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*** Marines, others charged in military weapons theft

Six U.S. Marines on active duty were arrested in a government sting involving the alleged theft of military weapons and explosives, FBI officials in North Carolina said Thursday. Seven civilians, all from North Carolina, were also arrested on firearms and explosives charges in "Operation Longfuse," a joint federal investigation centered at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps base in North Carolina, the FBI said. Two of the seven civilians arrested in the case were identified by the FBI as weapons dealers, including an official at a military surplus store. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5466875-c5d>

*** Author James Michener dies - reports

Pulitzer Prize-winning author James Michener died Thursday, the Associated Press and CNN reported. Michener requested last week that

his life-sustaining kidney dialysis treatment be stopped. Michener, 90, supposedly had simply tired of the difficult treatments used to preserve life when the kidneys fail. Michener won the Pulitzer Prize in 1948 for his first book "Tales of the South Pacific," which became "South Pacific," a long-running Broadway musical and a popular movie. He went on to write some 40 books that sold more than 75 million copies. Michener began dialysis in 1993 because of kidney failure. He had been undergoing the treatment three times a week since then.

*** U.S. finance officials to meet on Swiss bank issue

More than 800 state and local government finance officials have been invited by New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi to attend a Dec. 8 conference on dealing with Swiss banks as controversy continues to rage over the banks' handling of Holocaust-era accounts. Hevesi, CFO for New York City, cut Union Bank of Switzerland from a letter of credit syndicate for a \$1 billion note sale last week because the bank shredded World War II documents, hounded a guard who intervened and failed to denounce what he called anti-Semitic statements by a former top official. New York State Comptroller Carl McCall said he is taking the same position. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5469945-b5f>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** U.S. jet fighter crashes in Ohio field near roads

A U.S. military fighter jet crashed in a cornfield yards away from two freeways in Fairborn, Ohio, Thursday, but no major injuries were reported and the pilot ejected safely, an Air Force spokesman said. The U.S. Marine Corps jet slammed into the field at about 2:50 p.m. ET near the junction of I-70 east and I-675 north, said the spokesman for nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force base. Captain Stephen Brooks, 30, ejected in midair and parachuted safely to the ground. He sustained minor injuries and was sent to the air base medical center. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5466402-aa5>

*** Colombian says cartel bought visas from U.S. Embassy

A jailed Colombian drug trafficker testified in Congress Thursday that the Medellin drug cartel bribed employees of the U.S. Embassy in Colombia to get visas to travel to the United States. The man told the House Crime Subcommittee that an illegal U.S. visa cost \$5,000 at the time of his arrest three years ago as the cartel's number two man in New York City. The government said it had no knowledge of the fraud and was taking the allegation seriously. The Medellin cartel was once the world's most powerful drug organization. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5466352-15f>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** U.S. says differences narrowed in Cuba talks

The U.S. said Thursday it had narrowed differences with the European Union over a U.S. law that penalizes foreign firms investing in Cuba, and it expected talks to resume later this month. The State Department said talks in Brussels which ended Wednesday without agreement were useful, but conceded "significant differences do remain." An official said Washington understood the EU had also agreed the talks should continue and had issued no new deadline. Brussels had demanded that the issue be settled by Oct. 15, failing which it would resume a formal complaint against the U.S. at the World Trade Organization. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5467915-60b>

*** U.S. military takes up new home in Miami

The U.S. military dedicated its new Southern Command headquarters Thursday, saying that despite the end of the Cold War the United States still has a role in Latin America. SOUTHCOM moved to its new Florida base Sept. 26 after bidding farewell to Panama, its home for more than 90 years. The facility in a business park near Miami airport looks more like a corporate headquarters than a military installation, but inside it is fitted with state-of-the-art communications systems which will help project U.S. power and influence over 32 countries. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5467248-081>

*** White House says OK for party ads to aid campaign

The White House acknowledged Thursday Democratic party "issue" ads in the 1996 campaign bolstered President Clinton's reelection without mentioning him by name, but said the ads were legal, White House special counsel Lanny Davis said. The issue surfaced after Clinton was seen in videotapes telling contributors an expensive Democratic party campaign of issue ads, funded in part by unregulated "soft-money" contributions to the party, had helped give him a strong lead in the polls. Some Republican lawmakers said election laws may have been violated because Clinton knew the ads were helping his campaign. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5468056-857>

The Courts

*** U.S. woman pilot wins sex harassment suit

A federal jury Thursday gave a pioneering woman pilot a partial victory in her claim of sexual discrimination by her employer, Continental Airlines. Captain Tammy Blakey sued the airline, claiming she was targeted by her mostly male colleagues after she complained about the conduct of men in her flight crews. The jury deliberated for two days and awarded Blakey \$495,000 for lost pay and \$500,000

for emotional distress. But the jury deducted \$120,000, saying that she contributed to her problems by being confrontational. For the full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5466432-d2d>

*** Baby's father cries as he recalls holding dying son

A father testifying Thursday in the trial of a British au pair accused of killing his infant son broke down on the stand and openly wept recounting the baby's last moments. "We stopped the ventilator," Dr. Sunnil Eappen said as tears streamed down his face recalling the night his nearly 9-month old son Matthew died from severe head injuries. "And he died while I was holding him." Prosecutors have charged au pair Louise Woodward, 19, of Chester, England with first degree murder in Matthew's February death. They maintain the nanny was frustrated and angry with the Eappens who objected to her late nights out. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5468431-54a>

*** Texas' tobacco lawsuit postponed as judge falls ill

Texas' \$14 billion Medicaid lawsuit against the tobacco industry was postponed Thursday because the judge has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and requires surgery, officials said. U.S. District Judge David Folsom assembled attorneys from both sides and told them he needed to put back the trial, which had been scheduled to start Oct. 27 with jury selection. He did not set a new trial date but was

expected to issue a formal order Friday. Texas is one of 41 states to have filed lawsuits against the tobacco industry, seeking to recoup the Medicaid costs of treating patients with smoking-related illnesses. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5469131-2cf>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** U.S. stocks slip, hit by earnings, trade jitters

U.S. stocks ended sharply lower on Thursday, undercut by disappointing blue chip earnings news, jitters over trade tensions with Japan, and a steep selloff in semiconductor stocks. The losses came in an afternoon downdraft that erased early gains inspired by a market-friendly report on retail inflation in September. The Dow ended off 119 points, or 1.5 percent, at 7939. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite lost about 24 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1700. The S&P 500 fell 10 to 955. Declines trounced advances almost two-to-one on NYSE volume of 603 million shares. The 30-year bond was up 2/32 to yield 6.39 percent. The dollar eased to 1.7452 marks and 119.61 yen. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5466873-d80>

*** Russia to cut ground forces, rely on nuclear weapons

Russia plans to cut its ground forces in half by 2005 and increase its reliance on nuclear weapons for future conflicts, the Washington Times said Friday. The newspaper said it obtained a report on Russia's new strategy, to be approved later this year, which will reinforce changes already under way by placing increased weight on nuclear weapons to deter aggression. Russia is expected to "maintain a credible strategic deterrent to compensate for weaknesses in its conventional forces." Under the plan, Russia's Red Army was expected to reduce forces to 500,000-600,000 troops by 2005 from an estimated 1.7 million. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5472248-c79>

*** U.N. Council tells foreign forces get out of Congo

With Angola in mind, the U.N. Security Council told foreign forces Thursday to get out of the Congo Republic where rebels have seized the capital and the main oil-producing area. The council said it was still considering some kind of U.N. presence in the region and an arms embargo. But diplomats said events of recent days could not pass without comment. The council condemned all external interference and the intervention of foreign forces. Rebel forces led by Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso took over Brazzaville and the country's oil center in Point Noire. They were helped by at least 1,000 Angolan soldiers. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5468625-305>

*** U.S. congressman says N.Korea on brink of disaster

An American congressman just back from one of the most extensive U.S. surveys of North Korea's famine said Friday the communist nation was close to a massive disaster. But Rep. Tony Hall said in Tokyo on his return from a three-day tour of North Korea that he could not judge if reports of widespread deaths from famine were correct or exaggerated. "International food aid is getting through and the (current) harvest will buy a little more time, but people in the countryside continue to teeter on the brink of a massive disaster," Hall said. He said he was also alarmed at a shortage of medicines.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5472249-2f8>

N.Korean troops arrest farmers on tense border, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5472468-5bb>

Sports

*** Cowboys' Johnston to miss first game, possibly season

Dallas Cowboys fullback Daryl Johnston, one of the most durable players in the NFL, will miss the first game of his career Sunday and could be lost for the remainder of the season. Johnston is bothered

by nagging neck and shoulder pain and will miss Sunday's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars. According to several broadcast reports, Johnston's career could be in jeopardy. CNN/SI reported that Johnston will undergo season-ending surgery Friday, but Dallas director of public relations Rich Dalrymple would not confirm the report. The 31-year-old Johnston was signed to a five-year, \$7.5 million contract in the offseason and is one of the best blocking backs in the league. Johnston has never missed a regular-season or playoff game during his career, playing in 149 straight and starting 90 of the last 91. He was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1993 and 1994.

*** 49ers' Stubblefield arrested for drunken driving

San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield was arrested late Sunday night for drunken driving in Redwood City, Calif. Stubblefield was stopped by the California Highway Patrol driving southbound on Highway 101 just before midnight, several hours after the 49ers beat the St. Louis Rams, 30-10. According to the CHP report, Stubblefield was speeding at about 75 miles per hour, flashing his high beams and driving in the highway median strip. Redwood City police public affairs officer Scott Hall said Stubblefield displayed "symptoms of alcohol intoxication" when he was pulled over and failed sobriety tests. Stubblefield was booked and released early Monday morning. Stubblefield has four sacks in six games this season. Stubblefield, a first round pick in 1993, has 28 1/2 career sacks in 67 games.

*** New Mexico State reassigns McCarthy; names Henson interim coach

Neil McCarthy is out and Lou Henson, one of just 10 coaches to take two schools to the Final Four, is back as head basketball coach at New Mexico State, although this time it's on an interim basis.

McCarthy was officially relieved of his duties as head coach and has been reassigned as assistant athletics director, effective immediately. His employment status will be re-evaluated this coming spring. McCarthy had been the head coach at New Mexico State for the last 12 years. Henson, who led New Mexico State and Illinois to the Final Four, has agreed to become the immediate full-time head coach for the upcoming season on a volunteer and uncompensated basis. He was serving as an advisor to the school. The move to replace McCarthy is not surprising since new athletic director Jim Paul and McCarthy were often at odds and the school is currently serving a three-year probation for academic fraud.

*** Cavaliers, Kemp agree to contract modification, extension

Recently acquired All-Star forward Shawn Kemp got his wish for more money Thursday night, agreeing to a contract modification and extension with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Various reports Wednesday put the deal at over \$100 million for seven years, though a Cavaliers spokesman would not confirm details of the contract, citing club policy. Kemp and the Cavs reached the agreement after he scored 25 points in Cleveland's 117-109 overtime victory over the New Jersey Nets Thursday. The 27-year-old, five-time All-Star was part of a

three-way deal between Cleveland, the Seattle SuperSonics and the Milwaukee Bucks. Kemp would become one of five NBA players in the \$100 million club, joining Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett, Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, Washington Wizards forward Juwan Howard and Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning.

*** MLS agrees to six-year television package with ESPN

Major League Soccer Thursday agreed to the most comprehensive television package for a professional soccer league in the United States -- a six-year deal with ESPN. The package, which begins next season and runs through the 2003 campaign, is highlighted by ABC Sports airing at least 12 matches a season, including the All-Star Game and MLS Cup. ESPN will cover 10 matches at first and ESPN2 will present 25. ESPN and ESPN2 are currently wrapping up coverage of 35 MLS games from 1997 and will have televised more than 120 soccer matches overall this year. ABC is airing MLS Cup '97 on Oct. 26. The three networks will combine to show all 64 matches of World Cup '98 next summer.

Science and Medicine

*** Scientists make model of vital life enzyme

Scientists said Thursday they had finally modeled a vital enzyme that

governs basic bodily processes from blood pressure to memory, and said they now may be able to design drugs that affect it. They said they now understood the structure of the active site on the enzyme that regulates nitric oxide, which plays a role in immune response but which is also implicated in diseases such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis and stroke. The enzyme, nitric oxide synthase, is responsible for production of nitric oxide (NO). For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5467142-256>

*** Researchers get go-ahead on AIDS vaccine test

The government has approved the first human tests of a vaccine against the AIDS virus, researchers said Friday. Julia Hurwitz and Karen Slobod of St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., said the FDA had given them the go-ahead to start safety trials in human volunteers. They said they would be recruiting between 9 and 18 healthy volunteers for a Phase I clinical trial, which focuses on safety alone and not on whether the vaccine works. The St. Jude vaccine uses part of the outer protein coating of the HIV virus. The idea is to trigger the body's immune system to attack the virus. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5472647-173>

*** Food poison bug may help fight cancer

Salmonella, a notorious cause of food poisoning, has been recruited to fight cancer, researchers said Thursday. Yale University

researchers said they used genetic engineering to change salmonella bacterium so it could still get inside cells without causing harm to the patient. John Pawelek and colleagues said the "safe salmonella" strain targeted tumors, invaded them and slowed their growth. First tests have been done in mice with melanoma, breast, colon, prostate, lung and kidney cancer. The tumors were affected but the animals did not get poisoned by the salmonella, making it a good vector for gene therapy. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5467981-498>

Technology

*** EU probes complaint about Microsoft

Echoing concerns voiced by U.S. antitrust authorities, the European Commission is probing a complaint about Microsoft Corp.'s licensing practices, EU sources said Thursday, adding that it would organize a hearing before the end of 1997. The news come only a week after the European Union's executive forced Digital Equipment Corp., another U.S. computer giant, to change its supply and pricing of software and hardware maintenance services. The Commission and the U.S. Justice Department cooperated in an investigation that resulted in a 1994 settlement under which Microsoft ended certain licensing practices.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5464878-57b>

*** Rambus unveils details of new chip technology

Rambus Inc. said it disclosed the first details of an important advance in the development of faster memory chip technology, which will lead to a doubling in performance in computer memory chips.

