

World and Nation

At least 9 left dead in Hugo's wake

From Associated Press reports
 SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Hugo's 125 mph winds pounded Puerto Rico on Monday after they ripped across other islands in the eastern Caribbean, leaving at least nine people dead and thousands homeless.
 The National Weather Service said Hugo, the most powerful storm to hit the region this decade, slammed into the eastern tip of Puerto Rico and skirted the northern coast before roaring to the northwest toward the Bahamas.
 The hurricane winds overturned cars and stripped roofs from houses and office buildings, hurling chunks of concrete into the streets of San Juan, where one-third of the U.S. commonwealth's 3.3 million people live. Fifty airplanes were reported destroyed at the airport in Isla Verde.
 There was widespread damage in

San Juan's Condado Beach area, the site of many of the island's large tourist hotels.
 Hugo cut power and disrupted international communications to the island. Looting by youths was reported, and police patrolled downtown to prevent mobs from breaking into stores.
 There were no immediate reports of casualties.
 "We're getting ravaged," said ham radio operator Fernando Garcia of San Juan. "Part of my aluminum siding is gone, my next door neighbor's aluminum siding is gone."
 The storm blew out the windows in The Associated Press office on a peninsula between the Caribbean and San Juan harbor, destroying its computers and office equipment.
 One staffer said he saw his furniture blown out the windows of his apart-

ment on the 20th story of the building.
 At 3 p.m., Hugo's center was near latitude 19.2 degrees north and longitude 66.7 degrees west, or about 70 miles northwest of San Juan, said the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla. Hugo was moving at 15 mph to the west-northwest.
 Hurricane-force winds extended up to 75 miles from its center.
 Meteorologist Jesse Moore at the National Hurricane Center said it was too early to tell whether Hugo would strike the U.S. mainland. He said the storm was expected to be off the southeastern Bahamas by Wednesday.
 Police said a man was electrocuted in Puerto Rico when he touched a power line while removing a TV antenna from his roof in preparation for the storm.
 Five people were reported killed, 80 injured and more than 10,000 homeless

Sunday on the French island of Guadeloupe, relief officials said. Corrugated steel roofs were torn off, power lines ripped free and crops destroyed.
 Two people were killed in Antigua and one in Montserrat, according to Beacon Radio in Anguilla. Ham radio operators reported at least five deaths in Montserrat, but there was no official confirmation.
 Nearly all of Montserrat's 12,000 residents were homeless and without food or fresh water, said ham radio operator Stuart Haimes of Queens, N.Y. Schools, hospitals and the police department on the British island suffered serious damage, Haimes said.
 Off St. Thomas, charter boat captain O.B. O'Brien told Miami TV station WTVJ that many boats and homes had been damaged. "I'd say the island is pretty well devastated."

Study estimates prevalence of AIDS virus in U.S. jails

From Associated Press reports
 HOUSTON — Blood tests of prison and jail inmates across the country show that about one in 24 is infected with the AIDS virus, fewer than expected, researchers said Monday.
 The study is the first to try to estimate the prevalence of AIDS in prisoners, said its principal author, Ford Brewer of the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore.
 The 11,198 inmates in the study came from 10 prisons and jails.
 "They were selected to give us a pretty good overall picture" of the extent of AIDS infection in inmates, Brewer said at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, where he presented his results.
 Of the inmates tested, 476, or 4.25 percent, were infected with AIDS, Brewer reported. Smaller local studies by others had found infection rates of up to 3.2 percent among prisoners, with the exception of one New York City study that found 17.4 percent of inmates were infected, Brewer said.
 Brewer found the highest rates of infection, up to 8 percent, in the mid-Atlantic states, reflecting the high prevalence of AIDS infections in that population, he said.
 As few as 2.7 percent of the inmates were infected in one jail on the West Coast.

News in Brief

America," proposed a national tree-planting campaign Monday as a low-cost part of his national clean-air strategy.
 He suggested planting trees along the nation's interstate highway system as a good place to start. Referring to trees as "the oldest, cheapest and most-efficient air purifier on Earth," Bush declared: "We need to reforest this bountiful Earth."
 Bush made the comments prior to a tree-planting ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of South Dakota's statehood. He was also to participate in similar centennial tree plantings later Monday in Helena, Mont., and in Spokane, Wash., on Tuesday.
 He was also to address lawmakers gathered from five states at Montana's capital.
 "You in South Dakota know what it takes to plant a tree. It doesn't take a federal program. It doesn't take a new bureaucracy. And it sure doesn't take some fancy new study. What it takes is a shovel," Bush said.
 "Nature has powerful rejuvenative forces but we need to help them, along," he added.
 The Bush administration was expected to make reforestation a major element of its environmental policy, matching an international movement to preserve the world's rain forests.

