news roundup

World
Apartheid foe wins peace prize — South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, a black Anglican clergyman and outspoken critic of the apartheid policies of his country's government, was announced Tuesday as the winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Committee openly acknowledged the award is intended to bring pressure on South Africa to end its policy of racial segregation. Tutu, currently in New York on a three-month sabbatical, expects to be permitted to travel to Oslo, Norway in December to accept his award, but noted that the South African government has revoked his passport in the past. Tutu intends to use the $192,000 prize to support scholarships for disadvantaged black youths.

Chernenko says US holds key to peace — Soviet premier Konstantin Chernenko said that relationships between the Soviet Union and the United States can be improved, but that the US government must respond to at least one of four specific arms control proposals he outlined in an interview Tuesday. Chernenko reportedly appeared fit and robust, helping reports that his health is failing rapidly. Some US officials see Chernenko's statements as an attempt to push the issue of arms control to the forefront of the presidential campaign.

EECS overcrowding a national problem — The problem of overcrowding in electrical engineering and computer science is widespread, reported the Wall Street Journal Tuesday. More than 300,000 students expressed fear in the Journal article that plans such as those now being implemented by the University of Illinois and MIT for restricting enrollment in EECS undergraduate departments would create an "elite" among the student population.

Reagan, Mondale prepare for debate — President Ronald Reagan and Democratic presidential nominee Walter F. Mondale have severely curtailed active campaigning to prepare for their second and final debate Sunday evening. Foreign policy issues are the scheduled topic.

The first of nearly 2000 striking Disneyland employees returned to work Wednesday, ending a three-week walkout which was the longest in the California theme park's 29 years of operation. The workers agreed to a two-year wage freeze in return for fringe benefits for part-time employees.

Nurse acquitted of attempted murder — Victoria Knowlton was found innocent Tuesday of disconnecting the respirator of William Cosmas, who lapsed into a coma but subsequently recovered, testified via videotape from his hospital bed that Knowlton turned off the apparatus and said "You're going to die."

Kerry, Shamie trade charges — John F. Kerry and Raymond Shamie, Democratic and Republican contenders for the US Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Paul Tsongas, both denounced the John Birch Society Wednesday. Shamie was once a member of the ultra-right wing group, but says he has since severed his ties to the group. Kerry has been labeled a "communist sympathizer" by some of his critics, due in part to his active role in the early '60s for Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

Sports
Referees apologize for bad call — The officiating crew of Saturday's Texas-Oklahoma football game publicly apologized to Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer for a bad call which probably cost his team the victory. On the second to last play of the game, the Texas quarterback threw a pass which was intercepted in the end zone. The referees ruled the Oklahoma defender was out of bounds; replays later showed he had remained in bounds, and that Oklahoma should have been awarded possession of the football. Texas then kicked a field goal as time expired, tying the game at 15-15.

Celts trade Henderson to Sonics — Gerald Henderson, a starting guard for last year's National Basketball Association champion Boston Celtics, was traded Wednesday to the Seattle SuperSonics for a first-round choice in next year's collegiate draft. Henderson had missed all of training camp in a contract dispute, and was out of shape when he finally reported, according to Celtics president Red Auerbach. Henderson's spot on the roster is expected to be taken by Rick Carlisle, a rookie from the University of Virginia.

It's official — After weeks of speculation, the Benton Red Sox announced yesterday that John McNamara will be the team's new manager, replacing retired Ralph Houk. McNamara led the California Angels for the past two seasons.

Cubs' Frey is the best — Chicago Cubs skipper Jim Frey was named the year's National League Manager of the Year by the Major League Writers Association of America. Frey, in his first year at the club's helm, led the team from an under-.500 record last season to its first title since 1908.

Weather
A homecoming shower? — Today will be mild and partly sunny, with a high near 65. Showers are likely in the evening, with a low near 50, and the rain may continue through Saturday morning. Skies should brighten by afternoon, with a high near 65, and Sunday should be mostly warm and sunny.

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