Rambus said its advances in memory chip design will appear in personal computers in 1999, but will appear in communications products and small handheld systems in 1998. The company said its technique uses conventional semiconductor manufacturing processes.

Full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5451344-f92>

Human Interest

*** Clintons have two new friends: Gato and Mancha

Socks, President Clinton's cat, has two new friends: Gato and Mancha, two Criollo horses. Argentine President Carlos Menem gave the two horses to the president Thursday as an official gift marking Clinton's state visit to Argentina. Clinton patted the heads of the exhibition horses, one a light brown and the other brown and white, after watching other horses do a sort of tango dance during entertainment after a state dinner. The horses were described as being from the same stock as two horses presented to President Calvin Coolidge in 1925 and descendants of the same horses used by the

Spanish conquerors. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5472114-d36>

*** Callers seeking travel info get sex talk instead

Telephone callers in southern Arizona seeking information on driving in Mexico are greeted these days by a throaty-voiced woman asking, "What is it about a man that gets me so turned on?" The phone book for the region has a wrong number listed in 575,000 books. "It's a very unfortunate situation," said a U.S. West Dex Yellow Pages spokesman. The error occurred when those compiling the information took the number from a Mexican government brochure. At the time it was correct. Then the number for the Mexican Ministry of Tourism changed and the old number was reassigned to a company that provides phone sex at \$1.99-a-minute. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5468922-140>

*** Postal worker finds puppy in mailbox

A Motor City mailman got an unexpected delivery Thursday when he found a shivering, emaciated 6-week-old puppy abandoned in a downtown mail box. The Michigan Humane Society said the postal worker extracted the whimpering black and tan terrier-mix puppy and brought it to their shelter, where it was treated for shock. The group said the dog had probably been left inside the box in Detroit for several hours. Workers at the humane society's Detroit shelter named her "Joy." "If she had been left overnight, it's doubtful she would have

survived in the cold," said Sherry Silk, manager of the humane society's shelter in Detroit.

*** Smithsonian honors Cuban salsa queen Celia Cruz

The National Museum of American History Thursday honored the undisputed Queen of Salsa, Celia Cruz, with a lifetime achievement award for excellence in music. The Cuban diva donated one of her tight-fitting costumes, a wig and a pair of gold high-heeled shoes, which the museum said it hopes to put on display in the near future. Cruz's orange-red and white polka dot dress will join the artifacts of other great American singers such as Ella Fitzgerald and Cole Porter. Cruz has recorded more than 70 albums. For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5467773-ab3>

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The upcoming visit of Chinese President Jiang Zemin to the U.S. continued

to

attract the attention of China watchers overseas. Most observers took
note of

the "rare series of interviews with foreign journalists" Mr. Jiang has
granted

in the days leading up to his departure, calling it a "public relations
offensive" designed to "defuse criticism" of China's record by human
rights

activists. Referring to recent statements by the Chinese leader which
drew a

parallel between Einstein's theory of relativity and the concept of human
rights, Rome's left-leaning, influential La Repubblica contended:

"Washington's economic interests and Beijing's strategy of smiles cannot
make

us forget Tiananmen. No matter what Jiang Zemin says, human rights are
not a

'relative' concept...and Clinton would do well in pointing that out in
clear

terms." Editors in South Korea and Pakistan focused on the strategic

aspects

of the U.S.-China relationship and on the importance of China's "giant market"

for the U.S. economy. Seoul's conservative Chosun Ilbo judged that

"pragmatism" is leading the two sides "to seek a new kind of

relationship...(that) could bring about a major change in East Asia's

security

structure." Hong Kong's pro-PRC Ta Kung Pao--at its most pedantic--issued

a

string of recommendations about what the U.S. "should do" to bring about

"stability" in U.S.-China relations.

ROSS IN MIDDLE EAST: 'PEACE AT SNAIL'S PACE'

Available comment from the Middle East and other regions reflected little

hope

that U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross' current visit to the Middle East

would

advance the peace process in any significant way. This gloomy sense that

negotiations are just treading water because no one dares to contemplate

the

alternative to talks permeated Israeli and Arab commentary. Mass-appeal,

pluralist Maariv of Tel Aviv concluded, "Having tried and failed to shift

the

peace process into high gear, the parties have decided to slow down to a

snail's pace. Needless to say, even this is better than letting the

process

die." Palestinian commentators berated Washington for what they say is the

U.S. failure to exert enough pressure on the Israeli government.

Moderate,

pro-Palestinian Authority Al-Quds of Jerusalem concluded, "Ross returns...to

find the crisis still unresolved. The make-believe optimism shown during the

last two weeks has completely faded away."

BRIEFS

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- Congo Brazzaville: 'Defeat For Democracy'

EDITORS: Mildred Sola Neely and Kathleen J. Brahney

COUNTDOWN TO JIANG VISIT: WILL CHINA'S 'PR OFFENSIVE' WORK?

HONG KONG: "Seize Chance To Develop Trade Relations"

Pro-PRC Ta Kung Pao held in an editorial (10/21): "At present, there are still

issues upsetting Sino-U.S. relations that need to be handled before stable relations can be developed. The issue of MFN status has long been disturbing the development of Sino-U.S. trade relations. The United States should adopt a realistic approach and stop the annual review. It should solve the MFN status issue permanently so as to lay down long-term and stable bilateral trade relations. Regarding the issue of China's entering the WTO, the United States should promote the progress of the bilateral negotiations. Solving the problem of China's entering the WTO as soon as possible is conducive to placing Sino-U.S. trade relations in a stable environment. In addition, the United States should remove its sanctions on China and support U.S. enterprises carrying out economic activities in China. In the meantime, it should also relax export restrictions in order to make U.S. enterprises more competitive in the Chinese market. Only by this means will the issue of the bilateral trade deficit be resolved."

SOUTH KOREA: "U.S.-China Summit Diplomacy"

In the view of conservative Chosun Ilbo (10/21): "It is not a routine

matter

that the presidents of the United States and China are to exchange visits.

President Jiang Zemin...is the first Chinese President to visit Washington

since 1979. This is an event of major significance. More importantly, the

exchange of visits is of strategic significance because the United States and

China are the two greatest countries of the West and East.... It is pragmatism

that brings them together to seek a new kind of relationship. The United States cannot afford to lose the giant market China offers, while China cannot

ignore the importance of cohabiting with the United States.... China will

definitely need the United States to bring its economy up to the level of the

most advanced countries by the end of this century.... The strategic aspect

of the summit...could bring about a major change in East Asia's security structure.... Although Japan seems to be nervous about the summit, it will

soon be one of the three powers, along with the United States and China, controlling the region. Once the United States and China succeed in establishing a new positive relationship, Japan will find its place along the

way."

"Focus On Normalization, Difficult Issues Avoided"

Independent Dong-A Ilbo commented (10/21): "The United States will use the

summit as an opportunity to prove that its engagement policy with China has

been successful.... Chinese willingness to stop exporting missiles and relevant technology to Iran is the result of the policy's success....

There

are, of course, issues that remain unresolved, such as the trade deficit and

human rights, which are seen as failures in the policy.... President Clinton

says that he will discuss these issues with President Jiang, but it is not li

kely he will make a strong case for them. He won't do so on Tibet, Taiwan or

the Tiananmen incident either."

BRITAIN: "Jiang Hits Back At American Rights Activists"

The conservative Times reported from Washington (10/21): "In a rare series of

interviews with foreign journalists, President Jiang Zemin yesterday called for

a new level of cooperation between Washington and Beijing, attempting to
defuse
criticism by human rights activists of his upcoming visit to America. In
a
move clearly designed to smooth the path for the first state visit by a
Chinese
leader to the United States since the Tiananmen Square massacre, Mr. Jiang
urged Americans to seek common ground with Beijing."

ITALY: "Chinese Relativity"

An editorial in left-leaning, influential La Repubblica (10/21) previewed
Chinese President Jiang
Zemin's upcoming visit to the United States: "Because of the Tiananmen
incident, Washington and Beijing have not had top-level official meetings
since
1979, when Deng Xiaoping let himself be photographed in Texas wearing a
cowboy
hat. But next Sunday Deng Xiaoping's successor will return to America,
visiting Hawaii and Los Angeles, speaking at Harvard, stopping in
Philadelphia
and seeing Bill Clinton. The hope, on both sides of the Pacific, is to
achieve
a normalization of relations. Jiang Zemin hopes to obtain the
recognition of
China as a superpower and the strengthening of political/economic
relations.

Clinton wants a stronger commitment by Beijing in controlling the spread of weapons in the Middle East and in rebalancing trade.... To prepare for the visit, Jiang Zemin has launched a public relations offensive. He promised to suspend sales of medium-range missiles to Iran, sent a trade delegation to buy made-in-the-USA products, and granted charming interviews to...American newspapers.... But Washington's economic interests and Beijing's strategy of smiles cannot make us forget Tiananmen. No matter what Jiang Zemin says, human rights are not a 'relative' concept. The community of nations has a right and a duty to defend a 'universal' interpretation of them--and Clinton would do well in pointing that out in clear terms to his Chinese interlocutor."

PAKISTAN: "U.S., China Share Responsibility!"

An editorial in the radical, pro-Iran Muslim insisted, under the above headline

(10/21): "Chinese President Jiang Zemin, preparing for the U.S. state visit, urged the United States to share responsibility with China in preserving world

peace. He went on to suggest forging a strategic partnership with the Clinton administration. This is a strange policy by China, given the fact that the United States has an agenda to penetrate deep in Asia and dominate it politically, economically and militarily. One main objective of the United States is to contain the rising economic and military power of China of China itself.... To achieve its target, Washington has always opted for creating tension in the region and alliances in order to contain China. On the economic level, the U.S. multinational corporations have been encouraged to invest massively in Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, and Southeast Asia in a bid to face and foil the economic rise of China. On the military level, Washington is stationing nuclear weapons in South Korea and Taiwan in order to check the military power of China. Under these conditions, one wonders...how China would share responsibility with the United States in shaping and preserving world peace and security?!"

ROSS IN MIDDLE EAST: 'PEACE AT SNAIL'S PACE'

ISRAEL: "Peace At Snail's Pace"

Under the headline above, mass-appeal, pluralist Maariv's lead editorial said

(10/21): "Jewish settlers and radical rightists suspect that American pressure

has forced Bibi Netanyahu to agree to a time out on settlements....

Netanyahu

may have agreed to give Arafat another chance to live up to his pledge to fight

terror.... All this provides a rather fragile basis for Ambassador Ross'

renewed efforts to revive the Palestinian track.... Having tried and failed to

shift the peace process into high gear, the parties have decided to slow down

to a snail's pace. Needless to say, even this is better than letting the process die."

"Ross Is Not Helping Clinton, Albright"

Muckraker Akiva Eldar wrote in independent Haaretz (10/20): "President Clinton

and Secretary Albright have been trying to put the peace process back on track

but Dennis Ross has done nothing to help them. Instead, he has been suggesting

to both and, no less important, to presidential aspirant Al Gore, not to

try

anything big. He keeps giving them his familiar refrain about

'incremental

process' and confidence building measures. Arafat has a long time ago

lost

faith in Ross whom he calls Netanyahu's 'Jewish agent.'... The new hope

in

Washington is, of all people, our old acquaintance Martin Indyk, a Ross

protege....

"Indyk learned first hand how dangerous the swamp water Ross has enjoyed dipping in during the past 10 years can be."

WEST BANK: "Palestinians Expect Action, Not Rhetoric"

Moderate, pro-Palestinian Authority Al-Quds (10/20) commented

editorially,

"Ross returns today to find the crisis still unresolved. The make-believe optimism shown during the last two weeks has completely faded away.

Palestinian-Israeli negotiations are at the point where Ross left off.

The p

ease process is suffering the same old crisis because Netanyahu has

reiterated

his position that there will be no withdrawal unless the Palestinian

Authority

'fights terrorism effectively,' which takes us back into the old cycle of

security issues and measures. This time, U.S. pressure must be exerted

to

stop Israel from expanding settlements and taking other unilateral measures.

Palestinians are expecting a real United States to make the peace process move

forward. U.S. statements against settlements and other Israeli measures are

not enough this time and Palestinians are expecting actions instead of rhetoric."

"U.S. Policy Ambiguous, Confused"

Nabil Amr, general manager of semiofficial Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda and Palestinian

Council member, complained (10/20), "Washington's policy towards Arab-Israeli

peace has become ambiguous and confused. Nobody knows what Washington really wants!"

BRITAIN: "Netanyahu's Gesture"

In the view of the independent Financial Times from Jerusalem (10/21):

"Netanyahu is prepared to stop new plans for expanding settlements but will

insist work already underway will continue, senior officials said yesterday.

The gesture, which Mr. Netanyahu will make to American envoy Dennis Ross, coincides with the resumption of high-level talks between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators under United States auspices. It signals a modest shift in the government's policy.."

FRANCE: "In Favor Of Peace"

Philippe Gelie wrote in right-of-center Le Figaro (10/21): "Most of the guests attending the dedication of the Peres Center for Peace were paying a tribute to Shimon Peres and to his action in favor of peace. That so many decided to attend sent a political message to Netanyahu: The 'new Middle East' is not the utopia he believes in; it is a political ambition bringing together men of good will.... President Weizman and the U.S. mediator Dennis Ross both attended, in support of the Peres initiative. For Peres it is a way to compensate for the Israeli 'inertia' with a 'private initiative for peace.'"