Bush urges reforestation
 SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — President Bush, urging a "new greening of

Teenager takes high school class hostage

From Associated Press reports
 McKee, Ky. — An armed teenager stalked into a high school classroom, fired a shot into the ceiling and took 11 classmates hostage Monday, police and witnesses said.
 He later released all but three hostages and police said his only request was to speak to his father.
 Although several shots were fired, including one at a television news helicopter, no injuries were reported in the incident, which began at about 9:50 a.m.
 The youth "said he wasn't going to hurt nobody," according to Craig Eversole, a classmate who was the last to be released. "He said he wasn't going to shoot nobody."
 Police Trooper Ed Robinson described the hostage-taker as a 17-year-old who was armed with a shotgun, a

.357 Magnum revolver and "some type of automatic pistol."
 Robinson also said the teenager apparently had held one hostage overnight — the son of the school's principal Betty Bond. He said the two boys arrived at school in the younger Bond's red pickup, and it appeared that the armed youth had been holding the principal's son since the night before.
 It was not clear why the youth took over the classroom at Jackson County High School. Authorities described him as a newcomer to the school who was living with his grandparents, but some students said they had known him for years.
 Robinson said his only request was to speak with his father in Florida. Police contacted the father through a friend in Delray Beach, Fla., but did not say whether the boy was allowed

to speak to him.
 Eversole, a 15-year-old junior, said he was in the classroom when the armed youth came through the door after reportedly firing a shot in the school parking lot.
 "He never said nothing," Eversole said. "He shot the ceiling and told the teacher to leave and let two rows of students leave."
 Eversole was released at about 1:30 p.m. after soda was delivered to the room — apparently as part of a deal with police.
 Robinson said the youth released one hostage in exchange for a police radio, then others in exchange for cig-

arettes, pizza and soda.
 Robinson said the boy appeared relatively calm. "He is not ranting, raving, this type (of) thing," the trooper said.
 However, Robinson said the boy fired one shot at a news helicopter from WCPO-TV in Cincinnati shortly before 1 p.m.
 "Everything went wild when that chopper went over," he said.
 Nearly 500 other students in Jackson County High School were evacuated after the incident began.
 McKee, a town of about 250 people, is about 50 miles south-southeast of Lexington in the Appalachian foothills.

Crash transcript shows pilots disagreed

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — Pilots trying to land the United DC-10 that crashed in Iowa, killing 112 people, disagreed in the last 15 seconds on whether to cut power to their two remaining engines, a transcript released Monday shows.
 Shortly before that, after nearly 45 minutes of tense effort to get the crippled plane to an airport, Capt. Alfred Haynes set the stage for the final moments, saying, "Won't this be a fun landing?"
 The crew did manage to steer the plane to the Sioux City, Iowa, airport, but after landing, it wheeled and burst into flames across the runway and adjacent corn field.
 A majority of the 296 people aboard survived, including the pilots.
 Just before the plane hit the runway, both Haynes and First Officer William Records called for the throttles to be cut, but a trainer pilot who was using the engines to steer the plane said if he cut them off, "we'll lose it."
 National Transportation Safety

Board investigators, who compiled the transcript of the July 19 flight, said trainer pilot Dennis Fitch told them he continued to manipulate the engine throttles and believed he added power just before the airliner hit the ground at the airport.
 The incident began when an explosive failure in the plane's tail engine disabled hydraulic systems controlling flight. The pilots struggled for 45 minutes to land the aircraft which had been on a flight from Denver to Chicago.
 The cockpit tape, on a loop that records over itself after about a half hour, covers only the final 33 minutes and 34 seconds. It does not include the sound of the engine failure itself or pilot conversation over the following 10 minutes.
 Four crewmen in the cockpit of the disabled DC-10 have all said they were flying under a condition so unlikely that there was no training for it.
 Haynes has said selective power on the throttles was the only effective

means the crew had of controlling the altitude and direction of the aircraft.
 The safety board last month released transcripts of the plane's communication with the ground, but had not previously included sounds picked up by the cockpit microphone.
 "Ease the power back, ease the power back," said Haynes a few seconds before impact. He was issuing instructions to Fitch, a United trainer pilot who had been called in from the passenger section to help in the emergency.
 "Maybe you can pull 'em all the way off," suggested First Officer Records.
 Haynes then called for left turns and said, "Close the throttles." Records echoed the order, "Close 'em off." Then Haynes called for a right turn and again said, "Close the throttles."
 Again, Records said, "Pull 'em (all) off." The transcript indicates that the word "all" is in doubt.
 But Fitch, who has said he was standing between the two pilots operating

