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## Arabs, Israelis resume Mideast peace discussion

WASHINGTON-Mideast peace talks resumed Wednesday with the Bush administration supporting Israel on a key issue and raising the possibility of a post-election round of shuttle diplomacy by White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III.

Taking a more vigorous approach toward the negotiations, the State Department told the Palestinians they should defer their demand for an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza.

Palestinians hope to build a state on that land, which the Arabs lost to Israel in the Six-Day War of 1967.

The Palestinians have demanded an Israeli commitment to U.N. Security Council resolutions calling for territorial withdrawal in exchange for peace. Israel has refused. The dispute slowed the pace of negotiations in the last round, which ended Sept. 24.

Trying to get the negotiations moving, the administration told the Palestinians that Security Council resolution 242 did not apply to negotiations over Palestinian autonomy, a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Instead, the administration told the Palestinians, the matter should be discussed in the final stage of negotiations, after Palestinians elect an administrative body and run their dayto-day affairs for an interim period.

The Palestinians finally understood that, and we've been stressing that we have a unique opportunity with the new government in Israel and the Palestinians and Israelis should define and agree on spheres of authority in the territories," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

However, Hanan Ashrawi, a spokeswoman for the Palestinians, called the land-for-peace resolutions, adopted in 1967 and 1973, "a basic step, a basic foundation.'

Israel has proposed holding a May election among the 1.7 million Palestinians within its borders.



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## Strife halts Sarajevo relief flights

- Fighting Wednesday between Croats and Muslims, nominal allies in Bosnia's civil war, halted relief flights to the besieged capital, U.N. officials said.

Bozo Rajic, a senior Croat leader, said at least 22 Croats were killed and as many wounded in the clashes northwest of Sarajevo. No estimates of-Muslim casualties were immediately available

A British and a Canadian plane delivered supplies to the capital in the morning. But the fighting, in territory below the air corridor leading to the airport, prompted the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees to cancel the 12 remaining shipments, said Michael Keats, an agency spokesman in the Croatian capital, Zagreb.

Surrounded by Serb rebels for six months, Sarajevo could suffer tens of

and exposure this winter unless hostilities cease enough for supplies to arrive by plane and truck, aid officials say

A French U.N. soldier was shot through the shoulder and through the head Wednesday while escorting a relief convoy through the city's Nedzarici district along a front line. He was evacuated to Croatia, the French military information office said

It was not clear what started the fighting that began Tuesday night in the mixed Muslim-Croat towns of Travnik, Novi Travnik and Vitez, about 35 miles north of Sarajevo.

Bosnia's Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, blamed radical Croat factions for starting the fighting.

Croatian side are trying to provoke a cer with the U.N. agency in Sarajevo.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina thousands of deaths from starvation conflict there, some radicals who are trying to make a state within a state.' he said in Geneva, where ongoing U.N. and European Community peace talks are being held.

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Bosnian and Croatian radio reports quoted Muslim forces as saying Croatian Defense Council troops started the fighting. The defense council is the military arm of the ethnic Croatian administration that controls about 30 percent of Bosnia.

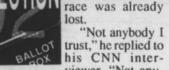
Word of the clashes between Muslims and Croats came after an eightperson U.N. relief crew in Vitez said t was trapped by the fighting and called for help.

The workers reported shelling and heavy street fighting, with at least one bullet striking the UNHCR warehouse "Some radical forces on the complex, said Marc Vachon, an offi-

## **President says** inton 'little league'

Bill Clinton panned for electoral gold in the West on Wednesday, offering traditionally Republican voters a "new Democratic party" rather than the tax-and-spend habits of the past. President Bush likened his young rival to a "struggling Little League manager" not ready for the Oval Office

His presidency in peril, Bush was asked point blank if anyone had told him his re-election



viewer. "Not anyone I trust," he added with emphasis. With less than two weeks remaining until Election Day, it wasn't so much what the candidates said that

counted; it was where they said it. Clinton's chartered jet was touchregion of the country that has voted Republican each year since 1964

By contrast, Bush had his ticket punched aboard a chartered train across North Carolina, a state Republicans usually have locked up in the race for the White House.

RossPerot was back home in Texas, pursuing his independent bid by nowfamiliar unconventional means. His campaign has purchased 30-minute network slots for commercials Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Amidst the political back and forth, the polls made Clinton the leader nationally by roughly 15 percentage points. Both sides were watching closely for new figures to see whether Bush had gained from his aggressive performance in the third and final presidential debate Monday night.

His aides expressed satisfaction ing down in Colorado, Wyoming and that he had articulated sharp differ-

## Bush served waffles, riddles

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -When Bush and his son, Marvin, sat down for breakfast at the Waffle House restaurant here Wednesday, it was supposed to underline his claim that Bill Clinton takes both sides of every issue and that he shouldn't be allowed to turn the White House into the Waffle House.

But the Bushes were served as many riddles as waffles.

After watching the president from a booth, a man dressed in jeans and a plaid lumberjack-style jacket, A.C. Wilson, showed Bush a frayed scrapbook with pictures of his trick horse.

