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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Oklahoma Shooting

FORT GIBSON, Okla. - A 13-year-old middle school student wounded four of his classmates this morning before being subdued with a gun still in his hand, authorities said. "There was not a hate thing, I asked him why. He said, 'I don't know,'" said Muskogee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg, who spoke to the boy briefly in the isolation cell at the county jail. Cragg said the boy did not appear remorseful. The wounded were taken to hospitals in Tulsa and Muskogee. None of the injuries appeared life-threatening. A fifth student reportedly suffered bumps and bruises.

Clinton Signs Child Labor Treaty

SEATTLE - President Clinton signed a treaty banning abusive child labor and suggested it could serve as a model for bridging differences between business and labor in international trade agreements. Clinton said it was not a matter of trying "to impose one nation's values over another, but about shared values, the dignity of work, the decency of life, the fragility and importance of childhood." The treaty was unanimously approved in June by an arm of the United Nations.

New Belfast Cabinet Makes History

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - On a day of historic firsts and defining moments, Irish Republican Army supporters sat down with their Protestant antagonists in a new Northern Ireland government. That first meeting produced no decisions but encouraged great hopes that three decades of bloodshed may truly be at an end. Earlier Dublin, the Republic of Ireland amended its 1937 constitution to drop its territorial claim to the British province. Britain and Ireland also signed treaties to create all-Ireland and British-Irish institutions envisaged in the Good Friday accord of 1998.

