

## ► Politics

### Clinton works to give states flexibility

(AP) — The following are answers of the major presidential candidates to the question: "Are you prepared to offer states a firm deadline to ensure their requests for waivers are resolved quickly?"

#### Bill Clinton

"As a former governor, I believe strongly that our states are the laboratories of democracy and I am working to give them greater flexibility to solve their own problems. I have granted waivers to 43 states to give them the flexibility to reform the welfare system at the local level. Similarly, the administration has simplified the Medicaid home- and community-based waiver process. I will continue to use the waiver process to give more Americans a greater opportunity to help themselves."

#### Bob Dole

"Absolutely. Now that we have the Congressional Reform Bill, the primary responsibility for AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) is already back with the states."

### ON THE ISSUES CAMPAIGN



Since I am a strong proponent of increased state control, you can be sure that my administration will ensure waivers are not held up by bureaucratic red tape and that requests are resolved quickly.

#### Ross Perot

"Yes. Problems need to be solved at the level of government closest to the problem. Federal agencies need to respond quickly to state requests for waivers."

## ► State

### British Air looks to retain prominence

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — British Airways is hoping to use its proposed alliance with American Airlines as a weapon in its increasingly ferocious warfare with other European air carriers, officials and aviation experts said.

British Air executives in London told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for its Sunday editions that a deal with American could mean the difference between retaining its prominence in the commercial air industry and becoming an also-ran.

"If British Airways ... and the policy makers of this country ... want to have a global airline industry based in this country, it can only be achieved through an alliance with a strong partner from the United States," British Air chief executive Robert Ayling said.

Other European carriers, led by Lufthansa and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, have crafted alliances with U.S. carriers. Those deals, coupled with "open skies" treaties between the United States and 12 European nations, are a threat to BA's future unless it acts to protect the lead it has built over its rivals.

"Without such an alliance, I fear that we British could lose our prominent position in the worldwide air transportation business just as we

have lost our prominent position in shipping and shipbuilding, and in automobile production, and in so many other industries," Ayling said.

Industry experts agree that British Air needs Fort Worth-based American more than American needs British Air.

"The battle that British Air is now gearing up to fight is for market supremacy ... in Europe," said Jon Ash, managing director of Global Aviation Associates, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm.

## ► Nation

### Trial participants demand deaf jury

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — The accused rapist is deaf, just like the victim and all the key witnesses, so the defense is demanding an all-deaf jury, or at least one fluent in sign language.

Prosecutors argued against selecting such a jury, saying it's never been done before. A ruling on the defense motion was expected Tuesday.

On trial is Jesse Manual Macias, 19, of San Diego, who is accused of raping a 17-year-old girl in June at the California School for the Deaf.

At a preliminary hearing, the girl testified through a sign-language interpreter that Macias, whom she has known for five years, raped her

after the two became separated from a group on campus.

The girl said she cried out for help but the other deaf students could not hear her. She reported the assault to a counselor, who called authorities.

The only way Macias can obtain a fair trial is if the jurors are deaf or at least understand American Sign Language, said his lawyer, Mara Feiger.

The case rests on the girl's credibility, and jurors will find that difficult to judge unless they are familiar with deaf communication, which relies largely on facial expressions and body language, Feiger said.

"I don't think if we pull 12 people off the street we're going to have due process served here," Feiger told Superior Court Judge Gordon Burkhart last week.

### Garage sale raises money for candidate

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — If all political congressional candidates raised money for their campaigns the same way as Chris Peterson, there's no telling what might come out of the closet.

Peterson, a candidate for the state Legislature, held a garage sale at her Grand Island home this weekend to finance her campaign.

She has refused to accept money from special interest groups, in-

stead raising whatever she can from stuffed animals, exercise tapes and old purses.

Peterson hoped to raise about \$200 from the sale, which she said allowed her to get better acquainted with local residents. She also got to get rid of some unwanted clutter.

"It was a good excuse to get into my closets and clean them out," she said.

### USAir flight diverted because of threat

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A USAir flight from Philadelphia to Los Angeles was diverted to Dayton Sunday after a passenger said he had a bomb, the FBI said.

Agents arrested Richard Josephson, 37, of Wilmington, Del., and charged him with making a bomb threat, said FBI agent James Samples. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison.

No bomb was found on USAir Flight 17, with 109 people aboard after it landed without incident around 10:30 a.m., but eight people got bumps and bruises evacuating on an emergency slide at airport spokeswoman said.

James M. Cox International Airport remained open during the incident, and USAir brought in another plane to continue the flight, said airport spokeswoman Sharon Caulton.

## ► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Monday, Oct. 14, the 288th day of 1996. There are 78 days left in the year. This is the Columbus Day holiday, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

On this date: In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the presidency, was shot in the chest in Milwaukee. Despite the wound, he went ahead with a scheduled speech.

In 1933, Nazi Germany announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

In 1960, the idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

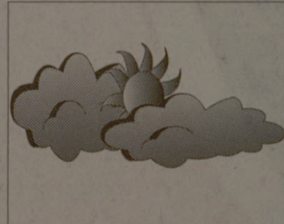
Ten years ago: Following the stalemate at the Reykjavik summit, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev charged that the United States wanted to "bleed the Soviet Union white economically" with an expensive arms race in space.

### ► Today's birthdays

Actor Roger Moore is 69. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 57. Singer Cliff Richard is 56. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 50. Actor Harry Anderson is 44. Actor Greg Evigan is 43. Singer, Karyn White is 31. Singer Usher is 18.

## ► Weather

### Today



Partly cloudy with light southeast winds.

### Tonight



Partly cloudy with light southeast winds.

### Tomorrow



Patchy early morning fog. Partly cloudy.

### Highs & Lows

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