**World**

Afghan rebels down plane

The Soviet news agency TASS reported a Soviet-made plane taking off at Kabul airport was hit by a rocket and crashed, killing at least 30 people. Modern rebels claim they shot down the plane, killing dozens of soldiers. However, the communist Afghan government said the plane was carrying civilians and 36 people were killed.

"Group of five" will not meet

Treasurer Secretary James Baker said no meeting of the so-called "group of five" has been scheduled to discuss the stabilization of the dollar. In an interview on NBC's "Today" show, Baker hinted such a meeting would not be successful. The secretary said the foreign exchange market will determine the appropriate level of US currency.

The dollar fell sharply against all key currencies in Europe after Baker's announcement. (AP)

**Nation**

McFarlane overdoes on Valium

Former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane is at Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he is in good condition. His attorney, Leonard Garment, confirmed that McFarlane, who was a key player in the Iran arms for hostages scandal, has overdosed on Valium. But he vigorously denied reports that the overdose was a result of suicide.

The White House would not comment on McFarlane's hospitalization, noting that he is a private citizen. (AP)

Reagan arms dealings may have been with radicals, not moderates

The White House has changed its story about the Iranians involved in secret arms deals. The president has been insisting the arms were being sold at contacting with moderates, not at arms, while a White House spokesman said it's tough to put an accurate label on those Iranians. Recent reports say Iran wanted the United States it was dealing with the most radical elements in Iran. (AP)

**Sports**

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**Local**

Clemente said he was robbed

Former Pittsburgh Pirate Roberto Clemente reported last night that someone broke into his yacht and stole $79,000 in jewelry. He said the incident occurred last night while he was in the city. (AP)

Emerson finds home in Lawrence

Emerson President Allan Koenig made it official yesterday, saying the school is "coming to Lawrence." Koenig unveiled a $10 million dollar package that apparently cleared the way for Emerson's move from Boston's Back Bay. The five million dollars is needed to buy prime land in an urban renewal project that would include the Emerson property. (AP)

Environmental secretary delays approval of fan project

Environmental Secretary James Hoyte said he needs more information before giving final approval to plans for the massive Fun Pier-Pier Four project in downtown Boston. Hoyte said the plans are adequate. But he stressed that the decision was neither a full or conditional approval, but critics and opponents disagreed.

Environmentalists are claiming Hoyte's ruling is a "test case" and should be appealed. (AP)

**Entertainment**

**Stars and Stripes wins America's Cup final**

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