THAILAND: "Progress In The Middle East"

Charnnarish Boonpharod observed in elite Naew Na (10/21), "There are two

favorable developments surrounding U.S. envoy Denis Ross's revisit to the Middle East. Ross himself is believed to be less adamant this time in pressuring President Yasser Arafat to crack down on the Hamas, but instead concentrate more on calling on Israel to suspend its planned expansion of the Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.... On the Palestinian side, Hamas leader Shiek Ahmed Yassin told reporters that his group would consider suspending its attacks against the Israelis for the time being.... All considered, a positive outcome from this visit may not be that difficult to achieve. Both Israelis and the Palestinians are not likely to let Denis Ross return to Washington empty-handed like last time."

BANGLADESH: "Israeli Settlements"

An editorial in the centrist, English-language Independent (10/20) held regarding Albright's

remarks about Israeli settlements during her visit, "Israel seems to have heeded her strongly worded messages, aimed impartially to both sides.

Recently

Israel has carried out moves calculated to defuse tension and build confidence. Ironically, the move which would help most in calming the

Palestinians is conspicuously absent from the Israeli agenda. The mayor of Jerusalem is bent on going ahead with various building plans in the Arab quarter of the city, which will hurt Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's future aspirations to retain Knesset power. Netanyahu's stand should be to jerk the carpet out from under the mayor's feet."

BRIEFS

CLINTON IN SOUTH AMERICA: 'A SUCCESS'

BRAZIL: "Official Brazil Elated With Outcome Of Clinton Trip"

Veja, Brazil's foremost weekly newsmagazine, ran a wrap-up five-page article

(10/22) by Vladimir Netto, who stated that Brazilian government authorities are

elated with the perceived outcomes of President Clinton's trip, especially his

statement plainly supporting Mercosul, his willingness to review trade barriers and his silence on Brazil's delayed FTAA membership. According to

Netto, however, none of these points are won yet, and the U.S. position will

be better understood after next year's Santiago Summit. Netto pointed

out

that most of these outcomes were achieved behind closed doors, "which is a bad sign."

ARGENTINA: "Clinton's Visit Was A Success"

Ana Baron, leading Clarin's Washington-based correspondent, filed (10/20),

"Clinton's task in Argentina was not easy. One of the goals of the trip was

to consolidate the good relations there are between Argentina and the United

States. But at the same time, Clinton wanted to express his concern for certain issues which bother Carlos Menem: corruption, the 'freedom of the press' problem and the need to consolidate the judiciary.... Clinton had very

little margin for political maneuvers, but he took advantage of it very skill

fully and the visit was a success.... Like every good politician, Clinton knew

that in order to make this trip a success he not only needed a strategy, but a

message too. And his main message was pro-Mercosur."

"I Support Mercosur"

German Sopena, deputy managing editor of daily-of-record La Nacion

(10/19),

said, "The main definition of Clinton's long-awaited trip to Argentina really

took place in Brazil. It was a firm phrase: 'I support Mercosur.' With this

statement...the American president turned a page.... In this new page, it was

written that in the future Clinton will exchange that backing of Mercosur with

a greater commitment by the four countries of the Southern Cone in order to

speed up their access to continental free trade heralded by the United States. And, another important consequence for a long term analysis: in the

final evaluation, Brazil won a position of leadership in the complex negotiation that will extend to the year 2005....

CHILE: "Menacing Protectionism In U.S."

Influential, conservative El Mercurio (10/20) stated, "Washington has never

made a secret of the fact that Latin America is not among its foreign policy

priorities.... That is why President Clinton's visit to Venezuela, Brazil and

Argentina has been received without any enthusiasm, although in the latter country...the (Argentine) government viewed (the visit) as an authentic

acknowledgment of its able performance. But the panorama becomes more cloudy in the face of proof that in the world's most open country to trade, which is the case with the United States, there is an increasing tide, which is becoming stronger, of menacing protectionist measures. The 'dumping' accusations against Latin American producers, or the environmental restrictions applied, are truly alarming for our hemisphere."

PICKERING TO SOUTH ASIA: VIEWS FROM PAKISTAN, INDIA

PAKISTAN: "Pickering's Visit"

The center-right Nation had this to say (10/21): "The U.S. position in nutshell seems to be that 'while Kashmir remains central to India-Pakistan dialogue, it would not be the centerpiece.'... Pakistan would, of course, have liked the United States to make Kashmir the 'centerpiece' of his discussions with the two sides but it is only realistic to acknowledge the limitation from which the United States suffers. One cannot expect it to burn all its boats with India."

"U.S. Interests In South Asia"

A sub-editorial in second-largest Urdu Nawa-e- Waqt maintained (10/21):

"During the Afghan jihad, when the United States needed our help, it deliberately turned a blind eye to our nuclear program. But now, from defense

expenditures to terrorism, Pakistan can do nothing right in U.S.

eyes.... The

United States is the only superpower in the world and we find it always leaning

in India's favor.... After the Pickering visit, the secretary of state will

come to Pakistan and President Clinton will also be visiting the area, which

shows that the United States is once again taking an interest in South Asia.

The United States...should obtain guarantees from India that it will not behave

aggressively against its smaller neighbors."

INDIA: "Strategic Shift"

The centrist Times of India told its readers (10/20): "Thomas Pickering came

to India on a dual mission: to set the tone for a 'strategic dialogue'--defined

by him as 'thinking in the future rather than discussing the past'...and to

prepare the ground for the future visits of Secretary of State Albright

and

President Clinton. This was a rather tall order, given the mostly cold
vibes

between the two countries in the past four decades.... Indeed, thanks to
America's reassessment of India's significance in the post-Cold War era,
Indo

-U.S. relations have moved from chilling indifference to a certain warming
up....

"Pickering's visit will have paved the ground for a lasting relationship
if the

U.S. policymakers were to accept the obvious nuclear realities present in
Asia.... The United States should know that, while India neither is nor
will

be a signatory to the NPT (or) CTBT, it adheres to the spirit of these two
documents more scrupulously than many of the signatories."

GREENHOUSE GASES: 'U.S. EMISSIONS SURGE'

BRITAIN: "U.S. Greenhouse Gases Rise"

The liberal Guardian reported (10/21): "Substantial increases in American
greenhouse gas emissions have all but put paid to any possibility that the
world's biggest contributor to global warming will be able to sign a new
international treaty limiting pollutants later this year.... The soaring
rises

came as officials from more than 150 countries met in Bonn to prepare a

draft

treaty on global warming to be signed in Kyoto in December.... But the

stark

conclusion from the new American figures is that the United States has

done

little to curb its enormous appetite for energy. This raises the

possibility

that environmental lobbyists will renew calls for consumer boycotts of

American

oil and cars, especially if it fails to sign up at Kyoto."

PHILIPPINES: "A Confusing Swirl Of Facts And Theory"

Writing from Los Angeles, Floro Mercene of the government-owned Philippine

Journal (10/21) noted: "The developing world and the developed world are

locked in the harshest debate in a decade as the United States prepare to

negotiate to bring the nations of the world into agreement on an

international

treaty to halt global warming.... The global warming talks move

into a critical phase later this month in Bonn. The Bonn negotiations

will

set up the planned final discussions in Kyoto, Japan near the end of

year--and

it will be the first time a detailed American position is placed on the

table. President Clinton has been speaking with increasing frequency

about

the need to curb global warming, and he is showing little doubt that scientific reports forecasting climate change are accurate. But environmentalists are trying to keep the political pressure on him. They are publishing polls that demonstrate the public's concern. As the talks near, groups that favor vigorous restraints as well as those calling for no action have each found support in climate research, economic models, even public opinion polls. The result has become a confusing swirl of facts and theory."

ELECTIONS IN MONTENEGRO: "ANOTHER BITTER DEFEAT FOR MILOSEVIC"

RUSSIA: "Milosevic Not Omnipotent Any More"

Gennady Sysoyev commented in reformist, business-oriented Kommersant Daily (10/21) on the outcome of presidential elections in Montenegro: "Unlike Milosevic, Djukanovic favors deep market reforms and speedy privatization--many in Yugoslavia call him a Montenegrin Chubais. It won't be easy for them to learn to live together. The President of the Yugoslav Federation, obviously no longer omnipotent, may have to agree to democratic changes in the country."

ITALY: "Another Bitter Defeat For Milosevic"

A report in PDS (leading government party) L'Unita held (10/21): "In the tug-of-war between two opposite views of Montenegro's future, the pragmatism of

autonomist Djukanovic has prevailed. Djukanovic believes that opening the

doors to the West is by far more productive than remaining isolated in the

B

alkans, struggling with international sanctions in the name of Serbian

brotherhood, an argument which is perhaps good for other purposes, but

does

not help fill the stomach.... Djukanovic's victory is another bitter

defeat

for Milosevic, who is losing a strong point of support in Montenegro."

"Serious Problems For Milosevic"

A report from Belgrade in leading business daily Il Sole-24 Ore judged

(10/21): "Djukanovic's victory is creating serious problems for Milosevic

and

is adding to the tension in Montenegro, a small state which is already

split

in two politically.... Milosevic has already shown on several occasions

that

he is not a man who accepts defeat. We will have to wait a few days in

order

to understand whether, in this case, he will choose the road of compromise or that of confrontation, which could have unpredictable repercussions in a country where weapons circulate almost freely."

SPAIN: "Fault Line In What Is Left Of Yugoslavia"

Conservative ABC editorialized (10/21): "The defeat of Slobodan Milosovic's candidate in last Sunday's Montenegrin elections opens a fault line in what is left of Yugoslavia.... Milo Djukanovic, the winner...is known to want to break Montenegro's ties with Belgrade.... If the final vote count confirms his victory, one might venture to say that the days of the country are numbered."

CONGO BRAZZAVILLE: 'A DEFEAT FOR DEMOCRACY'

SOUTH AFRICA: "A Defeat For Democracy"

The independent Business Day commented (10/21): "Viewed superficially, the demise of...Lissouba...is a defeat for democracy.... An equally perfunctory analysis might criticize the S.A. government...for their hands-off approach to

the Congo. Both views would be overly

simplistic.... The S.A. stance has seemingly been echoed by the U.S.

Washington's protest at Angola's move was so muted and came so late that it is

difficult to interpret it as anything but quiet endorsement of Luanda's intervention. Perhaps both countries have had reason to stand back preferring

ambivalence to engagement. The keys...are oil...Unita and...Mugabe.

Pragmatism is the watchword for the oil companies at the forefront of efforts

to expand exploitation of the Congolese and Angolan reserves--and consequently

for...Paris and Washington. The message seems to be that if...Nguesso replaces

Lissouba permanently...so be it. As long as the black gold keeps pouring out,

who cares which autocrat is running the country.... Lissouba's Congo continued

to provide rear bases from which Savimbi could sell diamonds in return for heavy weapons. That Luanda saw this as a provocation is understandable....

Every time (Mandela) has become involved in the search for a peaceful settlement in Africa...Mugabe has protested at not being given first dibs or at

least being consulted. S.A.'s hands-off approach to the Congo has sent the

Zimbabwean president and the Organization for African Unity a message. If you want to circumscribe S.A.'s role get involved yourselves."

KENYA: "Time For More Sympathetic Consideration Of ACRI"

Centrist weekly East African editorialized (10/20): "It's always good when a war ends, but the victory of Denis Sassou-Nguesso in Brazzaville will convince few peace-lovers that the Republic of Congo's problems are over..... Perhaps now is the time for African nations to give more sympathetic consideration to the U.S.-led African Crisis Response Initiative, which envisages the creation of elite forces for peace-keeping. A reversion to the military-overthrow syndrome in Africa is simply unthinkable."

"A New Africa, Made in USA"

The liberal law quarterly Kenya Jurist (September) commented: "The Americans are set to stamp their presence in sub-Sahara Africa and have both the capacity and determination to get their way. It is also now evident that the Americans will not have Africans participate in setting the details of

the new
scheme because it is principally grounded on American economic and
political
interests. What is not clear is whether the Africans will respond with
corresponding emphasis on national interest and, intriguingly, whether
Africa
will grasp the window of opportunity to mould the new world order to its
better advantage."

BELGIUM: "White House Has No Interest In Repeating Somalia"

Didier Grogna wrote in financial L'Echo (10/21): "France has decided
gradually
to withdraw from 'its' Africa.... Condemned for its 'Turquoise' operation
in
Rwanda, Paris no longer has the means to impose its views. However, its
networks were active in trying to send UN intervention forces to Zaire as
well
as to Congo Brazzaville. But the international community turned a deaf
ear,
the Americans throwing in their full weight to prevent any intervention.
The
White House has no interest whatsoever in repeating the sad Somali
experiment
where 18 soldiers lost their life. It is preferable, they say in
Washington,
to extend indirect support by helping one African state or another to

train its

military personnel, for instance.

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The upcoming visit of Chinese President Jiang Zemin to the U.S. continued to

attract the attention of China watchers overseas. Most observers took note of the "rare series of interviews with foreign journalists" Mr. Jiang has granted in the days leading up to his departure, calling it a "public relations offensive" designed to "defuse criticism" of China's record by human rights activists.

Referring to recent statements by the Chinese leader which drew a parallel between Einstein's theory of relativity and the concept of human rights, Rome's left-leaning, influential La Repubblica contended: "Washington's economic interests and Beijing's strategy of smiles cannot make us forget Tiananmen. No matter what Jiang Zemin says, human rights are not a 'relative' concept...and Clinton would do well in pointing that out in clear terms." Editors in South Korea and Pakistan focused on the strategic aspects of the U.S.-China relationship and on the importance of China's "giant market" for the U.S. economy. Seoul's conservative Chosun Ilbo judged that "pragmatism" is leading the two sides "to seek a new kind of relationship...(that) could bring about a major change in East Asia's security structure." Hong Kong's pro-PRC Ta Kung Pao at its most pedantic issued a string of recommendations about what the U.S. "should do" to bring about "stability" in U.S.-China relations.

