World

US Navy foilfs Palestinian pirates' escape — Two US fighter planes forced the landing of a Egyptian transport bound for Lebanon carrying the four Palestinian hijackers of an Italian cruise ship last night. All four were apprehended in Sicily where the plane landed. The US government will seek extradition for the merchantmen Leon Klinghoffer, a passenger on the hijacked ship.

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Gorbachev may agree to arms limitation — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may be prepared to accept an agreement with President Ronald Reagan which would limit each side to 6000 missile warheads and some 8000 long-range bombers, according to a US official. This information was relayed unofficially by a Soviet bloc diplomat. The diplomat said that although he did not necessarily represent the opinions of the Kremlin, he had reason to believe that this type of arrangement could be possible if Reagan shows enough interest.

Cystic fibrosis mystery closer to solution — Scientists from Toronto and Boston have found a genetic marker which may lead to the discovery of the elusive gene which causes cystic fibrosis. They have determined the position of a special segment of DNA which is usually inherited with the disease, and expect it to find the cystic fibrosis gene itself in this vicinity.

Nation

Senate approves deficit elimination — The Senate overwhelmingly supported a proposal to remove the national deficit by 1991. This proposal involves a gradual reduction of deficit ceilings over this time period and an attempt to preserve a balanced budget thereafter.

The Treasury borrowed $5.5 billion Wednesday to cover government checks already issued. Before this act, the government's cash balance was only about $3 million, according to Treasury Secretary James A. Baker. There is still some confusion over whether the Treasury was legally authorized to do this. Most of the money went toward benefit checks, such as Social Security and civil service pensions.

Disaster strikes in Puerto Rico — A landslide near Ponce, Puerto Rico buried an estimated 200 people under 40 to 60 feet of mud. The official death toll stands at 29, and 75 families remain unaccounted for. Health officials are debating whether to attempt to rescue the bodies or seal the valley floor to prevent a health hazard.

Local

Governor pleads alieni new rights — Massachusetts Governor Dukakis established a controversial new policy last Friday giving refugees, aliens, and illegals a better chance at state aid while protecting data on their nationalities. Under the new order, state agencies and employers are forbidden to ask about citizenship or residency names except as required by federal law. Dukakis has already received much criticism from federal officials who fear that this may protect the identities of terrorists and criminals.

Drunk driving punishment debated in Quincy — Local defense attorneys are decrying Quincy District Court's new prison sentence for drunk driving, which it has been 25 years since their last death. The court's new policy has been met with criticism from defense attorneys. Vallee said a large number of their subjects are on intense 30-week program for heavy drinkers. Many people defend this experimental program, claiming that it is more effective than a strict program to stop drunk driving. The Quincy drunk driving model is being considered by other communities.

Sports

But Jays edge Kansas City — The Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Royals 6-1 in 10 innings Wednesday, putting them two games ahead in this seven-game American League play-off.

Brooks dodges Cardinals — Los Angeles defeated the St. Louis 4-1 Wednesday, placing them one slated in this opening game of the National League play-off.

Celtics lose to Bulls — The Washington Bullets ousted the Boston Celtics 101-95 in an exhibition game Wednesday night. Mookie Blaylock, the Bullets' 7-foot-6-inch freshman center, blocked nine shots and gathered in nine rebounds.

Weather

Sunny, but cool weekend weather — Today will start cloudy, but clear up later in the day with highs in the upper 50s. Saturday will be sunny with highs in the mid-50s. Keep plenty of hair spray on hand — it will be very windy both days.

Attention Graduate Students!

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