brighter."

As the ceremony closed, Jeb Bush, also president of the foundation that oversaw fund raising for and construction of the library, turned over an outsize key to John Carlin, chief of the National Archives and Records Administration, which will operate the facility.

Bush's presidential library is the 10th to come under the Archives' jurisdiction. An 11th, the Nixon library in Yorba Linda, Calif., is privately managed because of disputes with the government about allowing access to records of his turbulent administrations.

Under the original plan, Bush's library was to be ready for dedication about a year after the Republican finished his second term. But an angry electorate got in the way, and the opening ceremony came five years to a week after Clinton made Bush a one-term.

Bush, a Yale graduate, had no immediate or long-term ties with Texas A&M when he chose the school

in 1991 for the academic plum. Bush seemed drawn to the school's innate conservatism and military ties.

Gov. George W. Bush, the ex-president's oldest son, said in welcoming remarks that A&M is "a place of tradition" and a complement to his father, "a man of tradition."

The governor drew a loud Aggie whoop from many in the audience when he said the campus was "hallowed ground." He did not mention that the complex is built where A&M's Swine Research Center once stood.

When the library's research center opens in January, within a radius of less than 100 miles, Texas will boast of a scholarly trove for students of the modern presidency: the activist hurly-burly and Vietnam angst of Lyndon Johnson in his library at the University of Texas and here, at A&M, Bush's more limited domestic agenda but more successful military and foreign policy.

One of the first visitors to the museum after the ceremony was Army Reserve Capt. Joe Todd of Oklahoma City, who was wearing his mottled khaki fatigues from the Persian Gulf War.

"I was very apprehensive," Todd, who had spent 19 months in Vietnam during that war, said of the early days of the U.S. buildup in the Middle East. "Once you've been shot at, you're gun-shy."

But Todd is happy enough with how U.S. forces performed against the overwhelmed Iraqi troops of Saddam Hussein that he has given the Bush library his Desert Storm archive -- including pictures of burning Kuwaiti oil wells, which are

included in the opening display.

As he took the other presidents on a tour of the library before the ceremony, Bush paused to praise Clinton's handling of the current standoff with Saddam over allowing continued inspection of suspected weapons facilities in Iraq by U.N. teams that include U.S. nationals.

"I agree with the president's stance of being firm with this man," Bush said, "and he's doing exactly the right thing."

Bush said he had "no regrets" about not taking additional steps during the Gulf War to attempt to wipe out Saddam's regime.

"The mission was to end the aggression, and we ended the aggression," Bush said.

"For those that now say, ex post facto, we should go in and have killed him," Bush asked, "whose son, whose daughter would I ask to give their lives?"

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November 10, 1997

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The South Lawn

11:30 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. Ladies and gentlemen,  
as  
you know, we have postponed the vote in the House of  
Representatives  
on renewing fast track authority to strengthen our ability to  
expand  
exports through new agreements. I'm disappointed, of course,  
that  
this step was necessary because we worked very hard and we're  
very  
close to having the requisite number of votes. But early this morning it  
became clear to me that if the matter were taken to a  
vote  
there was a substantial chance that we would not get the votes necessary  
to pass the bill.

Let me begin by saying a profound word of thanks to Speaker Gingrich and  
to the leadership team in the House who

worked

with us on this, and on the Democratic side, to Representatives

Fazio

and Matsui and the others who were helping them. This was a partnership for the national interests and I am very grateful for what they are doing.

I think most of you know what happened. We have

been

having a big debate in our party for several years on the question of

trade and its role in our economic future. Even though we

clearly

have a majority of the Democratic mayors and governors and we had

a

majority in the Senate, we don't have a majority in the House who agree

with the position that I have taken. We worked hard to overcome their

objections and we didn't succeed. And because we didn't have more

Democratic votes, we then had to get a bigger

share

of the Republican vote. That brought into play the controversy

over

international family planning and the so-called Mexico City language.

Had we been able to resolve that, I think we could

have

gotten enough votes on the Republican side to go with the

Democrats'

votes we had to pass the bill. Clearly, I think we could have.

But

we simply were not able to do that. And I say that without undue criticism of anyone. The people who took the position that they could not give their votes to the fast track legislation believe

very

deeply in principle that we should change our family planning funding. I, on the other hand, believe that it would have been

wrong

for me to mix the two issues and to compromise what I believe in principle. And in the end this matter could not go forward

because

of that disagreement.

But what we're going to do now is to regroup a

little

bit and find a way to succeed, and I think we'll be able to do that.