It seems the horse lies on the ground and allows people to lie on top of it. Wilson also said the horse licks young ladies' hair, and he had a picture to prove it. "That's how we comb her hair," Wilson said of a picture showing the horse's hairstyling technique on a woman.

Two women - Doris Hass and Wendy Mergeenghaler - then engaged Bush in a lengthy game of riddles, some of which dealt with 20 sick sheep and a horse named Friday. Bush seemed to figure them out quickly or knew the answers outright.

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"This one didn't happen 23 years ago," Bush said in a reference to his rival's draft record. "This one happened a year and a half ago.'

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tical relatives of missing servicemen wondered over to their families, she added. on Wednesday if Hanoi was just trying to better relations with the United States and end an 18year U.S. trade embargo.

Officials who returned Tuesday evening from a weekend trip to Vietnam brought with them some of the 4,000 to 5,000 photos in archives being made available by the Vietnamese

picture," said Deborah DeYoung, a spokes-

WASHINGTON - As officials studied POW-MIA Affairs. When the servicemen can photographs of Americans from Vietnam, skep- be identified, the infromation will be turned

All the photos are of dead bodies, said a source who requested anonymity.

"I think this is the big break we've been working towards," said Louise Van Hoozer of Savannah, Mo., whose brother, Air Force Maj. James E. Booth, was shot down over North Vietnam in 1968. "I'm trying to be very optimistic and I'm trying not to get too elated over "In a lot of cases, it's clear who's in the it because I've been disappointed before."

But Maureen Dunn of Randolph, Mass., said woman for the Senate Select Committee on the new information will be agonizing for some

MIA family members. Although the body of her husband, Navy Cmdr. Joseph P. Dunn, has never been recovered after he was shot down over China, "I have a picture of how he died. ... I wouldn't want to see a picture of how he looked at the last minute.

Retired Gen. John Vessey Jr., President Bush's special emissary for POW-MIA affairs, led the team, which included officials from the Defense and State departments; Ann Mills Griffith, head of the National League of Families; and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a former Vietnam prisoner of war and a member of the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Af-

Vessey, McCain and others planned to brief Bush on Friday.

While officials suggested that the information could resolve hundreds of MIA cases, Dolores Apodaca Alfond, national chairwoman of the National Alliance of Families for the Return of America's Missing Servicemen, said.

What they're doing is taking our eye off the fact thatwe left Americans behind after the war by focusing on photographs" of dead servicemen and the possibility that their fates could be resolved, she said.

character and taxes, and the president expressing both support and opposispent his day in North Carolina stressing them. He said Clinton had been "pathetic" when it came to deciding whether to Montana as he bid for victory in a ences with Clinton over leadership, commit forces to a Persian Gulf War,

fairs.

## Odd election year confounds prediction Analysts hesitant to forecast resounding Clinton landslide

WASHINGTON - Bill Clinton is ahead in so many states that the 1992 election seems to be shaping up as a landslide. But wait.

President Bush is furiously trying to solidify support in states that

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tightening up in the final days. And then there's the question of

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what impact Ross Perot's independent candidacy will have in close states. There's no generally accepted definition of a landslide in a three-way race.

"A landslide in a presidential race is an ambiguous thing . except that, like pornography, you know it when you see it," said Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political scientist.

Generally, political analysts and operatives agree, any margin over 55 percent in the popular vote andor 350 of the 538 votes in the Electoral College signifies a landslide

Ronald Reagan won a clear landslide victory in 1980 over President Carter - with only 51 percent of the popular vote. But he got 489 electoral votes to Carter's

In 1988, Bush buried Democrat Michael Dukakis by a 426-111 margin in the Electoral College, and with a 54 percent to 46 percent popular-vote margin.

By any account, the polling numbers 13 days before this year's election point to a resounding Clinton electoral victory.

The Arkansas governor is ahead in polls in dozens of states, including many where Republicans usually coast to victory. Bush is ahead only in a handful.

But analysts like to add a caveat: It's been a year of shifting loyalties

#### and of surprises.

'It's too early. There's still too much time and too much uncertainty to call it a landslide," said Democratic pollster Peter Hart.

Republicans assert Bush can still shore up his support in the South and the Rocky Mountain states; and should manage to carry both Texas and Florida and some of the industrial battleground states.

And, if Perot gains in strength rather than fading, his presence on the ballot could help determine the outcome in states that would otherwise be within a few percentage points. It is still not completely clear whether Perot hurts Bush or Clinton the most.

Still, the odds just under two weeks out seem to favor a Clinton win of landslide proportions, many analysts agreed. He remains 15 points ahead in most national polls.

'I'm still assuming a 10-12 point Clinton win, which to me is a very substantial win," said Stuart Rothenberg, a political newsletter



publisher who has been predicting a Clinton landslide for more than a month

When we see Clinton competitive in Oklahoma and Texas, close to even in Florida, ahead in Montana and Nebraska, when you see he's 20 points ahead in Ohio, you're talking about a big landslide," said Norman Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute.

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