ROSS IN MIDDLE EAST: 'PEACE AT SNAIL'S PACE'

Available comment from the Middle East and other regions reflected little hope that U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross' current visit to the Middle East would advance the peace process in any significant way. This gloomy sense that negotiations are just treading water because no one dares to contemplate the alternative to talks permeated Israeli and Arab commentary. Mass appeal, pluralist Maariv of Tel Aviv concluded, "Having tried and failed to shift the

peace process in
to high gear, the parties have decided to slow down to a
snail's pace. Needles
s to say, even this is better than letting the process
die." Palestinian comme
ntators berated Washington for what they say is the
U.S. failure to exert enough
pressure on the Israeli government. Moderate,
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COUNTDOWN TO JIANG VISIT: WILL CHINA'S 'PR OFFENSIVE' WORK?

HONG KONG: "Seize Chance To Develop Trade Relations"

ProPRC Ta Kung Pao held in an editorial (10/21): "At present, there are
still
issues upsetting SinoU.S. relations that need to be handled before
stable rela
tions can be developed. The issue of MFN status has long been
disturbing the d
evelopment of SinoU.S. trade relations. The United States
should adopt a reali
stic approach and stop the annual review. It should
solve the MFN status issue
permanently so as to lay down longterm and stable
bilateral trade relations.
Regarding the issue of China's entering the WTO,
the United States should promo
te the progress of the bilateral negotiations.
Solving the problem of China's
entering the WTO as soon as possible is
conducive to placing SinoU.S. trade rel
ations in a stable environment. In
addition, the United States should remove i
ts sanctions on China and support
U.S. enterprises carrying out economic activi
ties in China. In the meantime,
it should also relax export restrictions in or

der to make U.S. enterprises
more competitive in the Chinese market. Only by t
his means will the issue of
the bilateral trade deficit be resolved."

SOUTH KOREA: "U.S.China Summit Diplomacy"

In the view of conservative Chosun Ilbo (10/21): "It is not a routine matter
that the presidents of the United States and China are to exchange visits.

Pre
sident Jiang Zemin...is the first Chinese President to visit Washington
since

1979. This is an event of major significance. More importantly, the
exchange

of visits is of strategic significance because the United States
and China ar

e the two greatest countries of the West and East.... It is
pragmatism that br

ings them together to seek a new kind of relationship. The
United States canno

t afford to lose the giant market China offers, while
China cannot ignore the i

mportance of cohabiting with the United States....

China will definitely need

the United States to bring its economy up to the
level of the most advanced c

ountries by the end of this century.... The
strategic aspect of the summit...

could bring about a major change in East

Asia's security structure.... Althoug

h Japan seems to be nervous about the

summit, it will soon be one of the three

powers, along with the United States

and China, controlling the region. Once t

he United States and China succeed

in establishing a new positive relationship

, Japan will find its place along

the way."

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"Focus On Normalization, Difficult Issues Avoided"

Independent DongA Ilbo commented (10/21): "The United States will use the
sum

mit as an opportunity to prove that its engagement policy with China has
been

successful.... Chinese willingness to stop exporting missiles and
relevant tec

hnology to Iran is the result of the policy's success.... There
are, of cours

e, issues that remain unresolved, such as the trade deficit and
human rights, w

hich are seen as failures in the policy.... President Clinton

says that he wil

l discuss these issues with President Jiang, but it is not

likely he will make
a strong case for them. He won't do so on Tibet, Taiwan
or the Tiananmen inci
dent either."

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The conservative Times reported from Washington (10/21): "In a rare series
of

interviews with foreign journalists, President Jiang Zemin yesterday
called for

a new level of cooperation between Washington and Beijing,
attempting to defus

e criticism by human rights activists of his upcoming
visit to America. In a m

ove clearly designed to smooth the path for the

first state visit by a Chinese

leader to the United States since the

Tiananmen Square massacre, Mr. Jiang urge

d Americans to seek common ground

with Beijing."

ITALY: "Chinese Relativity"

An editorial in leftleaning, influential La Repubblica (10/21) previewed
Chin

ese President Jiang

Zemin's upcoming visit to the United States: "Because of the Tiananmen
inciden

t, Washington and Beijing have not had toplevel official meetings
since 1979, w

hen Deng Xiaoping let himself be photographed in Texas wearing a
cowboy hat. B

ut next Sunday Deng Xiaoping's successor will return to

America, visiting Hawa

ii and Los Angeles, speaking at Harvard, stopping in

Philadelphia and seeing Bi

ll Clinton. The hope, on both sides of the

Pacific, is to achieve a normalizat

ion of relations. Jiang Zemin hopes to

obtain the recognition of China as a s

uperpower and the strengthening of

political/economic relations. Clinton wants

a stronger commitment by

Beijing in controlling the s[read of weapons in the

Middle East and in

rebalancing trade.... To prepare for the visit, Jiang Zemi

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and granted charming interviews to...American newspapers.... But

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on's economic interests and Beijing's strategy of smiles cannot make us forget Tiananmen. No matter what Jiang Zemin says, human rights are not a 'relative' concept. The community of nations has a right and a duty to defend a 'universal' interpretation of them and Clinton would do well in pointing that out in clearer terms to his Chinese interlocutor."

X' hp x (# PAKISTAN: "U.S., China Share Responsibility!")

An editorial in the radical, proIran Muslim insisted, under the above headline (10/21): "Chinese President Jiang Zemin, preparing for the U.S. state visit, urged the United States to share responsibility with China in preserving world peace. He went on to suggest forging a strategic partnership with the Clinton administration. This is a strange policy by China, given the fact that the United States has an agenda to penetrate deep in Asia and dominate it politically, economically and militarily. One main objective of the United States is to contain the rising economic and military power of China of China itself.... To achieve its target, Washington has always opted for creating tension in the region and alliances in order to contain China. One the economic level, the U.S. multinational corporations have been encouraged to invest massively in Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, and Southeast Asia in a bid to face and foil the economic rise of China. On the military level, Washington is stationing nuclear weapons in South Korea and Taiwan in order to check the military power of China. Under these conditions, one wonders...how China would share responsibility with the United States in shaping and preserving world peace and security?!"

ROSS IN MIDDLE EAST: 'PEACE AT SNAIL'S PACE'
X' hp x (# ISRAEL: "Peace At Snail's Pace"

Under the headline above, massappeal, pluralist Maariv's lead editorial said (10/21): "Jewish settlers and radical rightists suspect that American pressure has forced Bibi Netanyahu to agree to a time out on settlements.... Netanyahu m

ay have agreed to give Arafat another chance to live up to his
pledge to fight
terror.... All this provides a rather fragile basis for
Ambassador Ross' renewed
efforts to revive the Palestinian track.... Having
tried and failed to shift
the peace process into high gear, the parties have
decided to slow down to a snail's
pace. Needless to say, even this is better
than letting the process die.
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X' hp x (# "Ross Is Not Helping Clinton, Albright")

Muckraker Akiva Eldar wrote in independent Haaretz (10/20): "President
Clinton
and Secretary Albright have been trying to put the peace process back
on track
but Dennis Ross has done nothing to help them. Instead, he has been
suggestin
g to both and, no less important, to presidential aspirant Al Gore,
not to try
anything big. He keeps giving them his familiar refrain about
'incremental pro
cess' and confidence building measures. Arafat has a long
time ago lost faith
in Ross whom he calls Netanyahu's 'Jewish agent.'... The
new hope in Washingto
n is, of all people, our old acquaintance Martin Indyk,
a Ross protege....

"Indyk learned first hand how dangerous the swamp water Ross has enjoyed
dippin
g in during the past 10 years can be."

X' hp x (# WEST BANK: "Palestinians Expect Action, Not Rhetoric")

Moderate, proPalestinian Authority AlQuds (10/20) commented editorially,
"Ros
s returns today to find the crisis still unresolved. The makebelieve
optimism
shown during the last two weeks has completely faded away.
PalestinianIsraeli
negotiations are at the point where Ross left off. The
peace process is suff
ering the same old crisis because Netanyahu has
reiterated his position that t
here will be no withdrawal unless the
Palestinian Authority 'fights terrorism
effectively,' which takes us back
into the old cycle of security issues and me
asures. This time, U.S.
pressure must be exerted to stop Israel from expandin
g settlements and

taking other unilateral measures. Palestinians are expecting a real United States to make the peace process move forward. U.S. statements against settlements and other Israeli measures are not enough this time and Palestinians are expecting actions instead of rhetoric."

"U.S. Policy Ambiguous, Confused"

Nabil Amr, general manager of semiofficial AlHayat AlJadeeda and Palestinian Council member, complained (10/20), "Washington's policy towards ArabIsraeli peace has become ambiguous and confused. Nobody knows what Washington really wants!"

BRITAIN: "Netanyahu's Gesture"

In the view of the independent Financial Times from Jerusalem (10/21): "Netanyahu is prepared to stop new plans for expanding settlements but will insist work already underway will continue, senior officials said yesterday. The gesture, which Mr. Netanyahu will make to American envoy Dennis Ross, coincides with the resumption of highlevel talks between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators under United States auspices. It signals a modest shift in the government's policy."

FRANCE: "In Favor Of Peace"

Philippe Gelie wrote in rightofcenter Le Figaro (10/21): "Most of the guests attending the dedication of the Peres Center for Peace were paying a tribute to Shimon Peres and to his action in favor of peace. That so many decided to attend sent a political message to Netanyahu: The 'new Middle East' is not the utopia he believes in; it is a political ambition bringing together men of good will.... President Weizman and the U.S. mediator Dennis Ross both attended, in support of the Peres initiative. For Peres it is a way to compensate for the Israeli 'inertia' with a 'private initiative for peace.'"

THAILAND: "Progress In The Middle East"

Charnnarish Boonpharod observed in elite Naew Na (10/21), "There are two favorable developments surrounding U.S. envoy Denis Ross's revisit to the Middle East. Ross himself is believed to be less adamant this time in pressuring President Yasser Arafat to crack down on the Hamas, but instead concentrate more on calling on Israel to suspend its planned expansion of the Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.... On the Palestinian side, Hamas leader Shiekh Ahmed Yassin told reporters that his group would consider suspending its attacks against the Israelis for the time being.... All considered, a positive outcome from this visit may not be that difficult to achieve. Both Israelis and the Palestinians are not likely to let Denis Ross return to Washington emptyhanded like last time."

BANGLADESH: "Israeli Settlements"

An editorial in the centrist, Englishlanguage Independent (10/20) held regard to Albright's

remarks about Israeli settlements during her visit, "Israel seems to have heeded her strongly worded messages, aimed impartially to both sides. Recently Israel has carried out moves calculated to defuse tension and build confidence. Ironically, the move which would help most in calming the Palestinians is conspicuously absent from the Israeli agenda. The mayor of Jerusalem is bent on going ahead with various building plans in the Arab quarter of the city, which will hurt Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's future aspirations to retain Knesset power. Netanyahu's stand should be to jerk the carpet out from under the mayor's feet."

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BRIEFS

X' hp x (# CLINTON IN SOUTH AMERICA: 'A SUCCESS'

BRAZIL: "Official Brazil Elated With Outcome Of Clinton Trip"

Veja, Brazil's foremost weekly newsmagazine, ran a wrapup fivepage article (1

0/22) by Vladimir Netto, who stated that Brazilian government authorities are e
lated with the perceived outcomes of President Clinton's trip, especially his statement plainly supporting Mercosul, his willingness to review trade barrier
s and his silence on Brazil's delayed FTAA membership. According to Netto, how
ever, none of these points are won yet, and the U.S. position will be better u
nderstood after next year's Santiago Summit. Netto pointed out that most of th
ese outcomes were achieved behind closed doors, "which is a bad sign."

ARGENTINA: "Clinton's Visit Was A Success"

Ana Baron, leading Clarin's Washingtonbased correspondent, filed (10/20), "Cli
nton's task in Argentina was not easy. One of the goals of the trip was to co
nsolidate the good relations there are between Argentina and the United States
. But at the same time, Clinton wanted to express his concern for certain issu
es which bother Carlos Menem: corruption, the 'freedom of the press' problem a
nd the need to consolidate the judiciary.... Clinton had very little margin f
or political maneuvers, but he took advantage of it very skillfully and the vi
sit was a success.... Like every good politician, Clinton knew that in order t
o make this trip a success he not only needed a strategy, but a message too. A
nd his main message was proMercosur."

"I Support Mercosur"

German Sopena, deputy managing editor of dailyofrecord La Nacion (10/19), said
, "The main definition of Clinton's longawaited trip to Argentina really took
place in Brazil. It was a firm phrase: 'I support Mercosur.' With this statem
ent...the American president turned a page.... In this new page, it was writt
en that in the future Clinton will exchange that backing of Mercosur with a gr
eater commitment by the four countries of the Southern Cone in order to speed
up their access to continental free trade heralded by the United States. And,
another important consequence for a long term

analysis: in the final evaluation, Brazil won a position of leadership in the complex negotiation that will extend to the year 2005....

CHILE: "Menacing Protectionism In U.S."

Influential, conservative El Mercurio (10/20) stated, "Washington has never made a secret of the fact that Latin America is not among its foreign policy priorities.... That is why President Clinton's visit to Venezuela, Brazil and Argentina has been received without any enthusiasm, although in the latter country. ...the (Argentine) government viewed (the visit) as an authentic acknowledgment of its able performance. But the panorama becomes more cloudy in the face of proof that in the world's most open country to trade, which is the case with the United States, there is an increasing tide, which is becoming stronger, of mounting protectionist measures. The 'dumping' accusations against Latin American producers, or the environmental restrictions applied, are truly alarming for our hemisphere."

