

## At a glance

A brief look at our world

## State

### Dairy support scare worries Pa. farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Efforts by upper Midwestern lawmakers to kill the government's dairy support program have left many Pennsylvania farmers worried.

Deregulating the dairy industry would exasperate financial problems for farmers, driving several out of business, said Harold Shaulis, chairman of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Dairy Committee. Fewer farmers will mean less competition and ultimately higher prices for consumers, he said.

"A lot of farmers pushing retirement will probably say, 'That's it,'" said Shaulis, who operates a 135-cow dairy farm in Somerset County, Pa.

## Nation

### Castro visits Harlem via U.N. anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty-five years after Fidel Castro came to Harlem as a young revolutionary, the Cuban Communist leader was heading back to the neighborhood that once greeted him with throngs of cheering thousands.

Last time, he was 34 and his revolution seemed full of promise. He and his rowdy entourage were kicked out of a midtown Manhattan hotel — after causing \$10,000 in damage — before going to stay in Harlem.

This time, as he prepares for a speech at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church, Castro's trademark black beard is graying, the cigars and fatigues are gone and his revolutionary appeal has long given way to the realities of poverty and allegations of human rights abuses.

The Cuban leader was in town for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, where in a speech earlier yesterday he talked of the gap between rich and poor and domination of the United Nations by powerful countries. Castro's speech at the church last night was sponsored by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizing.

## World

### Afghan capital bombing narrowly misses school

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two bombs struck the Afghan capital yesterday, wounding six people, destroying a home and narrowly missing a school packed with young children.

It was unclear who was responsible for the bombing, but a Defense Ministry spokesman said it was either former Islamic students known as the Taliban or forces fighting for guerrilla leader Rashid Dostum.

The thundering sound of the two bombs pounding Kabul's Karte Parwan residential district could be heard throughout the city.

Dostum was a general in Kabul's former communist government who now leads one of several guerrilla factions looking to topple the present government.

### Palestinians sending Christmas invitations

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Palestinians are sending invitations for Christmas in Bethlehem after a top Israeli military official said the town would be under PLO rule in time for the holidays.

A Palestinian official said yesterday that PLO chief Yasser Arafat would attend the festivities in Bethlehem, where the Bible says Jesus was born.

"The Palestinian Authority sent invitations to Arab and European leaders to attend the Palestinian celebration for the first time under a Palestinian flag," said Palestinian spokesman Bashir Abu Khatab.

The Israeli daily Haaretz said Arafat, a Muslim, hoped the Bethlehem appearance would give him international acclaim and also boost his popularity in the West Bank.

# Teen accused of slaying parents acquitted

By DAWN FALLIK  
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ALLENTOWN — Jurors who reported two deadlocks over four days acquitted a teenager in his parents' murders yesterday but declared him insane, leaving the judge to commit him to a mental hospital.

Jeffrey Howorth smiled and one of his public defenders, William Wismar, wept along with several jurors as the foreman read the verdict, one of six possible in the case. Prosecutor Douglas Reichley stared straight ahead.

Minutes after the ruling — not guilty by reason of insanity — Judge William Ford

ordered deputies to take the 17-year-old to Norristown State Hospital immediately for a 90-day evaluation. He will remain hospitalized until doctors determine he does not pose a threat to himself or others.

Howorth shot his father, George, 46, and then pumped bullets into his mother, Susan, 48, as he chased her around their Lower Macungie Township home on March 2. He then wiped blood from his mother's car keys, locked the house and headed west. He was arrested in Missouri two days later when the car ran out of gas.

The murders occurred four days after two Allentown-area skinhead brothers were accused of slaying their parents miles away,

killings that Howorth cited in a letter explaining his attack.

Deputy Lehigh County District Attorney Douglas Reichley said of the verdict: "Obviously we did something wrong."

But District Attorney Robert Steinberg suggested the jurors were sympathetic to Howorth because of his youth.

"I think we spent a lot of time on the defendant and not enough time paying attention to the victim," Steinberg said. "But we've got to accept the decision and move on."

Public defender Dennis Charles called the verdict a pleasant surprise, saying he had expected a hung jury. He said Howorth has

just begun to grieve for his parents. "People have told me that he cries himself to sleep at night in prison," Charles said.

Most of the trial focused on Howorth's mental state with experts offering contradictory opinions.