I also know, from my extensive work now in the House that there are a

large number of House members who are interested in trying to find

some constructive resolution of this matter, and I think we may well

be able to do that. I expect that we will successfully press forward

with this issue in this Congress and at the appropriate time. So

I'm

not particularly concerned about the long run; I think we'll be able to prevail.

Today, let me say again, I think it's important that all of us do more to make the case. This country is in good shape. We

have 13.5 million more jobs, we have a 4.7 percent unemployment rate, we know that a third of that growth has come from trade. We know that the countries that are willing to enter into agreements with us in the kinds of areas of agreement that we need to push on a regional and a worldwide basis will lower barriers more in other countries than they will in our country.

But we also know that the benefits of trade are often not seen as directly tied to trade. When a plant expands or a new contract is signed, and whenever a plant closes down, generally it's easy to tie it to trade whether trade had anything to do with it, or

not. So we have some more work to do.

But on balance, based on where we are now, I'm quite optimistic that we will ultimately prevail in this Congress. And

I'm

very pleased again with the good partnership that we had with

Speaker

Gingrich and the House leadership team and with the Democrats who helped

us. And so we're just going to go forward. I think it's clear to

everybody that America's leadership in the world depends upon America's

continuing economic leadership, and this,

therefore,

has to be only a temporary obstacle because, in the end, we

always

find out a way to do what's right for America, to maintain our leadership

and maintain our economic growth.

Q What did you think -- to make a move on

Iraq? And how do you assess the situation now?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, as you know, the United Nations U-2 plane was not fired upon in its flight. But

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and that's a good thing, but it does not change the larger issue which is

that the U.N. inspections have been stopped by Saddam Hussein. So the

next step is to get a very strong resolution

from

the United Nations manifesting the determination of the international

community to resume those inspections. And that should happen shortly, as the report is made from the people who went to Iraq.

And

then we will have to go about manifesting that, demonstrating our determination to start those inspections again.

Q Do you have any fear for the safety of those Americans who are in Baghdad? And what kind of unambiguous action

did you signal yesterday that you expected out of the Security Council?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, of course, I'm concerned about the

Americans. I'm concerned about the other United Nations personnel

who are there. I'm concerned about all of them. But, again, I am

trying to work with Mr. Butler and with the United Nations on a daily

basis to do what seems right and best. And it was the judgment of

the United Nations people and Mr. Butler that they ought to stay as

long as they had a chance to resume their work, and that they wanted

to do that. But I assure you, I'm quite concerned with the safety of all the people that are there on behalf of Americans and on behalf of the world community trying to keep this weapons of mass destruction program from being restarted.

I believe we are considering every aspect of this issue. We spent all weekend working exhaustively on it, and we're going to watch it very carefully in the days ahead.

Q Mr. President, on fast track, you said that the people who decided to vote no on this because they believed in principle about family planning are sincere. Do you think the Democrats who decided to vote no on fast track are sincere, or as you suggested in the past, that, in fact, they're knuckling under to political pressure from labor?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think some of them are generally opposed to it. I think some of them really do believe that we would

have gotten all the jobs we've gotten and we would be raising  
incomes  
and lowering unemployment and growing the economy if we had a  
more  
protectionist trade policy, and that we wouldn't have lost any  
jobs  
that have gone away in the economy. I think some of them really believe  
that. I don't believe that. And I think the evidence is  
on  
my side on that argument.

And then I think some of them were, in effect,  
voting  
their district, voting their concerns. They're afraid, or  
concerned,  
at least, that the trade issue is much misunderstood and easily subject to  
misunderstanding. Was there some politics in it? Of course, there is.  
But there's politics in every tough vote that  
has  
been held in the Congress and any legislative body in my  
lifetime. I  
did not question their integrity; I questioned the judgment, and  
I do  
believe that there were some who felt that it was a politically impossible  
vote, but that the right thing to do was for me to  
have  
the authority and go forward, based on my conversations.

What I think we have to do is try to let the temperature go down here and unpack this and go back to what is actually at stake. The Democratic Party, insofar as it is saying that we ought to inject labor issues and environmental issues into our international negotiations as part of our strategy to expand trade and economic partnerships, that is a positive thing. We can disagree about how we should do that, but I think that's a positive contribution of our party.

Insofar as we're saying that we should do more and do it more quickly to help people who do lose their jobs, whether it's from trade or technological changes, or whatever, to start new lives and to resume successful careers, I think that is a positive thing. And what we need to do is sort of unpack the politics and the emotions and the substance and try to go back and put this together in a way that allows us to have a big bipartisan

majority in the House for a constructive fast track authority  
that  
enables us to move forward on all these fronts. And I think  
we'll be  
able to do it.

