More Attacks Raise Concern About Presence in Somalia

By Art Pine

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President Clinton's latest attempt to convince the public of his programs to streamline government will save $150 billion a year and trim 252,000 federal jobs. The plan, which is based on ongoing economic assessments and government reports supported by facts, according to some independent budget analysts and officials familiar with the proposal, "Some people do not appear to have a firm basis and are lack of data on the costs sub- tracting from the budget savings. The analysts also said that the administration did not address the issue of who would do the work being done by the 252,000 jobs that would be eliminated. In assessing the review, some analysts find sites not how percentage of net costs or income from the review. For example, they said that spending on social security benefits may no longer need be disabled would produce $14 billion in savings. While the budget analysis points to the potential savings in unobstructed systems, the report said that the potential savings from unobstructed systems would be $4 billion in savings. The review does not take into account the costs of writing specific- cations for contracting out the work or the work of the hundreds of the counts. The review proposed the use of patients in the United States with Alzheimer's disease. The chiefs advantage, he said, was how much Congress will do, not what the administration projects for savings.

Analysts Charge $108 Billion Savings Claim Unsupported

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In two trials to provide small doses of a drug that helps elderly Americans of their memory, Alzheimer's disease, a debilitating condition, the Food and Drug Administration has approved a medication that is expected to cost about $1,500 a year. The drug, which is produced by the death of brain cells, is designed to prevent the deterioration of bodily functions. It's thought process. The agency's approval was based on studies of patients with late-stage Alzheimer's, the disease that showed the drug superior to a social security office's in a test that evaluated memory and reason- ing skills.

"We're very excited: we had nothing before," Dr. Kevorkian, 65, with violation of Michigan's new law banning assist- ed suicide, who has participated in at least 17 assisted suicides since 1987, said before the court. "I have no right to commit suicide with a physician's help. But he said physician-assisted suicide should be regulated by the state legislature, and not left to the discretion of individual doctors and their patients. "It is in our interest for people to pause in a democratic society to allow the democratic process to function," he said.

Scientists Trying to Use Gene Technology to Create Vaccines

The ability to use a patient's own genetically engineered skin cells to immunize him against a rapidly growing skin tumor has begun in a Baltimore cancer center, doctors announced Thursday. The patient, identified as a woman in her late 50s, and in western Pennsylvania, is the first in 20 cancer patients who will get the experimental treatment that researchers hope will revolu- tionize cancer treatment.

"We believe this is a significant step in the future of a wide variety of therapies that can treat cancer," said Dr. Donald Low, director of the program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

The vaccine was prepared by taking normal skin cells from the patient, growing them in laboratory dishes and inserting a gene that makes a hormone this substance, IL-4. These engineered cells can then be mixed with cells from the tumor's patient and injected into the patient. The goal is to get IL-4-secreting cells to the tumor, with the hope that IL-4 will stimulate the tumor's immune system to react to the tumor. The techniques seem to work in laboratory mice, but has yet been proven in humans.

Aspin Cancels Trip to Sarajevo

Defense Secretary Les Aspin Ph.D. '66, Thursday canceled his trip to Sarajevo as part of what defense officials say is a retreat from President Clinton's plans to use U.S. troops to enforce a peace agreement in Bosnia. Aspin's trip next week to Europe had included a stop in Sarajevo that many say would have underscored Clinton's earlier promise that U.S. soldiers would be used to enforce a peace agreement in Bosnia.

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