Reichley and his experts argued that Howorth hated his parents for making him feel like a failure in school, unable to match the success of his older brother, Stephen, a Penn State University student.

A second public defender, Dennis Charles, and his experts argued that Howorth was severely depressed, had brain damage and a learning disability and was insane when he killed.

## Birthday for U.N. honored

Leaders from all over the world met in New York to commemorate the United Nations' 50th anniversary.

By ROBERT H. REID  
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UNITED NATIONS — Guarded by one of the largest security forces ever assembled, presidents and premiers gathered yesterday to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations as the organization faces financial crisis and questions over its role in the world.

President Clinton delivered the first speech by a world leader, and was to be followed by about 200 other heads of states, prime ministers, deputy prime ministers, foreign ministers and representatives of international organizations over three days.

First day speakers also included Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Cuban President Fidel Castro, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama.

World leaders will also hold scores of one-on-one meetings on issues from the war in Bosnia to U.S.-China relations and peace in the Middle East.

The anniversary is taking place at a time when the United Nations is facing the greatest financial crisis of its history, brought on in



From left: President Clinton, U.N. General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, U.N. General Assembly President Diogo Freitas do Amaral of Portugal, Russian President Boris Yeltsin and French President Jacques Chirac pose during a group photo at a special commemorative U.N. General Assembly session yesterday. About 200 world leaders attended the session which marked the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

large part by demands of its peace-keeping operations in the former Yugoslavia, Somalia, Angola and elsewhere as well as the failure of member states to pay their dues.

Member states owe the organization \$3 billion. The biggest debtor is the United States, at \$1.3 billion in arrears. Washington has been withholding payments to force reforms in the U.N. bureaucracy.

Critics believe Washington's position is undermining the organization. General Assembly President Diogo Freitas do Amaral of Portugal urged the member states to reform the United Nations but added: "We must not allow this organization to die at the hands of its critics."

In his welcoming remarks, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-

Ghali said the United Nations had a vital role to play in such fields as human rights, international law, peacekeeping, development and the environment.

"But the United Nations cannot play this role if the present trend continues," he said. "The problems of globalization and fragmentation have caused vast responsibilities to be given to the U.N. But the U.N. has not been given the resources required to accomplish the tasks imposed."

Boutros-Ghali blamed the financial crisis on the failure of member states to make the United Nations a priority.

"I appeal to you to give the U.N. a firm financial base," he said. "If steps toward this cannot be set in motion by the end of this year, I

urge you to give serious consideration to calling a special session of the General Assembly to deal with the financial crisis of the organization."

Delegations began arriving hours before the start of the ceremonies. Leaders were greeted at the entrance by Boutros-Ghali and General Assembly President Diogo Freitas do Amaral.

Outside the U.N. complex, thousands of city police and federal agents wrapped a security blanket around the dignitaries. Streets were closed, anti-sniper teams deployed on rooftops and police boats with frogmen patrolled the nearby East River.

And security concerns may have prompted one last-minute cancellation by Egypt's President Hosni.

## Pentagon to terminate affirmative action plan

By JIM ABRAMS  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Pentagon will terminate a major affirmative action program in response to a recent Supreme Court decision that narrowed the scope of contract awards based on race or ethnicity, Defense Secretary William Perry said yesterday.

"We have to obey the law of the land," Perry said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "This program cannot continue in its present form. We will try our best to achieve its objectives through other ways."

The Washington Post reported yesterday that the Pentagon will announce today or tomorrow that it will stop using the so-called "rule of two" program under which \$1 billion worth of business was funneled to minority firms last year.

The rule, applicable to all Defense Department contracting business since 1987, states that

only small, disadvantaged businesses can compete for a contract if at least two such qualified firms express an interest in bidding for it.

The Post quoted officials as saying almost all businesses defined as disadvantaged under the program are minority-owned.

Perry said the Justice Department has reviewed the program in light of last summer's Supreme Court ruling. "We have discussed that with them and believe we have to change this program." But he stressed that "we will do everything we can to continue to get some of the objectives of assisting minority programs without using this particular rule."

The Pentagon program is the first major effort to assist minority-owned businesses to be affected by the high court's ruling that there must be strong legal justification for affirmative action programs.



### Tragic memories

Rose Murra, of Brookline, Mass., wipes away a tear as she talks about her family at the New England Holocaust Memorial in Boston yesterday. Murra, who has a tattoo from her captivity, is one of nine family members who survived the Holocaust.