Q A lot of people are going to say this is the  
second  
most serious defeat you've suffered, after health care. Do you  
feel  
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THE PRESIDENT: No, there's a big difference.

Q Do you feel you could have handled it better?  
Do  
you think you could have started earlier, or is this just a nut  
you  
couldn't crack unless you caved in on Mexico City?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think in the end -- let me  
say  
again, I think in the end we could have passed the bill if the  
Mexico  
City thing had been resolved. But I simply couldn't do that. I mean, I  
just couldn't do it. To me, first of all, I think it's  
wrong

to mix these things. And secondly, I feel as strongly in principle on one side of the issue as the people in the House who otherwise might have voted for fast track do on the other. The prior problem was that we have, as I said, we had -- look at the Senate vote -- we have a majority of Senate Democrats for fast track, a huge majority of the mayors and governors who are Democrats. We don't have a majority in the House. And I don't know whether -- what we could have done differently.

Let me just say this. I think the bill that's there before them now, had we been able to persuade everybody involved that that bill should have been there months ago, maybe that would have made a difference. But it's easy to second-guess these things.

The main thing is -- the difference between this and health care was that health care was all caught up in politics and partisanship in even a more profound way, and there were big vested interests that had a stake in basically performing reverse plastic surgery on the proposal

we made, and when it was dead it was dead.

This is not dead. I will be very surprised if we are not successful in developing a bipartisan, constructive, successful approach to fast track before this Congress is over. This is a big difference here. I feel that this is entirely different. And keep in mind, it's also occurring in a different context. It's occurring in the context of the country doing well, the economy being strong, and the Congress continuing to do productive things.

So I'm going to sign a bill, an appropriations bill that has the biggest increase in education in decades, that funds the America Reads program, our program to put computers in schools, increased scholarships for people going to college, and that makes a huge step toward establishing national academic standards and national

testing, something that everything thought was dead just about 10 days ago, and we worked out.

So I'm basically very upbeat as we move toward the break for Thanksgiving and Christmas about the capacity of the Congress to work together and to work with me and to get this done. I wish we'd been able to pass it right now, but I expect it to pass.

Q What about this week? You said this session, but do you mean this year?

Q When? In the spring?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, what did you say?

Q You said you expect it to pass this session, but what about this year? Any hope this week?

THE PRESIDENT: First of all, we've been up for a couple of days working on fast track and dealing with Iraq, and you will, I

hope, understand why we can't make a judgment about that. We will bring it back up at the appropriate time and when we think we can pass it. But we're very close now, under the most burdensome of circumstances. So all we need is a few breaks to have more than enough votes to pass it. And what I would like to do is to bring it back up at a time when we can pass it with a big vote and a much stronger vote from both parties. And I think there's every chance that we will be able to do that. And I look forward to it and I expect it to happen.

Thank you.

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Iraq and Roll Call

By Scott Shuger

The Washington Post leads with U.S./U.N. reactions to the continuing Iraq stand-off. USA Today and the Los Angeles Times lead with congressional fast-track maneuvering. And the New York Times goes with the announcement of a Pentagon job cut.

According to the WP, President Clinton is urging the U.N. to put enough pressure on Iraq to compel Saddam Hussein to give internal access once again to the U.N. weapons inspection teams. The Post says that Clinton is especially focused on getting France, Russia and Arab states to stay firm. Meanwhile, says the paper, Hussein made a statement on Iraqi television that appeared to be bucking up his countrymen to continue the impasse.

The WP says Clinton is proceeding on two paths. One, he is making it clear that military options are not off the table--"We will not," he said yesterday, referring to Hussein's vow to shoot down U.S.-piloted U.N. surveillance U-2s, "tolerate his efforts to murder our pilots." And two, he is trying to ensure that the U.N. maintains a united front against Iraq.

USAT and the LAT both report that the fast-track roll call will probably take place early Monday morning, and that Clinton seemed unable to persuade enough House Democrats to vote his way and so the emphasis has turned towards the hunt for Republican votes. The LAT says Republican leaders predict the bill will pass.

You have to sympathize a bit with the situation the dailies are in with fast-track. Fascinated by the bill's strange bedfellow coalition of supporters and convinced that a dramatic vote was imminent, the papers started hitching their leads to the vote in the middle of last week, which meant that as the vote kept not materializing, the papers were stuck in bed with a story that wouldn't undress and was ugly anyway. But the majors didn't help themselves out much--they could have been doing much more substantive reporting from the outset about what sorts of trade agreements fast-track authority was likely to spawn. Why, for instance, is there no mention of NAFTA in these stories? After all, that's the last time the president meaningfully used the authority. The whole episode is a good example of the press's weakness for covering the how of a political story over the why or the what.