both throttles, said, "Nah. I can't pull 'em off or we'll lose it. That's what's turnin' ya."
 Two responses of "OK" are given but the speakers are not identified. Then Records says, "Left, AI," speaking to the captain, followed by "left throttle" and the word "left" repeated 10 times.
 The transcript shows one of the crewmen then saying repeatedly either "we're turnin'" or "we're tryin'."
 Finally, there's a single word one second before impact: "God."
 The board provided no analysis of the taped conversation, which will be used in the continuing investigation of the crash.
 A report accompanying the transcript did note that the crew first became aware of a problem after hearing a "loud report," "bang" or "explosion" followed by vibration or shuddering of the airliner.
 It said there was constant discussion among crew members as to the best course of action during the flight.

Soviet official denies Italian newspaper report

From Associated Press reports
 MOSCOW — Opposition legislator Boris Yeltsin shopped and drank until he dropped on his tour of the United States, said a scathing article reprinted Monday in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda.
 The Communist Party maverick "leaves behind him a wake of catastrophic prophecies, insane expenses, interviews, and above all the perfume of Jack Daniels Black Label," the Italian newspaper La Repubblica said in an article translated into Russian and

printed in full by Pravda.
 Pravda did not comment on the article, but gave its readers a taste of the page 4 piece in a front-page box quoting the article as saying Yeltsin found the United States "a holiday, a stage, a bar 5,000 kilometers long."
 Yeltsin, who arrived back in Moscow late Monday evening, denied the report.
 "It's garbage," Yeltsin told The Associated Press, flushing with anger.
 "It's a simple lie, slander, and revenge for the fact that Americans re-

ceived us with admiration," he said before slipping into a black Volga car to be whisked into Moscow.
 The article is potentially very damaging to the silver-haired, 58-year-old populist who has become a hero to many Soviets by criticizing special privileges for party and government officials and urging that President Mikhail Gorbachev speed up his reforms.
 It raises the question of the character of a leading politician more clearly than has been done in decades. It also cast Yeltsin as enjoying the good life just as much as the Moscow officials he criticizes, while Soviets line up for sugar, meat and dozens of other everyday items.
 But previous attacks on Yeltsin have been regarded by his supporters as an effort by powerful Kremlin figures to discredit him, and Yeltsin has turned

that deep-rooted suspicion of central authority to his advantage.
 Yeltsin returned one day before a crucial Communist Party Central Committee meeting on ethnic unrest. Central Committee meetings also are empowered to consider personnel questions, and Yeltsin could be asked during the closed meeting to explain his behavior, or censured.
 Earlier this year, party officials investigated Yeltsin for allegedly speaking out in favor of a multiparty system.
 La Repubblica, a left-leaning Rome daily with one of Italy's largest circulations, ran the article by Vittorio Zucconi on page 4 of its Sept. 14 edition.
 The story said Yeltsin drank a bottle-and-a-half of Jack Daniels whiskey by himself one night in Baltimore, where he was a guest of Johns Hopkins University.

Cable

only be installed in television rooms in each residence hall, Jackson said.
 Boulton said rent increases were a possibility to build a reserve fund to pay for the installation. "It may be too expensive immediately, but we will get it done in the long run."
 Getting cable installed in residence halls was a part of Jackson's platform in her campaign for the RHA presidency in February. Steps toward getting cable installed were taken during the summer, she said.
 Alex Burnett, executive producer for Campus Profile, Student Television's news program, said getting cable installed in the dormitories would allow students to view the programs that their student fees pay for. "Students pay for STV through their student fees, and the majority of students never get to see it, since it only reaches off-campus stu-

dents at this time."
 If students in the residence halls could view STV's programming, the amount of feedback from students would increase, which would allow STV to gear programming toward the students, Burnett said.
 If more students could view Campus Profile, interest would spread and possibly result in expanding Campus Profile to a daily show, he said. "As it is now, Campus Profile is a weekly show and the news isn't timely."
 Mike Karmonocky, publicity director for STV, said, "Students need to see TV done by their peers, so that they can feel involved in it."
 STV could possibly expand from University access to having its own channel, which would allow it to sell advertising, Karmonocky said.

GSU

for the graduate assistants.
 "They are an incalculable resource. It is intolerable that you suggest that they borrow money to stay in school."
 Brian Lewis, student body president, said the undergraduate students were

also behind GSU, although they do not recognize the contributions of graduate students.
 "The undergraduates don't know the benefits they are getting from the graduates. These people bust a hump to contribute to this university."

For the Record

In Monday's story, "Publisher of Time to speak in classes," Louis "Chip" Weil, publisher of the U.S. version of Time magazine, was incorrectly identified. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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