X hp x (# PICKERING TO SOUTH ASIA: VIEWS FROM PAKISTAN, INDIA

PAKISTAN: "Pickering's Visit"

The center-right Nation had this to say (10/21): "The U.S. position in Kashmir seems to be that 'while Kashmir remains central to India-Pakistan dialogue, it would not be the centerpiece.'... Pakistan would, of course, have liked the United States to make Kashmir the 'centerpiece' of his discussions with the two sides but it is only realistic to acknowledge the limitation from which the United States suffers. One cannot expect it to burn all its boats with India."

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"U.S. Interests In South Asia"

A subeditorial in second-largest Urdu Nawae Waqt maintained (10/21): "During the Afghan jihad, when the United States needed our help, it deliberately turned a blind eye to our nuclear program. But now, from defense expenditures to terrorism

rorism, Pakistan can do nothing right in U.S. eyes.... The United States is the only superpower in the world and we find it always leaning in India's favor. ... After the Pickering visit, the secretary of state will come to Pakistan and President Clinton will also be visiting the area, which shows that the United States is once again taking an interest in South Asia. The United States...should obtain guarantees from India that it will not behave aggressively against its smaller neighbors."

INDIA: "Strategic Shift"

The centrist Times of India told its readers (10/20): "Thomas Pickering came to India on a dual mission: to set the tone for a 'strategic dialogue' defined by him as 'thinking in the future rather than discussing the past'...and to prepare the ground for the future visits of Secretary of State Albright and President Clinton. This was a rather tall order, given the mostly cold vibes between the two countries in the past four decades.... Indeed, thanks to America's reassessment of India's significance in the postCold War era, IndoU.S. relations have moved from chilling indifference to a certain warming up....

"Pickering's visit will have paved the ground for a lasting relationship if the U.S. policymakers were to accept the obvious nuclear realities present in Asia The United States should know that, while India neither is nor will be a signatory to the NPT (or) CTBT, it adheres to the spirit of these two documents more scrupulously than many of the signatories."

GREENHOUSE GASES: 'U.S. EMISSIONS SURGE'

BRITAIN: "U.S. Greenhouse Gases Rise"

The liberal Guardian reported (10/21): "Substantial increases in American greenhouse gas emissions have all but put paid to any possibility that the world's biggest contributor to global warming will be able to sign a new international treaty limiting pollutants later this year.... The soaring rises came as offi

cials from more than 150 countries met in Bonn to prepare a draft treaty on global warming to be signed in Kyoto in December.... But the stark conclusion from the new American figures is that the United States has done little to curb its enormous appetite for energy. This raises the possibility that environmental lobbyists will renew calls for consumer boycotts of American oil and cars, especially if it fails to sign up at Kyoto."

PHILIPPINES: "A Confusing Swirl Of Facts And Theory"

Writing from Los Angeles, Floro Mercene of the government-owned Philippine Journal (10/21) noted: "The developing world and the developed world are locked in the harshest debate in a decade as the United States prepare to negotiate to bring the nations of the world into agreement on an international treaty to halt global warming.... The global warming talks move

into a critical phase later this month in Bonn. The Bonn negotiations will set up the planned final discussions in Kyoto, Japan near the end of year and it will be the first time a detailed American position is placed on the table. President Clinton has been speaking with increasing frequency about the need to curb global warming, and he is showing little doubt that scientific reports forecasting climate change are accurate. But environmentalists are trying to keep the political pressure on him. They are publishing polls that demonstrate the public's concern. As the talks near, groups that favor vigorous restraints as well as those calling for no action have each found support in climate research, economic models, even public opinion polls. The result has become a confusing swirl of facts and theory."

ELECTIONS IN MONTENEGRO: "ANOTHER BITTER DEFEAT FOR MILOSEVIC"

RUSSIA: "Milosevic Not Omnipotent Any More"

Gennady Sysoyev commented in reformist, business-oriented Kommersant Daily

(10/

21) on the outcome of presidential elections in Montenegro: "Unlike Milosevic, Djukanovic favors deep market reforms and speedy privatization many in Yugoslavi
a call him a Montenegrin Chubais. It won't be easy for them to learn to live together. The President of the Yugoslav Federation, obviously no longer omnipotent, may have to agree to democratic changes in the country."

ITALY: "Another Bitter Defeat For Milosevic"

A report in PDS (leading government party) L'Unita held (10/21): "In the tug of war between two opposite views of Montenegro's future, the pragmatism of autonomist Djukanovic has prevailed. Djukanovic believes that opening the doors to the West is by far more productive than remaining isolated in the Balkans, struggling with international sanctions in the name of Serbian brotherhood, an argument which is perhaps good for other purposes, but does not help fill the stomach.... Djukanovic's victory is another bitter defeat for Milosevic, who is losing a strong point of support in Montenegro."

"Serious Problems For Milosevic"

A report from Belgrade in leading business daily Il Sole 24 Ore judged (10/21): "Djukanovic's victory is creating serious problems for Milosevic and is adding to the tension in Montenegro, a small state which is already split politically.... Milosevic has already shown on several occasions that he is not a man who accepts defeat. We will have to wait a few days in order to understand whether, in this case, he will choose the road of compromise or that of confrontation, which could have unpredictable repercussions in a country where weapons circulate almost freely."

SPAIN: "Fault Line In What Is Left Of Yugoslavia"

Conservative ABC editorialized (10/21): "The defeat of Slobodan Milosovic's candidate in last Sunday's Montenegrin elections opens a fault line in what is left of Yugoslavia."

eft of Yugoslavia.... Milo Djukanovic, the winner...is known to want to break
Montenegro's ties with Belgrade.... If the final vote count confirms his vic
tory, one might venture to say that the days of the country are numbered."

CONGO BRAZZAVILLE: 'A DEFEAT FOR DEMOCRACY'

SOUTH AFRICA: "A Defeat For Democracy"

The independent Business Day commented (10/21): "Viewed superficially, the de
mise of...Lissouba...is a defeat for democracy.... An equally perfunctory anal
ysis might criticize the S.A. government...for their handsoff approach to the C
ongo. Both views would be overly

simplistic.... The S.A. stance has seemingly been echoed by the U.S. Washingto
n's protest at Angola's move was so muted and came so late that it is difficult
to interpret it as anything but quiet endorsement of Luanda's intervention. P
erhaps both countries have had reason to stand back preferring ambivalence to e
ngagement. The keys...are oil...Unita and...Mugabe. Pragmatism is the watchwo
rd for the oil companies at the forefront of efforts to expand exploitation of
the Congolese and Angolan reservesand consequently for...Paris and Washington.

The message seems to be that if...Nguesso replaces Lissouba permanently...so b
e it. As long as the black gold keeps pouring out, who cares which autocrat is
running the country.... Lissouba's Congo continued to provide rear bases from
which Savimbi could sell diamonds in return for heavy weapons. That Luanda sa
w this as a provocation is understandable.... Every time (Mandela) has become
involved in the search for a peaceful settlement in Africa...Mugabe has protest
ed at not being given first dibs or at least being consulted. S.A.'s handsoff
approach to the Congo has sent the Zimbabwean president and the Organization fo
r African Unity a message. If you want to circumscribe S.A.'s role get involve
d yourselves."

KENYA: "Time For More Sympathetic Consideration Of ACRI"

Centrist weekly East African editorialized (10/20): "It's always good when a war ends, but the victory of Denis Sassou Nguesso in Brazzaville will convince few peacelovers that the Republic of Congo's problems are over..... Perhaps now is the time for African nations to give more sympathetic consideration to the U.S.-led African Crisis Response Initiative, which envisages the creation of elite forces for peacekeeping. A reversion to the military overthrow syndrome in Africa is simply unthinkable."

"A New Africa, Made in USA"

The liberal law quarterly Kenya Jurist (September) commented: "The Americans are set to stamp their presence in sub-Saharan Africa and have both the capacity and determination to get their way. It is also now evident that the Americans will not have Africans participate in setting the details of the new scheme because it is principally grounded on American economic and political interests. What is not clear is whether the Africans will respond with corresponding emphasis on national interest and, intriguingly, whether Africa will grasp the window of opportunity to mould the new world order to its better advantage."

BELGIUM: "White House Has No Interest In Repeating Somalia"

Didier Grogna wrote in financial L'Echo (10/21): "France has decided gradually to withdraw from 'its' Africa.... Condemned for its 'Turquoise' operation in Rwanda, Paris no longer has the means to impose its views. However, its networks were active in trying to send UN intervention forces to Zaire as well as to Congo Brazzaville. But the international community turned a deaf ear, the Americans throwing in their full weight to prevent any intervention. The White House has no interest whatsoever in repeating the sad Somali experiment where 18 soldiers lost their life. It is preferable, they say in Washington, to extend indirect support by helping one African

state or another to train its military
personnel, for instance.

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- *** U.S., China close to nuclear deal ahead of summit
- *** Million Woman March converges on Philadelphia
- *** Nixon ordered break-ins before Watergate
- *** Amtrak, union agree to shield commuters from strike
- *** U.S. maritime panel, Senate mull Japan port accord

Crime and Catastrophe

- *** Colorado digging out of worst snowstorm in years
- *** Air Force says pilot deliberately crashed warplane
- *** Virginia men indicted for burning, beheading black
- *** NBA star Barkley charged in bar incident
- *** Union Pacific trains collide head-on in Texas
- *** Man faces 15 years in prison for 'lemonade' theft

The U.S. Political Scene

- *** Rubin rejects effort to scrap U.S. tax code
- *** Congress to slam Pentagon on Gulf illness
- *** Senate committee will not press Clinton to appear
- *** Gore faces 'fast track' protest in Iowa
- *** Clintons unveil measures to combat breast cancer
- *** King's son to head civil rights group

The Courts

- *** Unabomber defendant shuns mental examination
- *** Clinton lawyers giving Jones material to other lawyers
- *** N.Y. mother gets 15 to life for starving child
- *** New York man convicted in shoe store shooting spree
- *** Commission finds N.Y. judge abused his powers
- *** Texas separatists to go on trial on standoff charges

World Front Page Stories

- *** Cambodia king flies out after peace mission fails
- *** Iraq parliament backs moves to counter U.N. threat
- *** Israel's Levy wants clear brief for PLO talks

- *** Severe food gap predicted for developing world
- *** Couple saw cars passing, following Diana's limo

The World Political Scene

- *** EU says all Europeans welcome - at right time
- *** Jordan, Israel look back on a peace gone sour
- *** N.Korea slams U.S.-S.Korean military exercises
- *** U.N. cautiously welcomes Kinshasa probe deal
- *** Tensions seen easing between Burma junta, Suu Kyi

The Americas

- *** Argentina's new Alliance defeats Peronists in vote
- *** U.S. links Colombia candidate to drug cartels-report
- *** Haitians seek U.S. treatment equal with Nicaraguans
- *** Colombian says drug aid could be used against rebels
- *** Cuba allows player's mom to leave for U.S. visit
- *** Support for Quebec sovereignty continues to weaken

Europe and Russia

- *** UK's Blair promises clear statement on EMU
- *** Serb police official defects from hardline camp

- *** Hostage drama over war crimes ends in Croatia
- *** Right wing opposes French breast-beating over past
- *** Russian local authorities close Chechnya border
- *** East European communist-era files far from open

Africa

- *** Congo civilians stream back to Brazzaville
- *** Commonwealth stays firm on Nigeria, new members
- *** U.S. envoy reports progress on Angola peace
- *** Algeria's FIS vows continued struggle after ballot
- *** Kenyans count cost of torrential rain and floods
- *** OAU says will not recognize Anjouan independence referendum

India and the Middle East

- *** Israel PM questioned in botched hit squad probe
- *** Sri Lanka increases heat on Tamil Tiger rebels
- *** Lebanon's Hariri holds high-level talks in Iran
- *** Iraqi Kurd group says killed 20 rivals in clashes
- *** India's Gujral optimistic of Kashmir solution
- *** Taliban change name of Afghanistan to Emirate

The Far East

- *** HK's Lee says judges fail to prove independence
- *** Former Thai headman goes on rampage, kills six
- *** More Thai mental clinics needed as crisis deepens
- *** NZ man rams cars with bulldozer, sparking fury
- *** Squabbling seems to seal fate of Korea ruling party
- *** Japanese tourism soars in first half of '97

Science and Medicine

- *** Rare brain disease kills third Australian victim
- *** USDA unveils 'Bac' to fight foodborne illness
- *** Study finds attitude affects exercise benefits
- *** New AMA guidelines ban exclusive endorsements
- *** Atlas launches military communications satellite
- *** Asia to surpass Africa as worst AIDS region

Technology

- *** NetMind announces Enterprise Minder online information management
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U.S. Front Page Stories

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

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

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

The U.S. and China are close to an agreement for Beijing to end nuclear cooperation with Iran and hope to complete it in time for a U.S.-China summit Wednesday, U.S. officials said Saturday. Once the

deal is completed, President Clinton would be able to approve the first export of advanced U.S. nuclear reactor technology to China. It would be the major centerpiece of the summit between Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin who meet Wednesday in the first state visit by a Chinese leader in 12 years. The U.S. has been pressing to persuade China to no longer help Iran in developing its nuclear power. For story

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

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

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*** Million Woman March converges on Philadelphia

Hundreds of thousands of black women filled Philadelphia Saturday for the Million Woman March, a rally aimed at building political, economic and social unity in black communities. In the largest gathering of black women in U.S. history, crowds of mothers, aunts, sisters, nieces and daughters stood shoulder-to-shoulder to sing the Black National Anthem, pray and listen to a program of inspirational speeches. As marchers filled a mile-long boulevard stretching from the Philadelphia Art Museum to City Hall, the turnout appeared, at up to 2 million, to surpass that of the Million Man March in Washington two years ago. For story

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March puts spotlight on two ordinary women, For story