## Yeltsin's refusal to work with NATO causes problems in Bosnia

By JIM ABRAMS  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Russia's unwillingness to serve under NATO command in Bosnia is a "major hang-up" to plans for the proposed peacekeeping mission there, Defense Secretary William Perry said yesterday.

The United States and its NATO allies want Russian participation in any effort to help enforce a peace agreement in Bosnia, but not as an independent military force, Perry said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"There is a major hang-up. I don't want to minimize this at all," he said.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin said in a speech to the United Nations in New York yesterday that it was "inadmissible" for NATO to supersede the U.N. in deciding the international response

in Bosnia. Russia was ready to provide troops to help enforce a peace agreement, he said, "but only under a strict mandate of the U.N. Security Council."

Yeltsin, who will discuss the issue with President Clinton when they meet in Hyde Park, N.Y., today, earlier expressed optimism that Russia and NATO could coordinate their missions.

But Perry and Secretary of State Warren Christopher were less sanguine.

"It's desirable for Russia to have a dignified, substantial role, but not one that would in any way impair the NATO command and control," Christopher said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Maintaining NATO control over any peacekeeping mission is "a red line for the United States," he said.

Christopher also stressed that there must be no situation where

the Russians, who are generally pro-Serb, end up facing NATO troops protecting Bosnian Muslims. "That might create some tensions that would be quite harmful to carrying out this matter," he said. It would be a mistake to assign sectors to individual forces, he said.

Christopher and Perry received a cool reception on Capitol Hill last week when they both pressed the administration argument that the United States must send ground troops to any NATO mission organized after the warring parties in Bosnia agree on a peace settlement.

U.S.-led negotiations are due to open Oct. 31 at Wright-Patterson air force base in Ohio. The leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia are scheduled to attend.

Clinton, in his address to the U.N. yesterday, urged the negotia-

tors to overcome their "fundamental differences" and "seize this chance for a settlement. If they achieve peace the United States will be there with our friends and allies to help secure it."

Perry said Clinton would, at the appropriate time, seek congressional approval of the Bosnian mission, and he expected Congress to support the president.

The case will be made, he said, that were the United States to abdicate its leadership role in NATO, "this would really lead to an unraveling of NATO."

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a leading congressional expert on defense matters, told NBC that there were still "a lot of unanswered questions" about the wisdom of Bosnia involvement and "it would be a very high-risk venture" for Clinton to commit U.S. troops without congressional approval.

## President implores nations to fight drugs

By BARRY SCHWEID  
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UNITED NATIONS — President Clinton called on the nations of the world yesterday to pledge that they will deny sanctuary to drug traffickers and terrorists.

In a speech at a U.N. 50th anniversary celebration, Clinton said the declaration should tell them that "you have no place to run, no place to hide."

Clinton also announced his own broad campaign to block international narcotics traffickers who "tear at the fabric of our society."

He took aim at Colombia's Cali cartel and other foreign sources of more than 80 percent of the cocaine entering the United States.

He said he had signed an order to identify front companies and to block their assets.

"Nowhere is cooperation more vital than in fighting the increasingly interconnected groups that traffic in terror, organized crime, drug smuggling and the spread of weapons of mass destruction," Clinton said.

Trade with such front companies will be barred and nations where drug money is laundered will be urged to crack down on them. If they do not, Clinton said, they could face economic sanctions.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin will promote the program at a conference of western hemisphere nations in December in Buenos Aires.

Clinton also said he was directing Rubin, Attorney General Janet Reno and Secretary of State Warren Christopher to propose new laws to combat international crime.

Among the leaders in the audience was Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel sat nearby.

Cuba's Fidel Castro cast aside his army fatigues in favor of a blue pinstriped suit and seemed comfortable with the capitalists among the dignitaries.

Clinton hailed progress toward peace in the Middle East, but took a swipe at Castro, who was granted a five-day visa over the objections of several Republicans in Congress.

In this hemisphere, Clinton said, "every nation except one has chosen democracy."

Before the address, Clinton posed for a "class picture" with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, kings and prime ministers here to celebrate the United Nations as a peace-fostering world body.

However, in trying to end the Bosnian war the administration is determined to limit U.N. influence.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin addresses the General Assembly while attending the United Nations' 50th anniversary.