World

Soviets criticize Pakistan on Afghan agreement

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has accused Pakistan of ignoring its commitment not to interfere in Afghanistan. Shevardnadze said Moscow will take firm steps to protect its citizens in Kabul. The minister, in a two-hour interview, also insisted that the Geneva agreement by allowing creation of an interim Afghan government in its territory.

Scientists report fusion breakthrough

Two scientists said yesterday that they have made a breakthrough in nuclear fusion that could lead to a technology capable of delivering electrical generators within a few years. B. Stanley Pons of the University of Utah and Martin Fleischmann of England's Southampton University said they have discovered a way to create fusion to produce energy without using tremendous heat. If practical on a larger scale, the technology would provide a safe, relatively clean and virtually inexhaustible energy source.

US asks PLO to reduce tensions

The United States' chief envoy in the Middle East, Palestinian Liberation Organization has urged the PLO to take practical steps to reduce tension. Israeli-occupied territories. The US ambassador to Tunisia, Robert Pelletier, called Wednesday's US-PLO meeting in Tunis, part of a "new dynamic" in the Middle East. He refused to discuss any negotiation that the PLO may run for Parliament.

Waliesa may run for Parliament

Solidarity leader Lech Walas said yesterday he is not ruling out a candidacy for the Polish Parliament. Walas said whether he runs depends on "the wish of the voters." He said he would prefer not to be a candidate, but, he added, "there are situations when one must do it."

US airlines warned of possible hijacking

United States Embassy officials in London have confirmed reports that US airlines have been warned of a possible hijacking, but they deny that US diplomats and military personnel have been notified. A London tabloid reported a secret Federal Aviation Administration memo warned that Palestinians might try to hijack a US airliner in Europe this weekend. US Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner issued a statement confirming the alert was publicized without authorization.

Sports

Rose suspected of gambling

The pressure is growing on Cincinnati's Pete Rose. Rose, baseball's all-time base hit leader, is apparently in deep trouble. Reports continue to surface about his being a big-money gambler who is being investigated not only by the Commissioner's Office, but by several federal agencies. The most recent accusations appeared in The New York Times which reported that Rose is in debt to a Cincinnati bookie for at least $500,000. The paper used unnamed sources in the story which also said Rose is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Cincinnati.

Another newspaper, The Dayton Daily News, said that Rose has been selling off his baseball memorabilia, including the bar and hall he used to get the hit which broke Ty Cobb's all-time record. It also said Rose has obtained a $150,000 second mortgage on his home. Rose's agent, Reuben Katz, denied that Rose is having money problems and said, "He's in a wonderful condition."

Underdogs on top at NCAA basketball tournament

This season's NCAA Division I basketball tournament has been kind to favorites so far, as 15 of the remaining 16 teams were ranked in the top five of their regions. But no more. Last night, the upsets emerged, as all four games played ended in upsets. Two top seeds - Oklahoma and Arkansas - and two third seeds - North Carolina and Illinois - went down in defeat. In the Northeast Region, fourth-seeded Virginia toppled Sooners, 85-80, and third-seed Michigan upset the Hoosiers, 92-87. In the West Region, fourth-seed University of Nevada-Las Vegas surprised the Wildcats, 68-67, and third-ranked Seton Hall waltzed past the Hoosiers, 79-65. (See graphic, back page.)

Weather

A surface low pressure center and an upper level disturbance both located in the southeastern United States will produce some much needed rainfall in the local area later today and tonight. After these systems pass, a weak cold front will pass through the area - perhaps producing a gusty shower or thunderstorm. Drier weather will follow into early next week. With light winds, coastal areas will be as much as 10°F to 15°F cooler than inland areas as a sea breeze should develop.

Colby-Sawyer students allowed to continue protest

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EPA fines Nashua company

A division of a Nashua, NH firm has been fined $3.4 million by the Environmental Protection Agency because of alleged misuse of chemicals. Worrall Industries, which manufactures adhesives and coatings, was fined along with three other companies for not submitting promanufacture notices to the EPA before manufacturing and importing new chemicals.

Nation

House approves $4.55 million in new aid

The House voted yesterday to approve a larger increase in the minimum wage than President Bush wants. Bush wants it increased to $4.25 an hour, but lawmakers passed a $4.55-an-hour rate. Republicans contend that too big an increase would fuel inflation and force the layoffs of hundreds of thousands of workers.

Tearful Hall testifies at North trial

Tearful Fawn Hall testified at a North trial. Hall, North's former secretary, broke down on the witness stand twice. Later she said, "I'm tough when people portray you as a witness for the prosecution when you're a witness for the truth." She told the jury yesterday that North was a tireless worker - and she called him an "excellent man" to work for. Hall helped North shed documents detailing North's secret efforts to aid the Nicaraguan rebels.

Local

Dukakis predicts higher taxes

Gov. Michael S. Dukakis said Wednesday that he still believes the state will have to raise taxes next year. The Governor told reporters at Bunker Hill Community College that it will take some investing to get the state moving forward. His comments followed predictions from unnamed sources in the story which also said Rose is in debt to a Cincinnati bookie for at least $500,000. The paper used unnamed sources in the story which also said Rose is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Cincinnati.

Dukakis is a Chicago native and a University of Chicago graduate. He said he would prefer not to be a candidate, but, he added, "there are situations when one must do it."

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