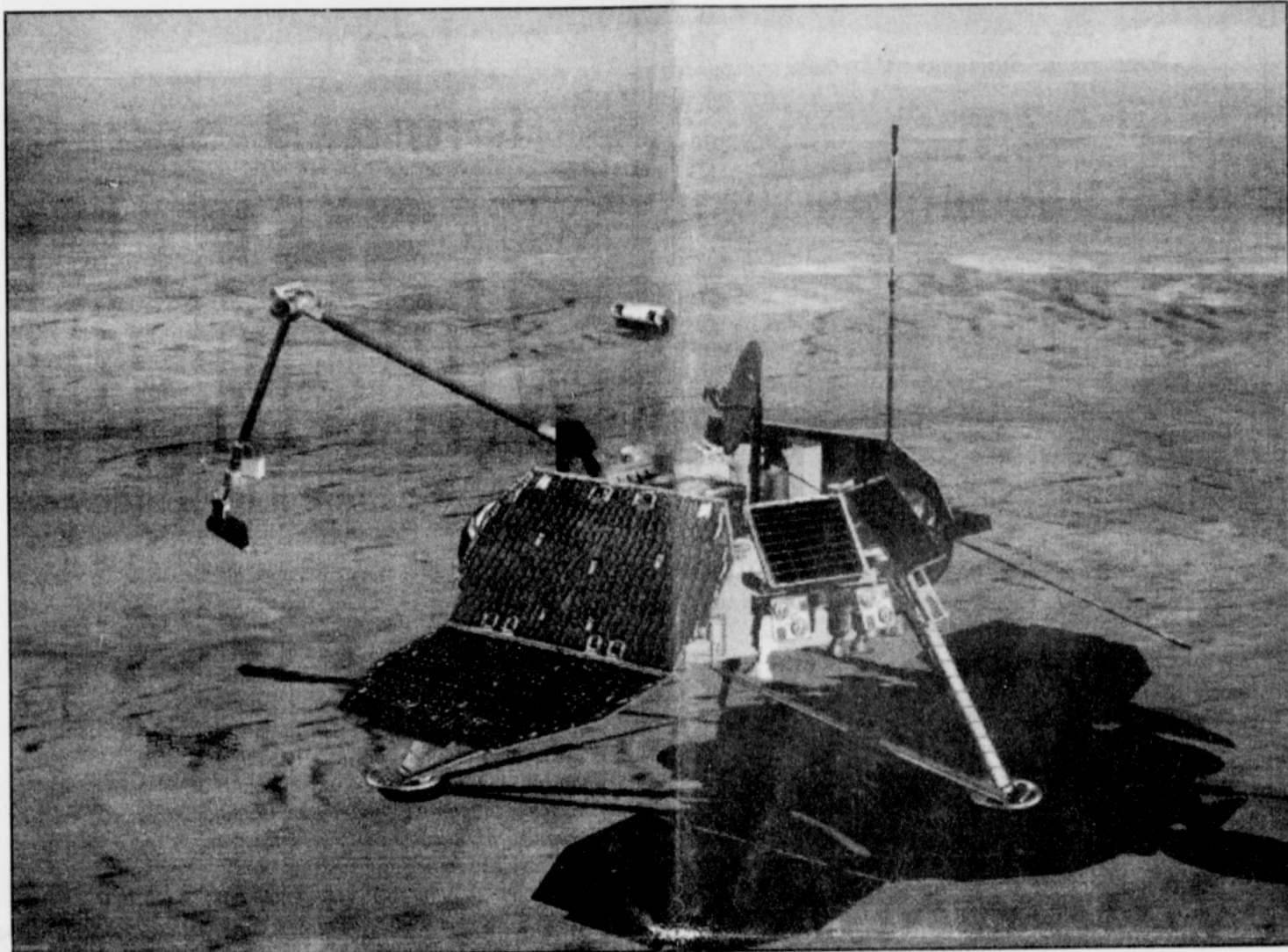
First Woman to Row Across Atlantic

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadalupe - A Kentucky lawyer became the first American - and the first woman - to row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic alone. Tori Murden, 36, completed the journey in 81 days, about a week off the record of 73 1/3 days, set by Briton Sidney Genders. Murden was the first woman and first American to ski to the geographic South Pole.

Site for King Memorial Approved

WASHINGTON - The national Capital Planning Commission unanimously approved a site among presidential memorials for a monument to slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. The memorial, approved in a 10-0 vote, would sit on the northwest side of the Tidal Basin, between the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials and close to the more recent one honoring Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mars lander probe still not phoning home



Mars Polar Lander will use an articulated robotic arm to dig trenches to collect soil samples. This terrain near the south pole is believed to consist of layers of soil and ice built up over many years (similar to tree growth rings). The composition of the layers may reveal clues to past climatic conditions

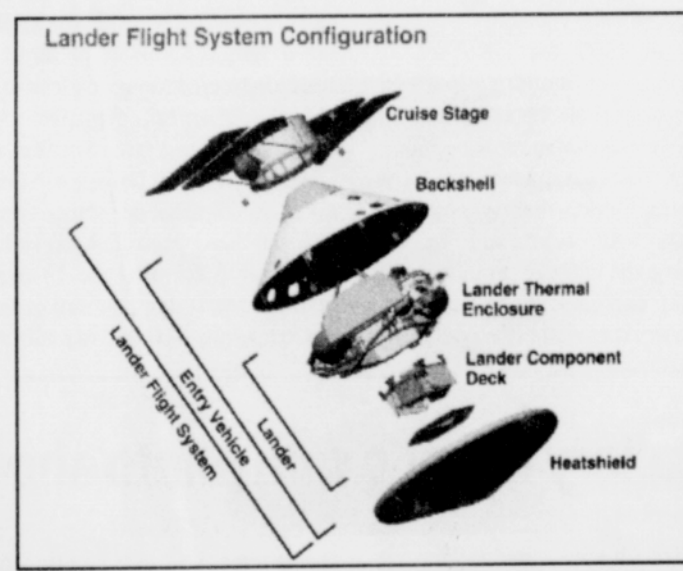
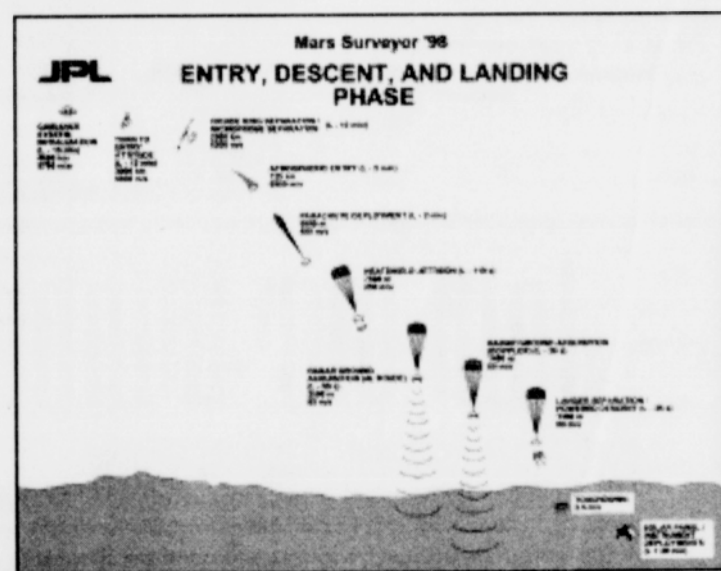
NASA sounded increasingly gloomy Sunday about the chances of ever contacting the 165 million Mars Polar Lander, after mission officials listened in vain for a signal for a third straight day.

"Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said operations manager Richard Cook. The lander was supposed to have signaled immediately after Friday afternoon's touchdown about 500 miles (800 kilometers) from the Martian south pole. Instead, several windows of opportunity came and went over the weekend with no sign of life from the unmanned craft. The ever-more ominous silence raised the prospect that the lander was destroyed or severely damaged during its descent to the planet's surface. Failure of the Mars Polar Lander would be the second major blow in recent weeks to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, still smarting from the September loss of its sibling spacecraft, the Mars Climate Orbiter. Mission managers worked on eliminating simple failure scenarios one by one. But they conceded that if, after trying all the obvious remedies, contact still has not been established by midweek, the explanations for the failure would become more complex and the prospects of success would greatly diminish.

"When you start stacking _ if this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail to get into this circumstance _ then you're definitely in extra time," Cook said. "We're not there yet. I think we will be, come Tuesday morning."

Sunday's first communications window _ designed to use a second antenna _ opened at 10:50 a.m. (1850 GMT) and closed 10 minutes later without any transmission from the surface of the Red Planet.

The lander, if working properly, was supposed to have switched radios to relay a signal through NASA's orbiting Mars Global Surveyor, instead of transmitting directly to Earth. But the mapping spacecraft sent only its own data and none from the lander. Sunday's second communications opportunity, using the original antenna, opened at 9:40 p.m. (0540 GMT). After the window was open for several minutes, scientists still had not detected any signals from the lander.



Protesters released, residents come to grips with WTO-related riots

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Joe Martinez, a self-described materialist who had barely heard of the World Trade Organization until last week, found himself joining its opponents in a vigil outside the King County Jail.

"My whole life I've been about money and myself and my \$800 stereo," he said Sunday as his Chevy Malibu blasted hip-hop to entertain protesters angry at their colleagues' detention.

"I came down because I saw people getting beaten up and tear gassed on TV," the 20-year-old mechanic said. Martinez said he was converted to the protesters' cause once he heard their concerns over the impact of free trade on the environment and human and labor rights.

By this morning, most of the more than 500 people arrested last week had been released, except for seven still being held for investigation of felony charges and two being investigated for misdemeanor assault, jail spokesman Jim Harms said. Meanwhile, a candlelight vigil was held in the Capitol Hill neighborhood where citizens had been gassed along with demonstrators during a police crackdown following window smashing and looting downtown on Tuesday.

Activists Sunday were declaring victory over the WTO. Delegates had failed to reach agreement on an agenda for new round of global trade talks _ exactly the outcome "No New Round" demonstrators demanded.

"This victory has wildly surpassed all our expectations," said Jeremy Simer, 25, of People for Fair Trade, a local group formed to help coordinate WTO opposition.

"It wasn't just the people in Seattle," he said. "People all over the world recognized the opportunity to focus everyone's energy on stopping one of a handful of international organizations that's chipping away at our democratic institutions."

A number of activist groups have alleged mistreatment at the hands of arresting and jail officers. Direct Action Network, an umbrella group for activists, said all of those arrested would

seek full jury trials.

City officials did not immediately return a call for comment. Assistant Police Chief Ed Joiner defended the midweek crackdown and denied that officers overall were too aggressive in their tactics.

"If you're asking for perfection from a law enforcement officer, then you're not talking about a human being," he said, noting that there were more than 1,000 officers on the street, and any who did "cross the line" would be investigated.

Acknowledging that the department had not expected the scale

or ferocity of protests Tuesday and initially had too few officers in the field, Joiner said, "I think the Police Department did an absolutely fantastic job under the most difficult of circumstances."

Shoppers returned in force over the weekend to a downtown that had been mostly boarded up and blocked by police a week ago. Just as in the previous week, they saw police blocking intersections Sunday while hundreds of people ran through the streets in stocking caps.

This time, though, it was for the city's "Jingle Bell Run."



Seattle police use gas to push back World Trade Organization protesters in downtown Seattle last week. The protests delayed the opening of the WTO third ministerial conference.