The NYT lead says that Secretary of Defense Cohen announced his plan to cut thousands of administrative jobs at the Pentagon under pressure from Congress to reduce the Pentagon's own bureaucracy before ordering cuts in troops or weapons. The paper reports Cohen's plan could save \$6 billion a year. (That's only a little more than a 2 percent cut.) The plan also includes proposed base closings, which the

Times notes, require congressional approval and may not get it. And shades of the balanced budget deal, none of the projected pain takes place until Clinton is out of office. The WP runs substantially the same Cohen plan story on its front as well.

The Wall Street Journal runs a front-page feature about a federal affirmative action program for female highway contractors (the only one that cites women as a disadvantaged class) and the backlash it has created among black, male construction workers, who feel squeezed out of the trade by it. Under the program, reports the Journal, women's share of federal highway funds has tripled. But meanwhile, the share going to blacks, the program's original beneficiaries, plummeted. "The white women--95% of them are fronts," the WSJ quotes a black trucking business owner as saying. Now there's a move afoot in Congress to end the program, which the paper reports, might well mean a lot of female subcontractors will go bankrupt.

The WP runs a front-page piece detailing how since returning to office in 1995, Mayor Marion Barry has used more than \$240,000 from a special unaudited fund, generated by the D.C. hotel tax and political contributions, for such goodies as a Waterford crystal wedding gift, a lavish staff Christmas party and extensive travel abroad. The story runs under the headline: "Barry Used Unaudited Funds For Gift, Parties and Travel." That's F6 on Post keyboards.

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132-1110 Interior Secretary Statement on Gover Nomination  
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131-1110 NSBU Applauds President Clinton, Condemns Gephardt  
and Bonior for Throwing Aside Fast Track

130-1110 Labor Secretary Calls for Hearings on 401K Fees

129-1110 AMA Offers 10 Questions Patients Should Ask Before  
Picking Family Health Plans

128-1110 New Global Climate Change Study Predicts Immediate  
Health Impacts, Alarms Physicians

127-1110 Clinton to Honor America's Veterans

126-1110 Transcript of White House Press Briefing by Mike McCurry

125-1110 Berry Confirmed by Senate as Assistant Secretary  
of the Interior

124-1110 Chechnya President to Hold Press Conference at NPC  
Wednesday

123-1110 Statement by President Clinton on Gulf War Veterans'  
Illnesses

122-1110 UFCW Praises Bipartisan Coalition for Protecting  
American Values

121-1110 Shalala to Announce a 'Crash Course on Calcium'  
Program

120-1110 Transcript of Clinton Remarks in Hate Crimes Conference  
Discussion

119-1110 President Clinton Announces 'Make 'Em Pay' Crackdown  
Boosting Fines for Housing Discrimination Hate Acts

118-1110 Shalala Statement on FDA Modernization Act

117-1110 Report Finds 1995 Small Business Conference Most  
Successful Ever

116-1110 Gore Press Schedule for Tuesday, Nov. 11 (No Events)

115-1110 Zero Population Growth to Honor Ted Turner, Jane Fonda  
at N.Y. Gala

114-1110 Transcript of Clinton Remarks at Hate Crimes Conference

113-1110 Transcript of President Clinton Remarks on Fast Track  
Authority

112-1110 Campaign for New Wildlife License Plate Gains Momentum

111-1110 White House Fact Sheet on Hate Crimes

110-1110 Rep. Lipinski Introduces Major Air Safety Legislation  
Aimed at Preventing Midair Collisions

109-1110 'Excellence in Urban Journalism' Award Created by  
Freedom Forum, Enterprise Foundation

108-1110 Children's Defense Fund to Hold National Benefit

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107-1110 Forum to Focus on Impact of Medicaid Managed Care  
on African Americans; Note Change in Location

106-1110 Secretary Babbitt Praises Nomination of Don Barry  
to Interior Post

105-1110 ADL Participating in White House Conference on Hate  
Crimes

104-1110 ADL to Participate in White House Conference on Hate  
Crimes (Advisory)

103-1110 Gore Schedule for Monday

102-1110 New Issue of Resources for the Future's 'RESOURCES'  
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101-1110 American Rivers Applauds Court Decision Protecting Water  
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