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*** Nixon ordered break-ins before Watergate

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

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

Amtrak and representatives of its workers have agreed to shield some 500,000 commuters from a threatened strike, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said Friday. Any shutdown after the deadline would affect only long-distance Amtrak services and not shorter-distance commuter trains, Slater said. The Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way Employees is in negotiations with Amtrak for a wage package for its Amtrak members comparable to that paid freight railroad workers. Amtrak is borrowing from banks to meet expenses and said it can't match the freight workers' package without risking bankruptcy. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5603072-362>

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

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

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Colorado digging out of worst snowstorm in years

Colorado residents dug themselves out Sunday after one of the worst snowstorms in 15 years, with some roads still in bad shape and air travelers struggling to leave. The October blizzard forced churches to cancel Sunday services. Museums and the Denver Zoo remained closed. Grocery stores were jammed with customers who could not get out of their homes Saturday. Abandoned vehicles still littered main roads. The national weather service estimated up to two feet of snow

fell in Denver and surrounding areas, making it the worst storm in the region since Dec. 24, 1982, when two feet fell in a 24-hour period. For story

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*** Air Force says pilot deliberately crashed warplane

The Air Force has concluded a pilot deliberately flew his bomb-laden warplane into Colorado's Rocky Mountains six months ago to commit suicide, an official said Friday. Capt. Craig Button, 32, and his A-10 Thunderbolt disappeared on a routine training mission April 2 when the aircraft veered off course after takeoff from Davis-Monthan Air Force base in Arizona. A three-week search turned up wreckage on Gold Dust Peak near Vail. The official said without evidence of lack of oxygen causing Button to pass out or mechanical failure, the investigator concluded Button intentionally flew his plane into the mountain. For story

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*** Virginia men indicted for burning, beheading black

Two white men charged with burning a black man to death and then beheading him were indicted on murder and robbery charges Friday, Virginia officials said. Grayson County Commonwealth Attorney J.D. Bolt said the Grayson County grand jury indicted Louis Ceparano, 42, and Emmett Cressell, 36, who are both white, for the attack on Garnett Paul "G.P." Johnson, 40, a black man. Ceparano faces capital

murder and robbery charges in connection with the July 25 attack in Elk Creek, Va. Cressell was indicted on first-degree murder and robbery charges. Ceparano could face the death penalty if convicted.

For story

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*** NBA star Barkley charged in bar incident

Basketball star Charles Barkley was arrested Sunday and charged with aggravated assault and resisting arrest after throwing a man through a plate glass window, police said. Barkley was booked into Orange County jail after the incident in a downtown night spot and released on \$6,000 bond. The Houston Rockets star was in Orlando for an exhibition game against the Orlando Magic. He was having drinks at Church Street Station when a man threw ice at Barkley and his party and shouted racial epithets. "Police officers were on the scene and there was no need for Mr. Barkley to take any action at all," a policeman said. For story

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*** Union Pacific trains collide head-on in Texas

Two Union Pacific Railroad freight trains collided head-on and derailed near downtown Houston Saturday in a fiery crash that injured four crewmen and forced dozens of local residents to evacuate. The crewmen who jumped off the trains just before the crash were treated for minor injuries at local hospitals. The incident was the latest in

a series of Union Pacific railroad accidents in Texas this year.

"Four of those locomotives are gone, burned out and just about melted. And the fifth one is not in that much better shape," said Houston Fire Department spokesman Rick Flanagan said. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5618399-c3b>

*** Man faces 15 years in prison for 'lemonade' theft

A man accused of robbing a lemonade stand run by two girls trying to earn money for their unemployed father has pleaded guilty to robbery in a plea bargain that could put him in jail for 15 years, the Courier-Post of Cherry Hill, N.J., said Saturday. Brian Burns, 30, was arrested Sept. 11 after a purse snatching in nearby Haddon Township in which he was accused of knocking down an 81-year-old woman and stealing her purse. While in custody he confessed to snatching the cash box from the lemonade stand run by Ami Reader, 8, and her sister Tammi, 4, six days earlier. He admitted to getting away with \$30. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5615868-df4>

The U.S. Political Scene

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

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin rejected efforts Sunday to scrap the

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

*** Congress to slam Pentagon on Gulf illness

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

*** Senate committee will not press Clinton to appear

Sen. Fred Thompson, Republican chairman of the committee investigating campaign finance, ruled out pressing President Clinton to testify after the White House refused his request. Thompson told CBS "Face the Nation" the president declined the invitation Friday to testify with former Sen. Bob Dole. Thompson said new questions arose weekly but there was a separation of powers issue concerning Clinton's appearance and he believed presidents had only gone before such committees three times in the past under extraordinary circumstances. White House counsel Charles Ruff said it was inappropriate for Clinton to testify. For story
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*** Gore faces 'fast track' protest in Iowa

Union protesters staged a protest Saturday during a speech by Vice President Al Gore to oppose Clinton administration proposals for "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals. "We really want to send a message ... we're against fast track," said the president of AFSCME Council 61, the largest union of state government workers. Clinton wants "fast track" authority to strike trade treaties without fear Congress will seek significant changes. His goal is to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement to include Chile and to negotiate market-opening agreements with Asian and Latin American countries. For story

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Few U.S. Democrats favor fast-track bid, foe says, For story

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*** Clintons unveil measures to combat breast cancer

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

For story

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

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

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

The Courts

*** Unabomber defendant shuns mental examination

Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski has refused a court-ordered examination by psychiatrists for the government, sources said Saturday. The U.S. District Court in Sacramento issued a notice Friday saying Kaczynski declined to participate in the mental examination. Kaczynski's refusal could jeopardize plans by his lawyers to use his mental state as a defense in his trial to start in Sacramento Nov. 12. Prosecutors gave notice last month they would ask Burrell to exclude some or all of the defense expert testimony from the trial if Kaczynski refused to undergo the mental testing by government experts. For story

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U.S. says alleged bomber kept notes of attacks, For story

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*** Clinton lawyers giving Jones material to other lawyers

Bill Clinton's lawyers, after vowing not to raise the issue, have given material on Paula Jones' sexual past to a co-defendant in her suit against the president, the New Yorker magazine said Sunday.

Reporter Jeffrey Toobin said Jones' spokeswoman has sent publishers a proposal for a book about the former Arkansas state worker which claims she is a "modern-day Joan of Arc" for her legal battle to force the president to apologize for allegedly exposing himself to her in 1991. Clinton has denied the charges and said he cannot remember ever meeting Jones. She has rejected a \$700,000 out-of-court settlement. For story

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Clinton lawyers allege Jones defense fund misused, For story

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*** N.Y. mother gets 15 to life for starving child

A woman found guilty of starving her 4-year-old daughter to death was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison Friday. Carla Lockwood, 33, said she had hated the child since she was born and kept her confined to a crib, feeding her only scraps because the little girl, Nadine, resembled her father. Lockwood pleaded guilty last month to second degree depraved murder. She showed no emotion when she was sentenced before Manhattan State Supreme Court Judge Budd Goodman. Lockwood has 10 other children including twins born after her arrest last year.

They range in age from 1 to 14 years old and are in foster care. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5602754-045>

*** New York man convicted in shoe store shooting spree

A New York City man who said he heard voices telling him to kill was

convicted Friday of murdering five people in a 1995 shooting spree in a shoe store. Michael Vernon was found guilty of murder, attempted murder and weapons possession in the shootings in the Little Chester shoe store in the Bronx. The jury rejected defense claims Vernon, diagnosed as a paranoid psychotic, was not responsible for his actions. He walked into the shoe store Dec. 19, 1995, with a 16-shot semi-automatic handgun. He asked for brown Nike boots and, when told the store didn't have them, opened fire, killing five people. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5602427-376>

*** Commission finds N.Y. judge abused his powers

The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct said Friday a Criminal Court judge should be removed from office because he abused his powers and misapplied the law. The commission said Judge Lorin Duckman's conduct " ... destroyed public confidence in his ability to properly perform the duties of a judge ..." Duckman came under fire last year after releasing a convicted rapist with a history of domestic violence. The man killed his former girlfriend, whom Duckman had told to get a dog to get the man to stop bothering her. There were 363 complaints filed against Duckman over a five year period.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5602712-a5e>

*** Texas separatists to go on trial on standoff charges

Texas separatists who earlier this year held off police in a

seven-day armed standoff before surrendering will go on trial this week on charges linked to the siege. Republic of Texas "ambassador" Richard McLaren and three followers could face up to 99 years in prison if found guilty of first degree state felony charges of engaging in organized criminal activity. McLaren and his bodyguard Robert "White Eagle" Otto are facing trial together, as are Gregg and Karen Paulson, a married couple who also joined the Republic of Texas group. Both trials are to begin in Alpine, Texas, with jury selection Monday. For story

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World Front Page Stories

*** Cambodia king flies out after peace mission fails

King Norodom Sihanouk left Cambodia for China Saturday after two months of failed efforts to broker peace. The despondent 74-year-old monarch, seen off by co-Premiers Hun Sen and Ung Huot, said he did not know when he would return. Fighting has erupted in several areas since July when Sihanouk's son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, was ousted by his former coalition partner and co-premier Hun Sen. Troops loyal to Ranariddh formed an alliance with Khmer Rouge guerrillas who broke from their leader Pol Pot after a Khmer Rouge power struggle in June. Hun Sen deposed Ranariddh July 6 after two days of bloody fighting.

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

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

Iraq's parliament approved recommendations Sunday to counter a U.N.

Security Council resolution which threatens more sanctions against

Iraq, the Iraqi news agency INA said. The Revolutionary Command

Council asked parliament to recommend a response to a U.N. Security

Council resolution threatening a travel ban on Iraqi officials who

prevented U.N. inspectors from visiting several weapons sites in

Iraq. An Iraqi MP earlier said parliament was debating a

recommendation Iraq freeze ties with the U.N. Special Commission set

up to disarm Iraq after the 1991 Persian Gulf War and stop it from

further inspections. For story

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

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said Sunday he delayed his

departure for U.S. talks with a Palestinian negotiator in order to

get a clear brief from Israel's government. Levy, who had complained

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu kept him uninformed, said he had

planned to leave Saturday but would put off his trip until after

Israel's inner Cabinet discussed the issue Wednesday. Secretary of

State Madeleine Albright was expected to host the meeting this week

in or near Washington between Levy and Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas. For story

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Arab states welcome Russian peace role, For story

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

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*** Severe food gap predicted for developing world

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

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

A couple driving directly in front of the car carrying Princess Diana saw two cars pass her limousine and others approaching it from the rear before it crashed, the Fox News Channel said Friday. Mohamed

Medjahdi and his girlfriend, Souad Mousakkir, strengthened the theory of French investigators that a second car, perhaps a white Fiat Uno, was involved in the Paris crash that killed Diana, her friend Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. Medjahdi and Mousakkir said their Citroen was traveling about 50 mph and the princess's Mercedes seemed to be going much faster as the cars entered a tunnel by the Seine.

For story

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The World Political Scene

*** EU says all Europeans welcome - at right time

European Union foreign ministers agreed Saturday to seek a middle way between selecting a few candidates for EU membership and opening the door to all would-be joiners at once. While they failed to bridge differences on the approach the bloc should take to ex-communist neighbors in the east, the ministers agreed a European Commission recommendation to deal with only six of 11 candidates needed to be improved on. Critics say choosing six with the best chance of catching up with West European standards in the next 10 years creates a "second division" of those who will then be perceived to be further behind. For story

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*** Jordan, Israel look back on a peace gone sour

Jordan and Israel marked the third anniversary Sunday of a peace treaty which King Hussein says almost collapsed when Israel sent assassins on a mission to Amman last month. Israel's embassy in Amman premiered a film which looked back at the early days of peace, while Jordanian papers barely mentioned the treaty. Israel's ambassador to Jordan Oded Eran, acknowledging the "open wound" in relations over last month's botched attempt to murder Jordanian Hamas leader Khaled Meshal said ties had been marred by political upheavals. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5628452-56b>

*** N.Korea slams U.S.-S.Korean military exercises

North Korea criticized a joint U.S.-South Korean military exercise Sunday as an "open menace" and "declaration of war." The war games, codename "Foal Eagle," begin Monday with a U.S. aircraft carrier group and most of the South Korean and U.S. military personnel in the south. "... the maneuver is a war exercise for a pre-emptive attack on the northern half of Korea," Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency said. "If they dare to ignite a war, we will fire back at them." About 37,000 U.S. troops and 655,000 South Korean troops face North Korea's 1.14-million military across the world's last cold war frontier. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5628440-f8e>

*** U.N. cautiously welcomes Kinshasa probe deal

U.N. officials cautiously welcomed an accord Sunday with Democratic Congo President Laurent Kabila granting the world body the right to investigate alleged massacres of Rwandan Hutu refugees without interference. U.S. special envoy Bill Richardson clinched the deal with Kabila Saturday, ending a stand-off of more than a month and allowing a U.N. investigation team to begin work shortly. Disputes over details and parameters of the U.N. probe have kept investigators in Kinshasa. Under the deal the U.N. would be free to deploy its investigators throughout Democratic Congo (formerly Zaire). For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5620249-362>

*** Tensions seen easing between Burma junta, Suu Kyi

In Burma, where every event and newspaper article is scrutinized for hidden meanings, analysts see a possible easing of tensions between the government and the opposition led by Aung San Suu Kyi. Last week Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace laureate, made her first political trip outside Rangoon since being released from house arrest more than two years ago. Suu Kyi's trip to a town on the outskirts of the capital went off without interference from officials who had previously stopped her from doing party work outside the confines of her lakeside Rangoon home. She has been under tight surveillance since late 1996. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5621458-fc4>

