Solar System

Uranus moon puzzles scientists — Miranda, the closest to Uranus of its five major moons, appears to combine the strangest geological features of planets in the solar system, according to pictures taken in the Voyager flyby photographs. Scientists could not conclude whether its features were the result of internal or external forces. Other findings included evidence of an aurora in the Uranian atmosphere, and some volcanic sites sharply tilted from the axis of rotation of the planet. Data taken from the dark side of the planet revealed that there are few small particles in Uranus' rings, which are rather composed of boulder-sized chunks of ice.

World

Jordan meets with PLO — Jordan's King Hussein met with Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat yesterday to discuss possible peace in the Middle East. Their talks centered on two United Nations resolutions that call for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied since 1967 and the recognition of Israel. The United States has said it will not talk to the PLO unless it recognizes the resolutions, a condition that Arafat rejected.

Ugandan rebels expand control — Rebel leaders reportedly consolidated control of Uganda, seizing the third-largest city, Jinja. Jinja is the point at which road and rail links between Kampala and Kenya cross the Nile. Tens of thousands, leader of the National Resistance Army, told Western diplomats that he will try to form a broadly-based government soon.

South Yemen fighting continues — Arab diplomats agreed that fighting between rival Marxist factions in South Yemen apparently hasn't ended despite a rebel announcement that President Hassanein has been ousted by Prime Minister Haydar Abu Bakr al-Atias. The whereabouts of Hassanein are not known. No South Yemen country has yet recognized the new head of state.

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