

# News...

#### Currents threaten Dutch dikes

TIEL, Netherlands - Flooded rivers subsided Thursday but a new enemy gnawed at the weakened, ancient structures that keep much of this country dry: swift currents that threatened to gouge the dikes.

The latest problem is not high water, but the speed with which river levels are dropping in the southeastern Netherlands.

"It's a real danger," regional Dikemaster Jan Boer told reporters. "When the waters decline, when the pressure disappears, there's a chance dikes will begin to float and shift. The whole dike can be torn

open.' Evacuated areas in the Gelderland and Limburg provinces remained off-limits to the public Thursday. Mayor Ed d'Hondt of Nijmegen, the largest city in the region, said the area's 250,000 residents who fled would not be able to return to their homes until at least Saturday.

The Dutch are bearing the brunt of last week's storms and flooding across northwestern Europe that was caused by a combination of heavy Alpine snows, early melting and heavy rains. At least 29 people have died as a result.

### Clinton picks Elders replacement

WASHINGTON - President Clinton Thursday nominated Henry Foster Jr. to replace fired surgeon general Joycelyn Elders, putting him in charge of a national battle against teen-age pregnancy.

In an Oval Office address, Clinton ordered Foster to "help America attack the epidemic of teen pregnancies and unmarried pregnancies. He said the surgeon general is "the public face of our public health

Foster promised to emphasize pre-natal care, along with teen-age pregnancy. "There is nothing more stifling than a compromised beginning," he said.

Administration officials predicted that Foster, a Nashville doctor with Arkansas ties, would be less controversial than Elders, who was fired in December after saying school children should be taught about masturbation.

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### Mideast leaders seek solutions

CAIRO, Egypt - After an un- runs deep, and the leaders' ability to of his Labor Party. precedented summit, Israel and its three Arab peace partners agreed Thursday to resume Israeli-PLO negotiations next week and set up a series of meetings to further the peace

Still, they came up with no new ways to stop attacks on Israelis by Muslim extremists.

Israel and PLO negotiators will meet again Monday in Cairo, while PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will meet Thursday at a border crossing in the Gaza Strip, said Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa.

Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, along with Arafat and Rabin, also condemned terrorism and agreed to work toward a nuclear-free Middle East.

The four parties condemned all the outbreaks of bloodshed, terror and violence in the region and reaffirmed their intention to stand staunchly against, and put an end to, all such acts," the leaders said in a statement read by Moussa.

The meeting represented a dramatic show of unity among Israel and its three Arab peace partners. But despite the declaration, disillusionment with the Israel-PLO agreement stem murderous attacks by Islamic militants was uncertain at best.

Rabin and Arafat, the key players, are facing dwindling popularity, and are facing dwindling popularity, and menting the solution of the Palestin-success of the agreement is crucial to ian-Israeli conflict," Rabin said. their political careers. The Israeli-PLO talks were halted after a Jan. 22 suicide bombing that killed 21 Israe-

The four also agreed to convene a meeting of the foreign ministers of Israel, Jordan and Egypt and a Pales-tinian representative in Washington with Secretary of State Warren Christopher. No date was announced.

The three visiting leaders met with Mubarak separately before the summit, but no one commented on the meetings.

Before leaving Jerusalem, Rabin made it clear that an end to attacks on Israelis was the key to expanding autonomy in the West Bank and holding Palestinian elections, both elements of the Israeli-PLO accord signed in September 1993.

Arafat's government must "make sure the territory they rule - Gaza and Jericho — is not used as shelter, or a place to prepare, incite and ex-ecute attacks," Rabin told members

"Their ability to meet it will decide more than anything both the speed and possibility of progress in imple-

For their part, the Palestinians will press Israel to reopen the Palestinian territories closed since a Jan. 22 suicide bomb attack killed 21 Israelis, mostly young soldiers, said an adviser to Arafat, Nabil Abu Irdeineh. The Palestinians also expect Israel to implement parts of the 1993 accord requiring Israeli troops to withdraw from Palestinian towns in the West Bank to make way for elections and the release of Palestinian prisoners. They have also demanded a halt to the expansion of Jewish settlements on occupied land - even as Israel is adding thousands of homes to the Jewish enclaves.

"The success of the summit depends on the lifting of closure, redeployment of the Israeli army from populated areas, the release of prisoners and halting of the expansion of settlements," Abu Irdeineh said.

Israeli officials, meanwhile, said they would consider easing the closure of the territories to enable Ramadan observance.

## jury shown safe-deposit box

the O.J. Simpson case Thursday were shown items from the safe-deposit box in which Nicole Brown Simpson documented her 1989 beating through photos, newspaper clippings and let-ters from Simpson that asked, "How I got so crazy?

"Let me start by expressing to you how wrong I was for hurting you," Simpson wrote to his then-wife. "There is no acceptable excuse for what I did."
Authorities found the evidence -

three letters, photos of her bruised body, her will, newspaper stories about the beating and other items - when they drilled opened the box in De-

LOS ANGELES - The jurors in cember, six months after Ms. Simpson to the safe-deposit box after completand her friend Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death.

> Prosecutors contend her murder was the culmination of years of abuse from a jealous, obsessive Simpson. The handwritten letters were pro-

> jected page by page on a large courtroom screen. Each page was held there briefly for the jurors to read.
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> The judge didn't allow the news-

paper articles to be entered as evidence, and the jurors weren't immediately shown the photos.

Simpson pleaded no contest to wife beating in the incident and was placed on probation.

Prosecutors turned their attention

ing questioning of former policeman Ronald Shipp, who fought off defense attempts to portray him as a liar and a starstruck wannabe friend who lusted after Ms. Simpson.

Under a second day of cross-ex-amination, Shipp said he once had a serious drinking problem and acknowledged he was treated by a psychiatrist and left the police depart-ment because he was "burned out."

But he stood by his account that the day after the June 12 murders, Simpson confided in him that he had had dreams of killing his ex-wife. He also insisted that the former football star had regarded him as a friend.

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### Compromise

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was concerned that under the other proposal, some residence hall stu-dents would be paying for something they could not use.

in RHA wouldn't like the rate hikes, asart said. She said one concern was that because the costs of the networking would be put into operating costs, more rate hikes would be possible in the future.

"Some people will have concerns, but I think the benefits will outweigh the costs," Casart said.

Griesen, who earlier had said he was opposed to installing the up-graded networking all at once, said he supported the compromise plan. "We can't just do everything at once," he said. "We're trying to do this as logically as we can.

"You have to recognize physical Even with the compromise, some constraints. You can't just disrupt everything at once."

But Griesen said it was essential that the networking plan move for-

"We are behind other schools in terms of getting networking to the halls," he said. "The growth curve on things like use of library databases, use of mail, use of the Internet for information retrieval is very steep.

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