*** Argentina's new Alliance defeats Peronists in vote

Argentines dealt the ruling Peronist Party its first election defeat in 10 years Sunday in a protest vote against unemployment and corruption that will strip it of its majority in Congress' lower house. President Carlos Menem's government conceded defeat in the election after exit polls gave it 35 percent of the vote against 51 percent for parties forming the new center-left Alliance. With two-thirds of the vote counted, the Alliance partners were ahead by 47 percent to 35 percent. The government's loss will force it to seek the support of small provincial parties to pass laws. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5635042-517>

Argentina's strong peso to survive Peronist defeat, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5634697-eb4>

Argentine Alliance celebrates end to Menem era, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5634479-05e>

Argentina's Peronists vow to heed poll message, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5634351-015>

*** U.S. links Colombia candidate to drug cartels-report

A U.S. official says the U.S. has solid proof the frontrunner in Colombia's presidential race, Horacio Serpa, has close ties to drug cartels, according to a report Sunday in Newsweek International. The

report cited senior U.S. officials as saying Washington is debating whether to release what it has on Serpa, possibly at a congressional hearing. Newsweek quoted a Clinton administration source as saying, "We can't just stand by and let Colombia go over a cliff." Serpa, a former interior minister and ally of President Ernesto Samper, is emerging as the clear frontrunner to succeed Samper in May. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5632002-e8f> Samper asks Colombia to defy terror and vote, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5602190-7c8>

*** Haitians seek U.S. treatment equal with Nicaraguans

In 1994 thousands of Haitians came from tent cities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after convincing officials they risked serious harm from military dictators ruling their homeland. Three years later the same Haitians face being kicked out of the U.S. under immigration law changes that will force them to press their claims for political asylum from Haiti. Advocates for the Haitians, most who settled in Miami, say the new laws are unfairly applied to newcomers, whose political situation in 1994 was so dire the U.S. sent 20,000 troops to oust its military government. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5629239-3a8>

*** Colombian says drug aid could be used against rebels

A Colombian official has said \$50 million in U.S. military equipment given to Colombia to fight drug-trafficking guerrillas could be used

to fight other rebels, the New York Times said Saturday. The aid came with the condition it only be used to fight drug traffickers and only in the area the U.S. describes as having the highest concentration of drug activity. The aid is also contingent on the military observing human rights and not letting units accused of human rights abuses use the equipment. The head of the Colombian armed forces said the aid could end up being used against guerrillas not involved in drugs. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5612515-44b>

*** Cuba allows player's mom to leave for U.S. visit

Cuba allowed the mother of Florida Marlins rookie pitcher Livan Hernandez to leave Sunday to visit her son in the U.S. in time for the final game of the World Series. Miriam Carreras was granted a visa for the visit a week ago by U.S. authorities but had waited until now to receive permission from Cuba. She arrived at Miami International Airport a few hours before the start of the seventh game of the World Series and was greeted by dozens of cheering Marlins fans. Her son was not scheduled to pitch but could be called upon for relief duty. Hernandez defected two years ago while on a Cuban team trip to Mexico. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5633523-386>

*** Support for Quebec sovereignty continues to weaken

Support for Quebec independence has weakened as Canada's finances improve and the separatist government in Quebec cuts services, a poll

showed Saturday. The poll said 54.9 percent of voters were against sovereignty and 45.1 percent were for, marking a 1.2 point improvement since September and compared with the 50.6-49.4 percent split in the referendum in October 1995. The poll asked whether voters wanted sovereignty along with an offer of partnership with the rest of Canada. The poll showed federal Liberals ahead of the separatist Bloc Quebecois for the first time since the Bloc became a major force. For story

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Europe and Russia

*** UK's Blair promises clear statement on EMU

British Prime Minister Tony Blair promised Sunday his government would make a clear statement Monday about a single European currency, ending long-standing confusion over London's attitude toward the "euro." Blair said he was aware of the tremendous importance of the Labor government's stance on the issue. The prime minister did not reveal the substance of the statement. But aides said Blair hoped to turn the uncertainty and controversy of recent weeks into an opportunity by showing his government was united on the toughest question facing the

country -- whether and when to scrap the British pound. For story

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*** Serb police official defects from hardline camp

Serb hardliners suffered a setback in their feud with Western-backed Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic with the defection of a senior police official, political sources said Saturday. Dragomir Jovicic, the assistant interior minister in a rival administration run by hardliners, resigned Friday. Hardliners loyal to indicted war criminal and former Bosnian Serb president Radovan Karadzic have been battling Plavsic for control of the police and television. Officials alleged Jovicic quit because he was blocked from issuing an arrest warrant for Jojo Tintor, a long-time Karadzic aide, on tax evasion charges. For story

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*** Hostage drama over war crimes ends in Croatia

A former Croatian soldier surrendered to police Sunday after holding six hostages at gunpoint in a Croatian disco in a protest against the international war crimes trials of Bosnian Croats. No one was hurt in the hostage drama, police said. The hostage-taker walked out of the Monte Carlo nightclub with his former commander, who had been flown in by military helicopter to persuade him to surrender. The 27-year-old ex-soldier, armed with sub-machine guns, took four police officers and two civilians hostage in the club early Sunday. While holding the hostages he insisted a television crew film his comments. For story

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***** Right wing opposes French breast-beating over past**

Another prominent leader has joined a conservative chorus urging France to stop washing its dirty linen in public over the war crimes trial of accused Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon. Francois Leotard, leader of the Union for French Democracy, charged the soul-searching unleashed by the trial was turning into a morbid reexamination of the darkest chapters of recent French history. The Papon trial, in which a former official of the collaborationist Vichy regime is accused of sending 1,560 Jews to Nazi death camps, has opened up a Pandora's box of historical taboos some French would prefer were kept under wraps.

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U.S. historian in spotlight at France's Papon trial, For story

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***** Russian local authorities close Chechnya border**

Authorities in Russia's Dagestan have closed their border to vehicular transport from Chechnya after attacks on police and army troops, Russian media said Sunday. Four servicemen were wounded Saturday when an armored vehicle rolled over a radio mine. The body of a policeman with multiple bullet wounds was found and eight policemen disappeared in a separate incident Saturday. Russian and

Chechen negotiators failed to break new ground during talks Saturday in Moscow on the status of the region which fought a 21-month war for independence that ended in 1996 without resolution of the issue. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5626386-93a>

*** East European communist-era files far from open

The Romanian government's decision last week to open the files of its communist-era Securitate police knocks another chink in the wall of secrecy shrouding activities of secret services in Eastern Europe. Some officials portrayed Romania as the last country outside the former Soviet Union to open files. In east Germany, by contrast, Stasi police files were thrown open in 1990 in the heat of unification. Revelations of betrayal stirred emotions, divided families and soured friendships. But an examination of east European laws shows many other ex-communist countries have yet to grant access secret reports. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5625960-8ec>

Africa

*** Congo civilians stream back to Brazzaville

Former residents streamed back to the Republic of Congo's devastated capital Brazzaville Sunday, a day after the inauguration of civil war

victor Denis Sassou Nguesso as president. Hundreds crossed the Congo River by dugout canoe from Kinshasa, capital of former Zaire, where they took refuge during more than four months of fighting that killed thousands of people, many of them civilians. In Angola's capital Luanda, U.S. special envoy Bill Richardson called for Angolan troops who helped Sassou topple elected President Pascal Lissouba last week to leave. Relief workers say the city is not ready for a mass return.

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New Congo president preaches ethnic harmony, For story

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New uniforms for Brazzaville inauguration, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5608993-4c7>

*** Commonwealth stays firm on Nigeria, new members

Commonwealth leaders said Sunday they will not soften their line on Nigeria, but differed over how to prod it into improving human rights. In two hours of talks, leaders rejected a proposal from South African President Nelson Mandela to send a new team to Nigeria to press for release of political prisoners. The Commonwealth extended Nigeria's suspension from the 54-nation grouping Saturday and threatened it with expulsion unless military leader General Sani Abacha stuck to his timetable for restoration of democracy. The decision to suspend Nigeria was in a report by a Commonwealth

Ministerial Action Group. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5632146-671>

Mandela backs British monarch as Commonwealth head, For story

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*** U.S. envoy reports progress on Angola peace

Washington's U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson met Angolan opposition leader Jonas Savimbi Sunday and said he was given assurances that could stave off U.N. sanctions against Savimbi's former rebel movement UNITA. Richardson said the Angolan government promised to set an early date for a summit with Savimbi. He had said earlier U.N. sanctions against the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola could be implemented at the end of October, unless serious progress was made and dramatic steps were taken in the next few days. The embargoes will include air travel restrictions and closing UNITA's foreign missions. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5629363-151>

*** Algeria's FIS vows continued struggle after ballot

The outlawed radical Islamic Salvation Front vowed Saturday to continue its struggle against the Algerian government in the wake of council elections last Thursday. In Algiers, the main opposition Socialist Forces Front urged Algerians to stage a protest next Monday against what the party called massive election fraud. FFS's leader Ahmed Djeddaï said Saturday the planned protest would be the first in

a succession of marches, sit-ins and strikes. Djeddaï did not say if
r his supporters would force their way into the streets of Algiers
even if it meant clashing with security forces. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5611539-811>

***** Kenyans count cost of torrential rain and floods**

People on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast enjoyed their first respite
Sunday from a week of torrential rains, during which rainfalls of
more than 20 inches caused damage estimated at millions of dollars.
Return of sunny weather and 79 degree temperatures enabled road
maintenance gangs to restore some communication links which had been
cut by broken bridges and washed-away roads around Mombasa. The
72-mile main road north from Mombasa to Malindi was reopened Saturday
after being closed for a week, officials said. Some rural areas were
still cut off. Twenty-five people died in the floods which hit last
weekend. For story
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***** OAU says will not recognize Anjouan independence referendum**

The Organization of African Unity condemned a referendum held on the
secessionist Comoros island of Anjouan and said Monday it will never
recognize its result. Secessionist leaders on Anjouan said Monday the
population had voted overwhelmingly for independence. Though official
results from Sunday's referendum were due later Monday, rebel leader
Foundi Abdallah Ibrahim said it was already clear the island had

voted to confirm July's secession. Anjouan, which along with Grand Comore and Moheli gained independence from France in 1975, declared its secession in July and successfully repulsed an invasion in September. For story

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India and the Middle East

*** Israel PM questioned in botched hit squad probe

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu testified before a panel probing a bungled bid to assassinate a leader of the militant Islamic group Hamas in Jordan, his spokesman said Saturday. Netanyahu was interrogated by the "clarification committee" for three hours Friday. Critics have blasted the committee as a whitewash and called for an independent state commission of inquiry to look into the attempt, one of the worst failures in the history of Israel's Mossad secret service. The incident damaged Israel's relations with Jordan. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5614750-725>

*** Sri Lanka increases heat on Tamil Tiger rebels

Sri Lanka has stepped up pressure on Tamil Tiger rebels by hunting them in the capital Colombo as government troops beat back guerrilla attacks in the north and east of the Indian Ocean island. Some 10,000

police and troops from the three armed forces launched a massive manhunt for suspected Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) members in a pre-dawn operation Saturday, detaining some 1,000 men and women for questioning. Elsewhere more than 160 rebels were reported killed in ground and sea battles that have increased in frequency in the past weeks as troops battle to capture a vital northern highway. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5628430-210>

S.Lanka extends amnesty as deserters say too busy, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5607301-51e>

S.Lanka air chief blamed in rebel attacks on planes, For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5623601-762>

*** Lebanon's Hariri holds high-level talks in Iran

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri has held talks with Iranian officials in Tehran on boosting bilateral economic cooperation, the Iranian news agency IRNA said. Hariri arrived in Iran Saturday and agreed in talks with Iran's First Vice President Hassan Habibi the two countries would cooperate in the area of trade exchanges, joint economic investments and cultural relations, IRNA said. Hariri and Habibi also discussed cooperation in passenger transportation and the oil sector. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5622808-c74>

*** Iraqi Kurd group says killed 20 rivals in clashes

An Iraqi Kurdish faction said Sunday it killed 20 members of a rival

militia group in renewed fighting in northern Iraq overnight after the collapse of a week-long ceasefire. A Kurdistan Democratic Party radio broadcast said its forces killed 20 "peshmerga" fighters of the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan in clashes in the Belek area of north Iraq. It said the KDP, led by Massoud Barzani, took back important territory previously captured by Jalal Talabani's PUK. It was the second consecutive day of clashes in the region shattering a week-old ceasefire announced by the U.S. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5626115-396>

*** India's Gujral optimistic of Kashmir solution

Indian Prime Minister Inder Rumar Gujral said Sunday he was cautiously optimistic that what he called his friendship with Pakistani Prime Minister Nowaz Sharif would help ease tensions over Kashmir. Gujral was interviewed after what he described as a very good meeting with Sharif. The hour-long meeting was the first since the two leaders held talks last month in New York on bilateral problems, in particular what should be done about the disputed territory of Kashmir. India and Pakistan have fought two wars since 1947 over Kashmir. For story

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*** Taleban change name of Afghanistan to Emirate

The Islamic Taleban movement has changed Afghanistan's name from the Islamic State of Afghanistan to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, a

broadcast on Taleban-controlled radio said Sunday. The change in name formalizes the position as head of state in Taleban-ruled Afghanistan of Mullah Mohammed Omar, leader of the Taleban, who is known as Emir al-Momineen (Leader of the Faithful). It was the third name change in five years for Afghanistan. Under the Communist regime, the country was the Republic of Afghanistan. After the Communist government fell the name was the Islamic State of Afghanistan. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630322-378>

The Far East

*** HK's Lee says judges fail to prove independence

Pro-democracy leader Martin Lee said Sunday judges were too quick to back a China-appointed legislature when its legitimacy was challenged. Lee said the courts had yet to prove they were independent from a new Chinese government which took over after Britain ceded Hong Kong and t China resumed sovereignty. Lee said he regretted judges failed to demonstrate their independence since the change to Chinese rule. The criticism came after Hong Kong courts ruled against a challenge to the legitimacy of the Beijing-appointed legislature and they backed the right of the government to deport China-born children. For story

