

# News from around the world

## President Clinton comments on : Mother Teresa & Princess Diana Death

President Clinton said Friday that the deaths of two of the world's most famous women, a stylish princess and a selfless nun, offer the world "a time of great reflection."

Just hours before his wife flew to London for the funeral of Princess Diana, Clinton stepped off the bright, sun-splashed greens of a Martha's Vineyard golf course to call Mother Teresa of Calcutta a woman of passion and compassion, "one of the giants of our times."

"She led by serving and showed us the simple power of stunning humility," he said. "She gave comfort to the poor, the suffering and the dying, and served as an inspiration and a challenge to all of us."

Asked to compare the two women,

Clinton said he believes the world has been profoundly moved by the outpouring of grief in Britain for the princess but will also ponder the life-long work of Mother Teresa for the poor.

Of Mother Teresa he said, "Obviously hundreds of millions of people around the world looked up to Mother Teresa and admired her."

Weaving his words around both deaths, he added: "I think it will be a time of great reflection and I hope of rededication."

"I think all of us were greatly moved by the pictures from London today of Princess Diana's sons and Prince Charles and the royal family greeting the mourners and beginning the sort of public grieving process along with

the private one," Clinton said.

And referring to Diana's funeral he said: "I think tomorrow will be a sad but a very important, positive thing."

The president said it was too early to say if the first lady would also attend Mother Teresa's funeral.

The Clintons are to end their three-week summer vacation, the longest they have taken in the White House, and return to Washington Sunday.

Separately, House Speaker Newt Gingrich issued a statement praising Mother Teresa's work.

"No orphan child, no helpless beggar, no impoverished family will ever walk alone again," he said. "They will walk with Mother Teresa at their side."

## Mobutu Sese Seko dead at age 66

Mobutu Sese Seko, the Zairian strongman who was overthrown after nearly 32 years of despotic rule that left his mineral-rich country in shambles, is dead at age 66.

Mobutu died Sunday of prostate cancer at the Mohamed V military hospital in Rabat, said two hospital workers who spoke on condition of anonymity. The Maghreb Arab Press agency said only that Mobutu died at 9:30 p.m. "after a long illness."

He had been living in exile in Morocco since May, following his ouster by the rebel forces of Laurent Kabila, who restored the country's old name of Congo.

In his homeland, state radio announced his death at 6 a.m. today, commenting only that: "In the African tradition, you don't say anything bad about someone who has died and you don't rejoice in his leaving, even if he has caused you harm or he had been your enemy."

There was little reaction this morning in Kinshasa, where work went on as usual, a sign of how indifferent most Congolese had become to Mobutu. Even before losing power, he spent so little time in Zaire that he had become little more than a picture on everyone's walls.

If Mobutu's family wished, the radio reported, they could bury him in his jungle home in Gbadolite.

A family member in Kinshasa, capital of Congo, said Mobutu had informed his family that he wanted to be cremated and have his ashes scattered over his old country.

At the military hospital in this capital early today, soldiers posted in front waved away journalists. The hospital workers said Mobutu's body was in the hospital morgue.

Mobutu spent most of his time at a luxury hotel in Tangier, across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain. But in late June, he went to Rabat to be treated for heavy internal bleeding.

Mobutu had an entourage of about 40 people with him in Morocco, but it was not known if his family was with him at his death.

Zaire was in ruins when Mobutu was deposed, and while his fortune was estimated in the billions, he died with neither a title nor a country.

Mobutu arrived in Morocco on May 23, after searching for a country that would take him. King Hassan II agreed to host him for a "few days," but the deposed leader ended up staying over three months.

He had wanted to return to his French Riviera villa, but like many other countries, France refused him entry. French Foreign Ministry spokesman Jacques Rummelhardt said today his government extended its "most sincere condolences" to Mobutu's family.

The Moroccan ministries of communication and the interior said the Moroccan government had no official reaction to Mobutu's death.

During his rule, Mobutu became a symbol of excess and when he was ousted after an eight-month rebellion in May, his resource-rich country of 45 million was in economic and politi-

cal shambles.

Mobutu was out of Zaire during most of the rebel advance, recovering from cancer surgery in his palatial homes in Switzerland and the south of France.

Mobutu was the last of Africa's Cold War relics, an autocrat in a leopard-skin hat who lived like a king while leading his potentially magnificent country down a ruinous path.

The former Joseph-Desire Mobutu seized power in a military coup on November 24, 1965, five years after the mineral-blessed colossus once known as the Congo of the continent gained independence from Belgium.

Then a colonel and the army chief of staff, Mobutu had earned his soldiers' loyalty by building up the military forces and crushing post-independence secessionist revolts.

His coup was welcomed by the West, which was vying with the Soviets for influence on the continent, and by Zairians weary of the bickering civilian government that couldn't decide how best to share power in the ethnically diverse new nation.

Mobutu promised to preserve democratic institutions and eventually return the country to civilian rule.

Instead, he declared himself head of state, banned all other political parties, and embarked on a decades-long pursuit of absolute power.

To cement his dictatorship and keep potential rivals at bay, senior politicians from the previous government were appointed to overseas diplomatic posts.

