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Mideast summit aims for peace

tinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israel's amin Netanyahu headed for a White se summit aimed at ending an upsurge of nce in the Mideast and keep flagging e hopes alive.

umming up the situation on the eve of for President Clinton was a politically summit, Secretary of State Warren stopher said Monday, "It's clear to me the Middle East peace process is in a

leacemaking is like riding a bicycle, he told rters: "You have to keep going forward." letanyahu, speaking with reporters on his e en route to Washington, offered to hold

inuous negotiations with the Palestinians the Washington summit and "until agree-

ut a senior U.S. official described Arafat Netanyahu as so distrustful of each othat simply getting them to "re-engage" is first order of business at the Washington

They are not talking to each other in a way anything could be resolved," said the offitho spoke on condition of anonymity.

said the summit agenda must include n, the West Bank town where Israel has Ifilled a pledge to pull its troops away Arab residents, and safe passage for Palesworkers entering and leaving Israel.

ore than 5,000 Jewish settlers demonstratear Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs on day, pressing for continued Israeli rule Palestinians demand that Israel pull its

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George

Bush is on his way to court,

not as a defendant or even

e Republican governor, and

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criminal court, where he

be selected from a pool of

m glad to serve," Bush said.

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of potential jurors and di-

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Bush will go through jury se-tion before Judge David Cain.

There could be a conflict," he

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mons," he said, adding that it's a

'feeble excuse" for people to

"If you're going to live in a

claim they are too busy or too im-

democracy, take advantage of a

fantastic system, you need to par-

ticipate, whether it be showing up

for jury duty, whether it be voting,

whether it be helping someone

"I'm happy that he's willing to be able to work with our commu-

nity and to participate as a juror,"

said Ms. Jaimes, who was as-

signed to a different court. "It

sends out a very good message.

While emphasizing that he was just one of the more than 500

potential jurors, Bush did take ad-

vantage of his position. The gov-

ernor, also known Monday as juror No. 536, lined up for his

assignment when the first 200

'I have to get to work," he

people were called forward.

Katherine Jaimes, of Austin,

who needs help," he said.

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The official said the United States was not insisting the summit deal with Netanyahu's decision to open a new entrance to a tourist tunnel that borders Muslim and Jewish holy sites in Jerusalem — an action that touched off Arab riots.

However, the two sides could bring up any issue

they wished, the official said. Clinton planned to meet separately Tuesday with Netanyahu and then Arafat before all parties sat down to-gether. A Wednesday meeting also was planned.

In a setback for the White House, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak rejected Clinton's telephone invita-

tion to join Jordan's King Hussein as a summit participant. Hussein arrived in Washington on Monday night.

Mubarak's absence was unlikely to seriously affect chances of defusing tensions on the West Bank and in Gaza or U.S. efforts to launch Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on a permanent peace agreement. But the administration had looked on him as a steadying influence — Egypt was the first Arab country to agree to peace with Israel — and as a potential supporter of whatever agreements might emerge from

Mubarak was sending his foreign minister, Amr Moussa, to Washington, but State Depart-

ment spokesman Nicholas Burns said Moussa would not participate in the talks.

Arafat shook off Egyptian suggestions he seek a delay and advised American mediator Dennis Ross he would arrive Tuesday morning, after meeting with European foreign ministers in Luxembourg. The allies have uniformly stood behind the Palestinians in their latest conflict with Israel.

Summits usually are scripted, with aides working out at least a measure of agreement. There have been exceptions, however.

President Cartér risked failure in summoning Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachem Begin to Camp David in 1978 without any assurance they would agree, as they did, on a peace treaty.

Clinton was embarking on a similarly un-

scripted diplomatic adventure. "It is rare in this process that we engage at this level, at the highest level, without a preordained outcome," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"I think the fact that President Clinton took the step to ... to invite the leaders here, reflects the seriousness and gravity of this moment," McCurry said. "There was no alternative because the alternative was quite clearly fundamental grave risk to the process itself.

The talks are designed to defuse tensions and revive faltering peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority over the future of Jerusalem and Palestinian aspirations for a state with its capital in Jerusalem.

Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole said the United States must demand an "un-

conditional end to the violence, **NASA** privatizes

Before getting his assignment, Bush joked with fellow Travis County residents and signed autographs. He was warmly greeted and held up by court officials as history of the space shuttle program, NASA is turning over dayan example of a busy and important person serving his civic duty. dustry beginning Tuesday to "I just answered the sum-

Arafat

Lockheed Martin Corp.

Officials promise the shift will be gradual, with shuttle flight

In the short term, not even NASA and its contract employ-

shuttle flight, as it has for the safety and hire the astronauts. And it will still own the four space shuttles.

But it will ease itself out of the routine, day-to-day work, such as preparing the shuttles for flight, training the astronauts and operating Mission Control. Those duties will belong to Unit-

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Maybe that will come later, said Kent Black, USA's chief executive. Much, much later.

The contract, which was announced Monday but was actually signed late last week, designates United Space Alliance as the single prime contractor for shuttle operations. It includes two two-year extension options that could bring the contract's total estimated value to \$12 bil-

USA was formed in August 1995 and chosen by NASA as the single prime contractor three months later.

By compressing many contracts into one — this first phase consolidates 12 previous contracts — NASA hopes to improve shuttle safety, continue to fly shuttles seven or eight times a year, and reduce costs in the \$3 billion-a-year shuttle program.

Because Rockwell and Lockheed Martin already handled most of the shuttle work, the transition, while historic, won't make much immediate difference.

NASA and USA officials said they could not specify how much money would be saved.

Shuttle operations

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save money. "Today is the first day of a new space program in America," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said Monday in announcing the \$7 billion, six-year contract with United Space Alliance, a joint venture of Rockwell International Corp. and

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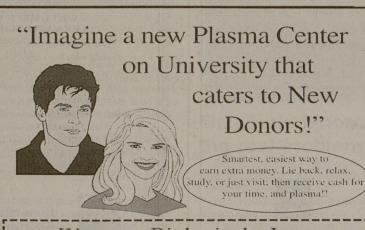
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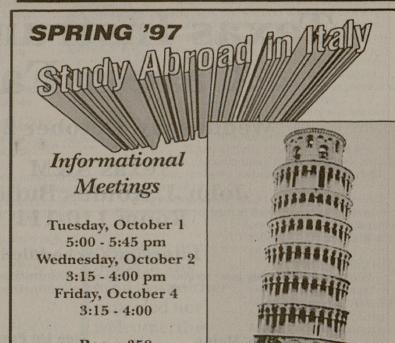
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