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*** Former Thai headman goes on rampage, kills six

A former Thai village headman, apparently angry at being investigated for corruption, stormed into a meeting room Monday and shot dead six village council members and wounded two others, police said. Vira Chithchantuk, former headman of Nondaeng village in Chaiyaphum province, burst into the meeting room and killed the six with a pump-action shotgun. Police are still searching for Vira who fled the scene after the shootings. Two others were injured and the ninth person in the room escaped unhurt. Vira was recently sacked from his post and was being investigated for corruption. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5637821-d4c>

*** More Thai mental clinics needed as crisis deepens

More Thais are suffering from stress as the worst economic crisis in decades bites deeper, forcing the government into a seven-fold increase in mental health clinics. Deputy Public Health Minister Sora-at Klinprathum said the clinics would be set up in stages in all 92 state-run hospitals by the end of 1998. Only 13 government-run mental health clinics are operating now. Sora-at said 80 percent of 573 businessmen surveyed were suffering from stress because of the economic turmoil. A phone survey of 1,000 people in August showed 39 percent with serious symptoms of mental illness. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5623548-0d6>
Focus shifts to election in crisis-hit Thailand, For story
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*** NZ man rams cars with bulldozer, sparking fury

A New Zealand man fed up with illegal car racing near his house rammed some of the vehicles with a bulldozer Monday, triggering a furious response from racers. Police said car racers attacked the man's house, car and garden in the incident, which occurred in South Auckland. More than 40 people have been charged. The man, who was not identified, tried to stop the racers by using a bulldozer to ram eight of the cars. There were no injuries, but "all hell broke loose" when the racers retaliated, police said. "They rioted and smashed every window in his house." Illegal racing had been going on for weeks. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5637918-41f>

*** Squabbling seems to seal fate of Korea ruling party

South Korea's ruling New Korea Party emerged from a week of factional fighting with a wound likely to prove fatal less than two months ahead of presidential elections. The party rift has provided opposition leader Kim Dae-jung with his best shot at winning in the Dec. 18 polls. Kim, who is running for the fourth time, has been heading all opinion polls with more than 35 percent support. The party's woes surfaced during mud-slinging against the opposition National Congress for New Politics. It accused opposition head Kim of amassing millions of dollars in slush funds and demanded an investigation. For story

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*** Japanese tourism soars in first half of '97

The number of foreign tourists visiting Japan was up 15.6 percent in the first six months of 1997 due to a weakened yen and an influx from Hong Kong, the Justice Ministry said Saturday. Visitors from Hong Kong peaked prior to the former British colony's reversion to Chinese rule July 1 and hit 113,649 for the first six months of the year, up by about 40 percent from the same period last year. The total number of foreign tourists totaled 997,154 in the first six months, with the bulk coming from South Korea, Taiwan, the U.S. and Hong Kong. The number of Japanese traveling overseas also rose 3.3 percent. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5608433-a5d>

Science and Medicine

*** Rare brain disease kills third Australian victim

A rare brain disease has claimed its third life in Australia in two months, with a hospital reporting the death a five-year-old boy Sunday in the country's remote north. Doctors who fought to save the boy in Darwin made a preliminary diagnosis of the highly infectious meningococcal disease, which attacks the blood or lining of the brain and spinal cord. It has raised alarm across the country. The disease

has also killed two women and forced surgeons in one extreme case a week ago to amputate all of a baby's limbs. The Darwin boy fell ill Saturday and was admitted to the hospital with a severe rash. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5626439-028>

*** USDA unveils 'Bac' to fight foodborne illness

The government launched a campaign Friday urging consumers to prevent food poisoning by washing their hands, thoroughly cooking meat and taking other basic precautions. The heads of the U.S. Agriculture Department and the Health and Human Services Department said the advertising campaign was part of a wide-ranging effort to improve food safety from farm to fork after a series of recalls of tainted meat this year. The public education campaign urges consumers to "fight bac" -- short for bacteria -- by washing their hands before cooking, separating raw meat from vegetables and cooking foods thoroughly. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5601760-196>

*** Study finds attitude affects exercise benefits

A good attitude may make exercise more pleasant, but it increases the benefits, researchers said Sunday. Tests on rats showed those forced to exercise had dampened immune systems, while those who ran when they wanted had strengthened immune response. Monika Fleshner of the University of Colorado said she tested two groups of rats. Half were forced to run on a treadmill and half ran on rat exercise wheels when

and for as long as they liked. Both groups lost weight, but rats forced to run showed stressed immune systems. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5630303-68a>

*** New AMA guidelines ban exclusive endorsements

The American Medical Association issued an interim set of guidelines Friday, reaffirming a ban on exclusive product endorsements. Earlier this year, the AMA withdrew from an exclusive deal with Sunbeam Corp. of Delray Beach, after agreeing to endorse nine Sunbeam products in exchange for royalties based on sales, because of heavy criticism. The AMA also said it will not endorse health or medical products which do not meet criteria established by its Board of Trustees. The guidelines will remain in place until a new task force completes its work on how to deal with funding from outside sources. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5602482-1fc>

*** Atlas launches military communications satellite

An Atlas 2A rocket soared into space Friday carrying a \$160 million communications satellite for the Department of Defense. The rocket lit up the Florida night sky, punching through a thin layer of cloud after lifting off its Cape Canaveral launch pad at 8:46 p.m. EDT. In the rocket's nose cone was a Defense Satellite Communications System satellite, a crucial link in the military's world-wide communications network. "In the overall communications world for the Department of Defense this is the most important satellite," an official said. The

satellite was released into a temporary orbit 27 minutes after launch. For story
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5604226-779>

*** Asia to surpass Africa as worst AIDS region

Asia will overtake Africa in a few years as the region worst hit by the virus that causes AIDS and Asians should not be lulled into complacency by new drug developments, a U.N. official said. Unless Asia wakes up and tackles the AIDS threat now, the region could suffer "a tragedy of historic proportions for Asia's billions," said an official with the Joint U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS. He estimated up to 7 million Asians, including between 3 and 5 million people in India, may now be HIV carriers and the number is projected to double by the year 2000. About 14 million Africans now live with either HIV or AIDS. For story

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Technology

*** NetMind announces Enterprise Minder online information management

NetMind Services Inc. introduced Enterprise Minder last week, a server-side software application that keeps organization members automatically apprized of online information updates. End users

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

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

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

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

Hundreds of thousands of black women will be able to extend the community-building work they started at the Million Woman March in

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

*** Warner Brothers Online wins coveted Casie Award

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

*** Cyberactive.NET goes live Nov. 1

Nov. 1 marks the first day of Cyberactive Publishing's new interactive entertainment industry online network, The Cyberactive Network. It encompasses all the company's online products including

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

The Environment

*** High levels of toxic dioxin found near Olympic site

Toxic dioxin waste in levels exceeding international safety standards more than 1,000 times has been found on land near the Sydney 2000 Olympic site. Sydney Olympic officials said Monday the waste was found recently in soil contaminated by corroded drums of dioxin which was dug up during remedial work at North Newington, adjacent to the Olympic construction project. New Zealand lab tests of the dioxin found a toxic waste equivalent of 1,540 parts per billion, but there was no trace of the most deadly dioxin 2,3,7,8 TCDD, which has been found on the Olympic site in western Sydney. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5635578-1b4>

*** Indonesia smog affects more cities, rains scanty

Thick smog from forest and bush fires spread to more Indonesian cities Sunday while uncertainties over the start of the annual monsoon rains lingered. Meteorologists said the number of cities covered by the smog had nearly doubled to 41 from 22 by Sunday morning, while four airports were closed due to poor visibility. The smog is blanketing large parts of Sumatra island, the Kalimantan region on the Indonesian side of Borneo island and the remote province of Irian Jaya. U.N. climate experts said Friday the dry spell could continue for three months, far beyond the start of the monsoon, due to El Nino. For story see

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Smoggy S.E. Asia could become tourist no-go zone, For story

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U.S. maritime panel, Senate mull Japan port accord, For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5636743-067>

*** Mexico City smog alert keeps half cars off the road

About half of the cars in Mexico's capital were banned from the roads Saturday in one the city's more severe efforts to control the cloud of gray. Officials said the move was part of Mexico City's longest period of emergency smog controls since 1993. Aside from the driving ban, the measures restricted 240 of the city's factories from working

full-time and shut 15 percent of gasoline stations. Smog levels touched 235 on the Metropolitan Index of Air Quality Friday, which measures ozone levels. It was the third day smog levels soared near or above 200. From 8 to 12 percent of children missed elementary school. For story

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*** Ship hit by rebel attack may pollute S.Lanka coast

A civilian ship attacked and disabled by Tamil Tigers rebels on Sri Lanka's east coast last month is threatening marine ecology, the Sunday Observer newspaper said. It said hundreds of tons of oil were leaking from the Panamanian-registered Cordiality, owned by the Chinese shipping group COSCO. The ship was lying on its side off the coast at Pulmoddai. It was attacked by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels with grenades at Pulmoddai. MPPA surveyors said the ship was in danger of breaking up during the north-east monsoon, which starts in January, and spilling oil in a prime fishing area.

For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5624279-dcb>

*** G7 to meet in Amazon to review development program

Brazil and the Group of Seven industrialized nations meet in Manaus next week to agree on the next stage of a program promoting sustainable development in the rain forest. The annual meeting of G7 donors to the so-called Pilot Program, administered by the World

Bank, begins Tuesday. Starting six years ago, the program has given out \$181.3 million of a total of \$250 million pledged to fund projects such as the demarcation of Indian reserves and protecting artisanal fishing communities from large-scale competitors. Germany has financed the bulk of projects, contributing 35 percent of the total. For story

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*** China begins to dam Yellow River - China's sorrow

China began blocking the Yellow River Sunday -- known as China's sorrow for its catastrophic floods that have claimed millions of lives. The \$4.17 billion water control project in central Henan Province is China's largest after the huge Three Gorges Dam, for which the work on diverting the mighty Yangtze River is due to begin later this week. The Xiaolangdi Dam project is among the most technically complicated China has ever undertaken, involving an intricate network of tunnels threading through its banks. The blocking of the river began when six trucks emptied their loads into the river. For story

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Human Interest

*** Surprise! Hillary Clinton hits 50

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent her 50th birthday at home Sunday, where her family and a few hundred close friends treated her to a surprise party. "Friends from all of her various walks of life surprised her," said Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, who had cloaked the first lady's birthday plans in secrecy. The tent party on the White House lawn had a "state fair" theme with booths featuring foods and memorable events from each of the past five decades of Mrs. Clinton's life. In addition to President Clinton and daughter Chelsea, family members on hand included Mrs. Clinton's mother and brothers. For story

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Chelsea Clinton comes home to help mom celebrate 50th, For story

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*** China's Jiang dances Hawaiian hula on arrival in U.S.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin danced the hula with 100 schoolchildren Sunday as he began a visit to the U.S. on an upbeat note, promising a new era of cooperation. He visited the watery grave of the U.S.S. Arizona, one of eight battleships sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and afterwards said the visit reminded him of the close ties during the war between the U.S. and China, which he said needed to be revived. When 100 students from a local hula dancing school were brought in to perform, he joined in, prompting 200 guests to cheer. "He did a good job. He's got rhythm," said the owner of the school. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5635515-931>

*** U.K.'s Blair was maddening schoolboy, teacher recalls

British Prime Minister Tony Blair was a maddening and argumentative schoolboy who was once caught halfway up a ladder as he sneaked back into school at midnight after a night on the town. The insight into the teenage Blair was provided by a former teacher, Eric Anderson.

"Tony was genuinely clever...but he was also rumbustious, maddening, pretty full of himself and very argumentative," said Anderson, who taught Blair at the Scottish boarding school Fettes. Anderson recalled how 16-year-old Blair and two friends were once arrested by police who mistook them for burglars as they tried to climb back into the school. For story

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5608940-54b>

*** Judges stoned at Spanish pot-growers' contest

Spanish marijuana growers staged their first-ever contest Saturday to choose the best cannabis crop, but judges -- who had to smoke 10 different samples -- were in no condition to pick a winner. Defying Spain's drug laws, which are among the most lenient in Europe, 51 marijuana lovers who cultivate cannabis illegally for their own use gathered at a private club to compete for the first annual "Madrid Marijuana Cup." The growers, acting as their own judges, wasted no time in dividing up the samples, rolling joints and lighting up. One woman passed out and had to be taken outside for some fresh air. For

story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5613769-b7a>

*** People having more sex, French most often - poll

People around the globe are having more sex, with the French topping Americans to become the world's most sexually active nation, according to a survey published Tuesday. It criticized Russians as selfish lovers and said Hong Kong people were often too exhausted by work to bother. The condom manufacturer Durex pried into bedrooms around the world, questioning almost 10,000 people in 14 countries about their sex lives. The survey concluded people on average have sex 112 times a year, three more than the 1996 total. The French replaced Canadians as the most considerate lovers. For story <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5638507-103>

*** U.S. music, hamburgers attract China's youth

As rock music pounds and red-vested waiters rush by with hamburgers and french fries, Michael the barman juggles bottles of tequila in the air at T.G.I. Friday's in Beijing. American fast food, "Happy Hour" margaritas at trendy bars and Hollywood movies are part of the scene these days. When Chinese President Jiang Zemin arrives in the U.S. Sunday, names on neon signs will not be unfamiliar. Few trendy Beijing youngsters would be seen in a discotheque without a Motorola mobile telephone. Motorola pagers have become an essential accessory for city dwellers. The bars and restaurants are the most visible signs of the American invasion. For story

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