## E. coli related bacteria Genetically Mapped

A type of E. coli related to the bacteria that prompted the nation's largest hamburger recall has been genetically mapped, a major step toward finding new drugs or vaccines against certain food poisonings, researchers say.

In a report published today in the journal Science, a team led by Frederick Blattner of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, announced the sequencing and mapping of the 4,288 genes contained in the 4.6 million base pairs of DNA in a common laboratory strain of E. coli.

"The E. coli genome we have sequenced," said Blattner, "is closely related to O157, the E. coli that kills

people."

Experts said the new genetic map is good news for public health and will be of great benefit in laboratories where scientists have used E. coli as a workhorse of experimentation and biological discovery.

The University of Wisconsin group beat a Japanese science team by just a few days in a years-long race to sequence all the E. coli DNA.

Blattner said the next step is to find why O157 and some other forms of E. coli cause disease while most strains of the microbe are harmless and even beneficial to digestion.

Hamburger contaminated by O157

sickened people in Colorado and led Hudson Foods Inc. to recall 25 million pounds of meat, the largest such recall ever.

Hudson had to shut down some meatpacking plants and the firm announced Thursday that it was being bought by Tyson Foods Inc.

Forms of E. coli contamination in apple juice, lettuce and fruit also have been blamed in recent years for outbreaks of infection.

Now that his team has completed the E. coli gene map, Blattner said, "one of the first things we will do is a comparison with O157 so we can pick out the genes that are responsible for causing illness."

## Bounty Hunters killed young Arizona couple

The men said they were bounty hunters looking for a bail jumper. That was why, they told police, they broke into a house and mistakenly killed the young couple inside.

But the bond for the fugitive they sought had expired four years ago, and a lawyer for his bail bond underwriter says the men were acting on their own.

"What I told the Phoenix Police Department two days ago was the people involved in this crime are either lying about being bounty hunters, which I'm certain is the case, or they're the world's biggest idiots by

looking for a defendant that they would not receive a penny for if they found him," lawyer Mark Bernstein said Friday.

Five men wearing ski masks, body armor and black military-style clothing broke down the door of Chris Foote's home early Sunday. Foote fired at the men as they kicked in his bedroom door and the men returned fire with assault rifles, killing Foote and his 19-year-old girlfriend, Spring Wright.

Two of the men, Michael Martin Sanders and David Brackne, had worked as bounty hunters in the past

and told officers that's what they were doing on Sunday, police spokesman Mike McCullough said.

He said Sanders had worked as an informant for several police agencies in the Phoenix area.

"We are not the ones saying they are bounty hunters," McCullough said. "Could it be something different? Absolutely."

Sanders, Brackne and three others - including Brackne's son and Sanders' brother-in-law - have been charged with second-degree murder, aggravated assault and unlawful imprisonment.

They gave police documents indicating they were bounty hunters looking for a man who had skipped out on a \$25,000 bond in Los Angeles.

But the bond for that fugitive - drunken-driving suspect Victor Rodriguez Alcantar - expired in 1993, said Bernstein, who represents Pete Brito Bail Bonds of Pomona, Calif., which provided it.

Not only does that mean that no bounty hunters could have been authorized to look for Alcantar but that even if Alcantar were found, the finder would not be paid, he said.

Sanders' background also raises

questions, said Stephen Krimek, vice president and general counsel for WEST-PAC Bail Bond General Agency in Tollhouse, Calif. He was in Phoenix as a representative of the bail bond industry in California.

"It had nothing to do with bounty hunters," Krimek said. "It had to do with a police informant who was out of control and allowed to get out of control."

Sanders was fired after one month as a county jailer in Texas in 1981, then was charged with plotting to kill sheriff's investigators involved in the probe that led to his

firing.

He later pleaded guilty to retaliation against a witness and served a two-year prison term.

After his release, Sanders made his way to Arizona, where he worked as an informant for law enforcement agencies such as the Maricopa County Attorney's office, which paid him from 1985 to 1987, spokesman Bill FitzGerald said.

Sanders was charged with assault when he tried to barge into the wrong house while acting as a bounty hunter in 1990, but he was never prosecuted.

## Paula Jones

### Attorneys petition from her case

With Paula Corbin Jones and her attorneys on the verge of bitterly parting ways, President Clinton's camp suggested Saturday that the prospects of settling her sexual harassment suit against the president had dimmed.

In a petition dated Friday, Jones' attorneys, Joe Cammarata and Gil Davis, cited a "difference of opinion" in asking U.S. District Court Judge Susan Webber Wright for permission to withdraw from the case, according to two sources close to the case.

The withdrawal petition, which sources said was to be formally entered with the court on Monday, came as settlement discussions in the 3-year-old case had been intensifying.

Jones, through a spokesman, confirmed that she rejected settlement terms pushed by her lawyers - \$700,000 and a vague statement of regret for any damage to her reputation - and was interviewing new counsel.

But three sources close to the president and his legal team, which is led by Robert Bennett, suggested that this latest turn, after weeks of informal settlement discussions, darkened prospects of an agreement between the parties.

"There's no basis to resolve it and it won't matter who they bring in, and what they do," said one source.

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