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7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC

This program presented by Ms. Clarissa Guajardo Muller, an immigration specialist, will focus on America's immigration history and current trends.

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## Russia assists with Bosnia relief effort Clinton recognizes support in airdrop

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WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration on Tuesday hailed Russia's announced participation in the Bosnian airdrop as a milestone of post-Cold War cooperation.

"It's very important that they participate," Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall told reporters. "They have a tremendous military capability."

During the past two nights, six C-130 transport planes have dropped 38.3 tons of food and medicine over eastern Bosnia, the latest drop to the region of Zepa, Hall said.

It is the most direct U.S. intervention so far in the conflict among the warring factions of former Yugoslavia.

NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner also welcomed Russia's participation. "I think this is a good signal," Woerner told reporters in the White House driveway. "And from the talks I just had, I know that the new administration sees it the same way."

Woerner said NATO also was

playing an active role in the Balkan crisis "and we are prepared to do more if the United Nations gives us a mandate."

Hall pointed out that the Russians have "major interests" in the Balkan region, contending it is significant they participate "in this kind of humanitarian mission, essentially changing as a result of the end of the Cold War as our military has changed."

Defense Secretary Les Aspin, speaking with reporters on Capitol Hill, termed the airdrops a "great success" because they had resulted in the Serbs allowing land convoys to reach isolated regions.

Aspin said the third airdrop taking place Tuesday night might be the last for a while because humanitarian aid was now reaching the region by land.

"What we're trying to do is use the airdrops to leverage freer flow . . . through the land convoys. And in that way it's been a great success," he said, adding that since the airdrop was announced, relief convoys that had been held up at checkpoints had all been let through.

## President says Haitian repatriation necessary

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration told the Supreme Court on Tuesday that its policy of intercepting and returning Haitian refugees is necessary "to prevent a mass migration and the loss of lives at sea."

A lawyer for returned Haitians argued, "This is not rescue. This is aiding and abetting their persecutors."

The court must decide sometime by July whether the U.S. government's policy of stopping Haitians on the high seas and returning them without considering their pleas for political asylum violates federal immigration law or international treaty obligations.

A federal appeals court last year ruled that the policy was illegal, but the Supreme Court postponed the effect of that ruling until it rules in the case.

Some 37,000 people have fled the Caribbean nation in boats since their country's army overthrew elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991. The repatriation policy, begun by the Bush administration last year, virtually ended such boat traffic.

The Bush administration said most of those people were not fleeing violence, but were trying to escape economic devastation in the hemisphere's most impoverished nation.

Candidate Bill Clinton last year called the policy "cruel" and "illegal." But after his election, President Clinton reassessed his position.

"Maybe I was too harsh in my criticism of him (Bush), but I still think there's a big difference between what we're doing in Haiti and what they were doing in Haiti," Clinton said Tuesday at a photo opportunity with visiting NATO leader Manfred Woerner.

"And there's a big difference between the kinds of problems that are created by the Haitian circumstance," Clinton said. "You know, something that was never brought up before but is now painfully apparent is, that if we did what the plaintiffs in the court case want, we would be consigning a very large number of Haitians in all probability to some sort of death warrant." He said many people have been lost at sea.

White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos said Tuesday that Clinton "at the moment . . . believes that the practice has to be maintained."

"Even though he believes this is a policy for exceptional circumstances, it is one he feels should be maintained for now (as) the best way he can avoid loss of life," Stephanopoulos said.

He added: "The president has reconsidered his position. He believes that this is the right thing to do. . . . He believes the president has the legal authority to carry out this policy."

## NASA grounds shuttle for 2 days

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — NASA delayed this month's planned launch of space shuttle Columbia by at least two days Wednesday because of a ruptured hydraulic hose that sprayed fluid in the engine compartment.

It is the second delay in three weeks for the German Spacelab mission. Columbia was supposed to lift off around Feb. 25, but confusion over engine parts last month forced a delay until March 14. NASA now is aiming for no earlier than March 16.

The latest problem occurred during a test of the three main engines Tuesday night. A hydraulic line burst and sprayed about three gallons of hydraulic fluid over one of the engines and nearby components, said NASA spokesman Mitch Varnes. Electrical connections were soaked.

Perot demands government cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot, bearing sharp words for both Congress and the White House, exhorted lawmakers Tuesday to abandon lives of "opulence" and accused President Clinton of surrounding himself with aides "who never created a job or ran a business."

The 1992 independent presidential candidate told a House-Senate committee on congressional reform that he intended to begin citing a "pork-of-the-

month" project to highlight wasteful spending.

"You must eliminate all of the perks and practices that have caused the American people to lose confidence in Congress," Perot told the panel. "The White House must do the same," said Perot.

## Officials advise curfew for teens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal safety officials Tuesday urged a nationwide crackdown on teen-agers who drink and drive, including curfews to keep young motorists off the highways at night.

The National Safety Transportation Board said underage drinking and driving remains a lethal combination despite major progress the last 10 years spurred by state laws that made 21 the minimum age for buying alcoholic beverages.

"It's still fairly easy for youths to purchase alcohol," said Barry Sweedler, head of the board's office of safety recommendations. And, he said, "binge drinking" among teens is on the rise.

"Thousands of lives each year could be saved" by tougher laws, Sweedler said.

The five-member board approved a report to governors and state legislatures that calls for limiting or barring nighttime driving by teens; lowering to zero the legal alcohol blood content for young motorists; and imposing penalties for teens who buy beer, wine or liquor.

The board lacks any enforcement power but has achieved some notable successes in its role as national scold.

## Senate

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In other business, the Senate passed a course repetition bill. The bill would allow students who take a course twice to average both grades for credit in the course.

The Student Services Building was added to a list of areas that are off-limits for student government campaigning. The MSC and Rudder Complex are already off-limits to campaigning.

The Student Senate reaffirmed its support of an X-notation policy for students who drop out of a class because of unforeseen circumstances or illness.

The registrar would assign the student a grade of X at the end of the semester instead of a withdraw-passing or -failing mark. A grade of X is usually assigned by the registrar when a grade is not submitted by an instructor.

The Student Senate also approved having the same number of teaching days during the Fall and Spring semesters. Further, the bill provides an extra reading day before final examinations for the fall and spring semesters and two reading days in mid-October just prior to mid-term exams. The bill still must be approved by the faculty senate.

The senate also approved a plan to allow students or their parents to purchase advance payment contracts.

The Prepaid Post-Secondary Education Expense Program allows students or parents to pay for an academic year of undergraduate education prior to the time of enrollment.

The cost would be lower than what students enrolling normally for the upcoming academic year would pay, according to the bill.

The senate also denounced pending state legislation that would force students with more than 158 undergraduate hours to pay nonresident tuition.

In other business, the senate endorsed state legislation regarding a research center for Texas beaches and shores and an academy for foreign languages.

Two new senators were sworn in, Will Looney, representing the Southside and Bryan Garcia, representing the College of Engineering.

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